



The Emanuel Light

February
2019

Emanuel's Mission Statement:
"We lovingly connect people to God by nurturing
the Christian faith in all God's children"

"Love means never having to say you're sorry" (Love Story).

"Forgiveness guaranteed. Repentance optional" (sign in front of a Lutheran church).

... Valentine's Day, a lighthearted celebration of love. Do we fast and pray and commit to rigorous spiritual disciplines, or do we dive in to Champagne and chocolate? Is it a day of contrition or of abandon? Do we abstain or do we indulge?

It's strange how our culture divides up human experience and the way it puts a premium on happiness, self-fulfillment and conflict avoidance, particularly in personal relationships. The good life is untroubled. There should be no worries and certainly no cause to acknowledge pain or wrong. It's a life of endless possibility fueled by positive thinking and affirmation. It should be perky, upbeat and fun. And somehow love needs to be shaped the same way. ...

The two quotes above are the manifesto for this worldview. They hold out the promise of pain-free, investment-free, responsibility-free relationships. They encourage an unexamined life, a kind of Teflon existence to which consequences don't stick. They sound like the real thing but are as poor a substitute as the sentiments printed on the little sugar valentine hearts are for a real expression of love. ... [And with Lent and Valentine's Day] ... in our life in Christ, [these two] aren't incompatible but inseparable.

The history of salvation is one extended love story between God and God's creation, between God and humankind, between God and God's people. We were created in love for love. Real love. Love that is solid and deep and unflinching. Love that is true enough to be honest.

God's work of reconciliation in Christ is God's eyes-wide-open acknowledgment of human rebellion and sin, the undeniable fact that all is not well no matter how hard we try to fix it or deny it. The remedy was the all-in, complete love of the incarnation, crucifixion and death of Christ. Jesus meets us right in the middle of our pain—the pain we feel and the pain we cause others—and without minimizing the depth of our offense, offers forgiveness and new life. Love does not mean never having to say you're sorry—love means being able to say you're sorry.

Lutherans point out that grace is a gift, but sometimes we get a little carried away. I believe the sign in front of one of our congregations that claimed "Forgiveness guaranteed. Repentance optional" was trying to announce good news. Instead, it sent passers-by in the wrong direction. Our reconciled new life in Christ not only makes it possible for us to strip away any illusion of a whole and holy life that we bring about by ourselves, it compels us to repent.

Theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer warned us about this cheap grace. He wrote: "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession. ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate" (The Cost of Discipleship).

... [Therefore, Lent is] ... a valentine from God, one that invites us to enter deep into the mystery of true love, honest examination of our lives and the possibility of real repentance. [A Lent] valentine starts us on the journey to the cross, to the passionate love of God shown in the Passion of Christ. And after the cross, the resurrection. No more pretense, freedom."

~Bishop Eaton

Excerpted from Living Lutheran, Feb 2018 - from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Reflections in February

One snowy winter in the early 1950's we were visiting our McClure family along the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania. Again, everyone around my age were boys. Once we arrived my brothers went off with all the other boys to the "shed" in the back of the acreage while I was shoveled into the house with the adults. After a while it was so boring, and I was probably so annoying that it was suggested that I join the other "kids."

So off I trekked to the Boys Shed. It was part garage, part barn and mostly to get in out of the cold. It had a coal stove in the center of the room with tool benches down one long wall and tires, chains, wood saws and other larger implements hanging on the other long wall. The floor was wood (it was an upscale shed, after all!) and straw and sawdust covered the floor, along with various sized grease and oil spots. There were old crates and milk boxes to set on, with one wobbly rocking chair and one kitchen chair that for some reason was painted a bright yellow. There was one other chair with the cane seat broken out. It smelled that garage aroma of gas, oil, metal and innertube patching glue, so distinct that even if blindfolded, you would know where you were. There was even an old hand pump for water with a sink in the corner.

Upon arrival I was given the seat of honor, the rocking chair, which I hated because my feet didn't touch the ground and it kept me at the mercy of my brothers whirling the chair as they saw fit. However, my McClure cousins were more gentlemanly than my brothers. In the corner was an old gas station soda cooler and everyone had a bottle of water with their name on it kept in the cooler. Most of us had olive jar bottles. I have wondered for years if we had eaten that many olives, or they were just kept for so many years? A few of the boys had larger glass milk bottles with cardboard caps for their water. Now it was down to zero outside, but it was not as cold as that water that came out of the cooler ... in our minds.

We were sitting around talking, two boys repairing a bicycle chain, 3 or 4 were playing cards on a milk crate, my younger brother is teaching one of the neighbors how to play chess,. No one with great energy, not doing much of anything, but every 10 or 15 minutes, one of the boys would get up, use the pump, fill his bottle and put it in the cooler for awhile. Every half hour or so, one of the boys would go to the back of the shed, stomp around for a bit, come in and then 2 or 3 others would go out the same direction for a minute as "judges." On returning the "judges" would say, "Good Job!" or some times, "Naw, don't count."

I had no idea what was going on in the back, there was no window on that side and it was too cold to just go out of curiosity ... at first. As the afternoon wore on, each one of the boys took a "stomping" turn outside eventually, all except the boy learning chess. Everyone was talking, laughing, carrying on, drinking water and having a good time, except the chess learner, who started to fidget, was cross and fussy.

Still not catching on to what they are doing, I finally asked my older cousin, Tom, what was going on in back and what were the "judges" looking at? Tom stammered, and ducked his head down, turning red and said, "Well, you know The boys are writing their name in the snow." There was a pause, "Making yellow snow, you know."

The light-bulb turned on in my brain: all the drinking of the water and the stomping, plus the judges approval—for them writing their name in the snow—finally it came to me. Being a bit embarrassed myself, I tried to change the subject quickly and asked, "Well, what is wrong with the chess player being so antsy?"

Tom replied, "Well, you know your brothers, Greg and Gary? I am Tom, with my brother Jim, and our friends Bob and Bill; cousins: Tim and Dan and neighbor Don, right? All short names. That poor kid is named Sebastian and he never drinks enough water to write the whole name!

Made me think that I am very glad I was a girl; After all, my name is Jeannetta!



A good marriage is the union of 2 good forgivers!

Recipe Corner

Valentine's Day "Healthier" Treats

Strawberry flowers

- 12 large, fresh strawberries
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 3 Tbsp powdered sugar
- Dash vanilla

Cut stems so that berries can sit flat, upside-down, cut a deep "X" in the tip of each berry. Gently spread berries open. (like an opening bud)

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar & vanilla until light and fluffy. Pipe or spoon about 2 teaspoons into each berry; if desired, sprinkle with shaved chocolate curls. Chill until serving.

Fruit Dip

- 6 oz lemon custard yoghurt
- 3 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 Tbsp honey

Add together in a blender or food processor. Chill. Serve with slices of apple, pear, berries. Also good for dipping with pretzels, shortbread cookies or even pound cake "sticks."

Chocolate Dipped Fresh Fruit

Melt chocolate chips in a small bowl for 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each 15 sec until melted—be careful not to have even a drop of water, it will "seize" the chocolate. Then you can dip strawberries and let set. But also fun is dipping a "cutie" orange slices, or pineapple, or raspberries or even blackberries, possibly pretzels.

Or you can pour enough chocolate into the bottom of a paper candy cup, to cover, place blueberries or pomegranates in a small "clump" and drizzle with chocolate. Chill till solid and eat without guilt!



"Now, I know you're allergic to chocolate, so I ate them first."



Emmanuel is a place of abundance. We may have few people, but we have an abundance of volunteers among those who are here. We have an abundance when we have a need in our community here and our friends step up to help. We have abundance when we are blessed with food and friends at our Tuesday night Giving Thanks dinner. And we are blessed with boxes and bags and rooms full of items that we that we have purchased or have had given to us.... but now our church is overflowing in this abundance!



As a result, we are gathering our excess items to plan for a spring/summer yard sale. We will have a large box in building B to collect the items. If you are concerned that we may add any items that you have donated, please collect them before the yard sale. We will also be collecting items that you may have to donate. Any items that we feel we cannot use, will be donated to an appropriate charity that can use them



As noted previously, the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are no longer at Emanuel. To help those in need in our community, meetings are being held at St. Columban Catholic Church. The big white house (known as the Annex), 500 1st St. S., Yelm, has meetings every night at 7:30pm and Wed & Thursdays at Noon. For more information you can also check their website www.aadistrict8.org and their 24 hour phone number is 360-352-7344.

2018 Volunteer of the Year

February is the salute month for the 2018 Volunteer ...and this year we have 2 GROUPS to honor!



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The Parsonage Roofers

Jeff Peterson
Andy Smith
Jovan Rawlins
Justin Williams
Shon Zawada
Catherine Pennington
Henry (Catherine's Brother)
Joe Black



Giving Thanks Dinner Crew

Karen Vosse
Scott May
Andrea Baldwin
Jolene Mason
Bea Carpenter
Joan May
Kim Seldomridge
Allan Ohlsen

We Thank you for your many hours of service this last year ... and
WE SALUTE YOU!!!!

February — 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am-Adult Bible Study • 9 am-Coffee Hour • 10am-Worship (Emanuel) • 12pm-Worship (Christ the King) 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm—<u>Worship & Music</u> 	<p>2 to 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #44000</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 pm Girl Scouts Troop #43785 • 6 pm <u>Budget and Finance</u> • 6:30pm <u>Property Care</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pm <u>WELCA</u> • 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> • 7 pm Yelm Community Choir Practice • 8 pm Yelm Mason Lodge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark • 9am to 7 pm—Exercise w/ Jillian • 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 to noon <u>Quilters</u> • Noon-Linked Churches • 6 pm Girl Scout Troop #44588 		<p>WELCA Special Mr. Doug's at 4 pm No host get-together</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28		
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Get to Know

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The Third Article: Sanctification

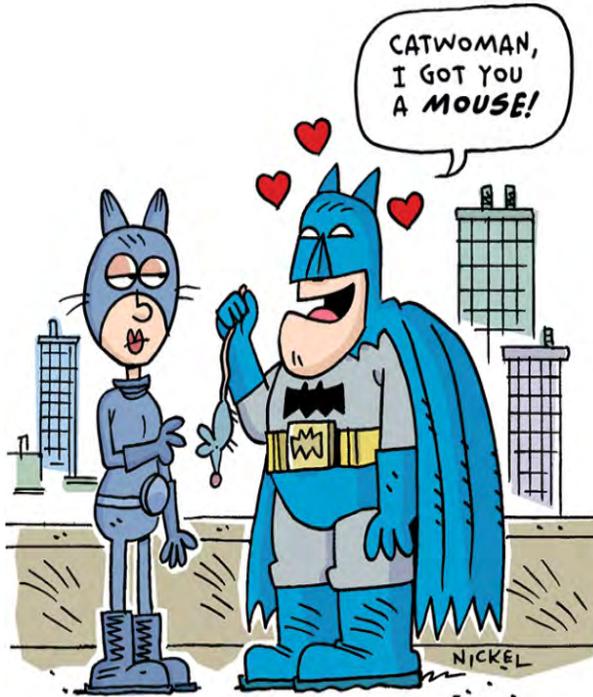
"I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen."
"

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and abundantly forgives all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and on the last day he will raise me and all the dead and will grant eternal life to me and to all who believe in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

Scripture Readings for February 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
02/03	Epiphany 4	Jer 1:4-10	Ps 71:1-6	1 Cor 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
02/10	Epiphany 5	Isa. 6:1-8	Ps. 138	1 Cor 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
02/17	Epiphany 6	Jer17:5-10	Ps. 1	1 Cor 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
02/24	Epiphany 7	Gen 45:11,15	Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38



“Every Valentine’s Day our campus newspaper has a section for student messages. Last year my roommate surprised his girlfriend with roses and dinner at a fancy restaurant. When they returned from their date, she leafed through the paper to see if he had written a note to her. Near the bottom of one page she found: ‘Bonnie, what are you looking here for? Aren’t dinner and flowers enough? Love, Scott.’” —

Richard B. Blackwell

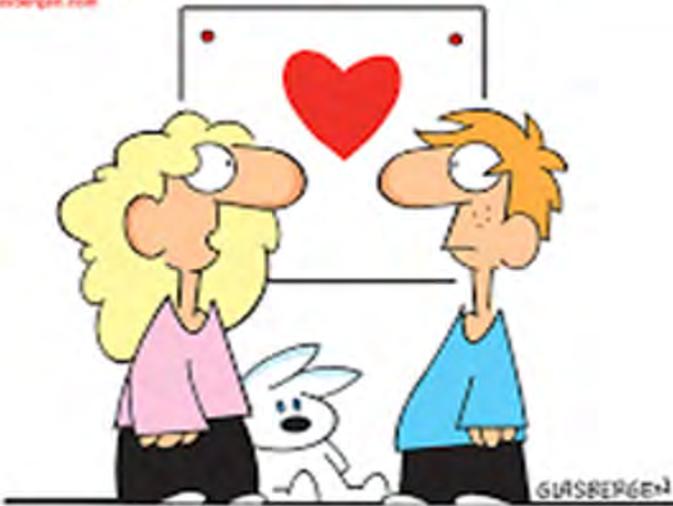
“The lingerie store where my aunt works was crowded with shoppers selecting Valentine’s Day gifts for their wives. A young businessman came to the register with a lacy black negligee. My aunt noticed that the next customer, an elderly farmer, was holding a long flannel nightgown and kept glancing at the younger man’s sexier choice. When it was his turn, the farmer placed the nightgown on the counter. ‘Would you have anything in black flannel?’ he asked.”

Christine A. Pandolfo

- ◆ *Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see!*
- ◆ *A half truth is the most cowardly of lies.*
- ◆ *A negative thinker see a difficulty in every opportunity,*
- ◆ *A positive thinker sees an opportunity in every difficulty!*



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"Valentine's Day is the holiday where men give presents to the woman they love to make up for the way they screwed up at Christmas."

Lotion-Bottle Manufacturer's Meeting



Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day, he couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Chanel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so I asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

Man: "Honey, on this Valentine's Day, I want to tell you something... I'm not rich like Jack. I don't have a mansion like Russell. I don't have a Porsche like Martin. But I do love you and I want to marry you."

Woman: "Oh, dear, I love you too! What was that you said about Martin?"





Prayer List—Feb 2019

Afflicted with cancer

Bitton, Lisa
 Hanson, Allison
 Huttar, Debbie
 Luft, Becky
 Risch, Roger
 Sheetz, Janice
 Swanson, Derek
 Thompson, Gene
 White, Jeri
 Wright, Marsha

Homebound/Care Facility

Graham, Mary Ann
 Keena, Almyra

Difficult Times

Davis, Mary & Family
 Humbert, Christie
 Kathman, Andrea
 Kolb, Erik

**Guidance & Safety
 For those working on our**

**Parsonage roof
 In Mourning
 -Friends & Family**

Lyon, Bob
 Reece, Emily
 Shon's Aunt Dixie

Receiving Medical Care

Alderson, Evelyn
 Felton, Destini
 Graham, Mary Ann
 Kallie, Sandy
 Kasnick, Katrina
 Mary
 Nelson, Beverly
 Pennington, Allie
 Snyder, Carmen
 Tompkins, Patty

**Military, Law Enforcement
 and E/R Workers**

Aull, Greg
 Aull, Stephanie
 Lyon, Kyle
 Miller, Jeremy
 Slease, Brian
 Slease, Kevin
 Slease, Thomas

Please also pray for those in Service in combat and/or suffering from PTSD and/or other injuries

*NOTE—Anyone can include someone on the prayer list or add them back on to the list. Just fill out a blue prayer card and put it in the **offering plate**, or give to the office. You may also telephone message or email the information to the office along with your name and contact number. Be sure what category they are to be listed under.

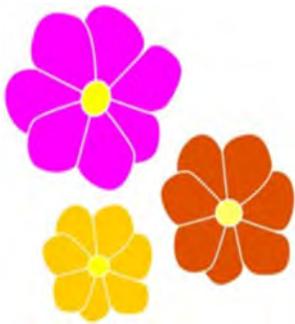
Names are removed after 4 Sundays, except for those with cancer, home-bound or in a care facility, and service men and women: these will remain for a year.

If you wish to be a part of the Prayer Chain, contact Jeannie at 360-458-3861. You do **not** have to have the internet to be on the Prayer Chain, we can make arrangements as needed for you to participate!





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Emanuel Lutheran
2nd Annual
SPRING FLING
Get Your Bazaar Fix
Saturday, March 9, 2019
10am-5pm



Time to kick up your heels
with the

WELCA Ladies!

Saturday, February 9th
At 4:00 pm at Mr. Doug's

No Host Early Dinner— See Karen or
Jeannie for details!