

# The VISITOR

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& Christian Preschool  
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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am Service

Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Weeks

Sun. School/Bible Study 10:15 AM

Midweek Wednesday 2:00 pm

Sunday livestreamed on YouTube

## Pastor's Post

### A Lenten Look at Our Suffering Savior

Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year our Lenten theme at Emanuel will be "Our Suffering Savior." On Wednesday evenings during Lent – and during Holy Week – we will be taking a closer look at Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Most of us are somewhat familiar with Isaiah 53 and remember parts of it like, "He was pierced for our transgressions;" and "by His wounds we are healed" (Is 53:5). But what do those words mean? What do they tell us? What did the people hearing those prophecies for the first time think?

Seven hundred years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem Isaiah prophesied about His coming and what it would look like. Isaiah certainly wasn't the first prophet to give God's people a hint about the coming Messiah, but he certainly gave us the clearest picture of what the Christ would look like and do. Whenever I spend time in this beautiful and thought-provoking text, I am blown away by the stark description of Jesus painted by the inspired brush of Isaiah. Is this a physical description of Jesus centuries before His birth? Who are the stray sheep Isaiah describes in v. 6? What does Jesus' willing submission and silence in the face of horrible suffering and torment teach us about God's love? What does real justice – God's justice – look like? In Christ, do those of us baptized into Him take a "bloodbath"? How is Jesus' death and resurrection portrayed in Isaiah 53 God's loving guarantee that everything is going to be OK?

Come join us Wednesday evenings during Lent as we journey together with our Lord to the cross and the empty tomb by examining Isaiah 53. Service will be at 7 with a Lenten supper at 5:30. See you there. Have a blessed Lent everybody!

In Christ, Pastor Davis

## Offical Acts

### **Baptism**

Hanna Rudebusch

### **Transfer Out**

Whitney Barthel and kids

## **READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Festival</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Feb. 5	Fifth S. a. the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:3-9a	Psalm 112:1-9	1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matt. 5:13-20
Feb. 12	Sixth S. a. the Epiphany	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Cor. 3:1-9	Matt. 5:21-37
Feb. 19	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ex. 24:8-18	Psalm 2:6-12	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matt. 17:1-9
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb. 26	First S. in Lent	Gen. 3:1-21	Psalm 32:1-7	Rom. 5:12-19	Matt. 4:1-11

**Pastor Davis is wrapping up the meetings with each of the BYD groups Group 5 will meet on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting right after church and Bible study on Sunday morning (11:15 AM). Please try and attend to get to know the Pastor and he you and your family. If you have not made any of the other meetings, please attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting regardless of your BYD group.**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> BYD Group 5, Dewey Athey**

## LOE

The Ladies of Emanuel will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday, February 14, in the church fellowship hall. Pastor will lead the Bible lesson. Our Hostesses are Mary Rethke and Phyllis Schultz. Our focus this month will be sending cards, etc. to our shut-ins. All women in the congregation are invited to attend. Sunday morning coffee on February 5th will be served by Phyllis S., Regina R., and JoEllen H., with the monies going to our missionary in Mexico.

## Mission Sewing

Mission Sewing will meet on February 2nd at 9:00 AM. If bad weather, please check with the church office or Facebook for cancellation notices. We can ALWAYS use help. Quilts are always for sale. At this time proceeds will go to the Boiler Fund!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Big Kids Sunday School (BKSS) has organized a food shelf battle as part of their study on Christian leadership. During the month of February, the congregation will be going to head-to-head with the Sunday School to collect food for the food shelf. The most pounds of food will win bragging rights. Each pound of food equals a point. There will be collection boxes by the front door, outside the fellowship hall, and outside the sanctuary. Donations will be collected through the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. We thank you for your support! BKSS

## **Orphan Grain Train**

Don't forget-----Mercy Meals.

- The need to get Rice meals packed is great. Milbank's Collection Center has the set-up to do this. Please tell families or groups to set-up an 1 1/2 to 2 hour time frame by contacting Duane Folk @605-924-6831.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 AM is the next time our volunteers pack meals. Invite anyone to join them in packing—Please come!

Thank you Orphan Grain Train supporters and donors. We could not be able to provide these necessary items if it wasn't for you!

Linnea Schwandt, Milbank's OGT Coordinator

### **END OF YEAR 2022 Treasurer Report**

Fiscal Year 2022 Income:	\$ 347,044.00	Budget 2022 Income:	\$398,939.00
Fiscal Year 2022 Expense:	\$ 415,107.00	Budget 2022 Expense:	\$430,744.00
Difference:	\$ -68,063.00	Difference:	\$ -31,805.00

**The Dedicated Boiler Fund currently is at \$62,236.17. We are planning on completing this project by summer's end. We have the contractor coming back to rebid the project as total costs are expected to go up from \$90,000 to at least \$140,000. Please keep this necessary project in your financial planning. If you are an Emanuel Lutheran group, consider a fundraising Lenten meal with proceeds to the Boiler fund. We appreciate all the efforts thus far!**

**\*\*\*\*\*ISO\*\*\*** Volunteers to form a committee to advise and help people use their Thrivent Action cards. These cards are a source of funds that are not being utilized to their full extent. Call Karin Mueller at 605-432-6088 if you are interested.\*\*\*\*\*

### **Stewardship Newsletter Reading for February 2023**

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you. And you need the church. *---Michael Carl*

## **SPECIAL MISSION ENVELOPES**

For February, the Special Mission envelope contributions will go towards:

### **Lutheran Family Service**

There will be a door offering on February 26<sup>th</sup>. We budgeted to raise \$1000 for this organization. Please see the information following.

“Our mission is simple: We walk with people who are experiencing hard times and are there for them just as God has been there for us.

Our values are clear: Grace, Life, Family, Compassion, Accountability and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into this world to redeem us. Jesus is the cornerstone of our ministry and the focus of all that we do in serving people.

Our impact is profound: Every day, the men and women of Lutheran Family Service bring the good news of the Savior and His love to the world, one hurting or needful person at a time. Lutheran Family Service exists to serve those who need it—to help the pregnant young woman without a plan, the frustrated teen who struggles to understand himself and the couple in need of competent help to repair their broken marriage relationship.

That’s why Lutheran Family Service is here and we will be here for you.

Lutheran Family Service is a private, not-for-profit organization. We help anyone in need, regardless of their faith. You do not have to be Lutheran or Christian to use or support our services.” This organization is a recognized service organization of the LCMS. They have been assisting us in South Dakota with church worker wellness counseling among other objectives. Please check out their website for further information, [lutheranfamilyservice.org](http://lutheranfamilyservice.org).



**Lutheran  
Family Service**

### **Preschool News**

**by Karen Tillma**

Here we are starting the second half of the school year already! Last week we had so much fun playing with snow (I scooped some up and put it in our science table!) The kids loved making little snowballs and even painting the snow. We made predictions about what would happen to it throughout the day and we weighed and measured our snowballs. We also talked about winter and animals. It's amazing what some children knew about hibernation and we learned some new things.

This week we are on letter O for ocean where we will learn about sea animals, have a beach day and explore sea shells. The next two weeks will be exciting as we start the letter P. So many things to do! We will have a policeman visit, have a pajama party, eat pizza, pretend to be pirates, and of course, act out The Three Little Pigs!

Pastor will start meeting with the children starting in February and the children will occasionally sing at the Wednesday afternoon service. We will also be serving the meal on March 8th for Lent and the children will sing for church.

Thank you to all who have made a connection with your prayer buddies! There are a few children who have had no contact. Please let them know you are praying for them! A note with a piece of gum or stickers is such a big deal at this age. Your prayers are so appreciated by the families. Some go through so much! Even day to day....just to have patients with their little ones through this busy time of their lives, prayers for peace and endurance mean so much! (Maybe a note before the Lenten meal/service telling them you hope to see them there?)

I cannot thank our volunteers enough! Sandy and Gloria have helped us tremendously and the children look forward to seeing them each week!

### Youth Upcoming Events - Grades 5 - 12

Blessings to all! We are working on getting some fun things to do for the youth of Emanuel. We are not sure what sort of things the kids would be interested in, so we are going to have a gathering on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 7PM. We will have supper with a planning meeting to follow. We will play some games as time permits. . There are so many things that we could do together for FUN! Please think of some things that we can do as a group, maybe bowling, escape rooms, movies, cookouts, etc. Bring your ideas!!!

The youth board will have their next meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. If any youth is interested in attending this meeting, please feel free to come by to help with future planning.

March 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth group will be providing the Lenten supper. We need each of the youth to bring one dozen cookies or bars. We also need assistance in serving this supper. In March, we will be sending out information on the Easter breakfast. Please keep your eyes open for this information.

Older youth, please know that the younger kids look up to you as mentors

### **KEEP MINNEBOJI CHURCH CAMP IN MIND FOR THIS SUMMER!**

**There will be information available prior to registration deadlines. Emanuel shares a significant amount of the cost of this week long camp!**

What: Minneboji Church Camp

Who: Youth who have completed Grades 4 - 9

When: June 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2023

Where: Lake Okoboji, located at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa

### SOUND/RADIO BROADCAST FOR FEB

Feb 5-9 AM Harlan Monson  
Feb 12-9 AM Larry Underwood  
Feb 19-9 AM Dave Schamber  
Feb 22-7 PM Tracy Pinkert  
Feb 26-9 AM Charles Schamber

### ACOLYTES FOR FEB

Feb 5-9 AM Peyton Bauer  
Feb 12-9 AM  
Feb 19-9 AM Logan Dexter  
Feb 22-7 PM Shyenne Giossi  
Feb 26-9 AM Evan Henderson

**BYD GROUP for February is GROUP 4, Elders—Charles Schamber and John Weyh**  
Please refer to the sign-up sheets outside of the sanctuary as there are several open spots at this time for Usher, Greeter, and Communion Set-up. Thank you!!!! You can call the office to volunteer at any time. 605-432-9555

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Fischer, Trystan L.	2-Feb
Seehafer, Suzanne R.	2-Feb
Veen, Linda L.	3-Feb
Zubke, Christopher R.	5-Feb
Keller, Madison L.	6-Feb
Meister, Ronald J. (Ron)	6-Feb
Krause, Jason L.	7-Feb
Purcell, Liam	7-Feb
Voeltz, Millard	7-Feb
Saeger, Mae	8-Feb
Koch, Paula M.	9-Feb
Street, Geoff	9-Feb
Beyer, Kent H.	10-Feb

Schell, Olivia C.	10-Feb
Fraasch, Jaylynn B.	16-Feb
Smith, Sandra	16-Feb
Weinkauf, Dominic J.	17-Feb
Ackerman, Brittany M.	18-Feb
Barthel, Rosemary N.	19-Feb
Schell, Blaine E.	19-Feb
Weinkauf, Stacey M.	19-Feb
Wojahn, Reece J.	19-Feb
Selken, Annie R.	21-Feb
Larson, Evan D.	22-Feb
Schwandt, Louis R.	22-Feb
Tietjen, Donna	22-Feb

Mueller, Dusty	23-Feb
Trapp, Debbie	23-Feb
Ackerman, Jason J.	24-Feb
DeJong, James D. (Jim)	24-Feb
Poel, Donna	24-Feb
Mertens, Darlene G.	25-Feb
Selchert, Walter L.	25-Feb
Tietjen, Jasmine R.	25-Feb
Mueller, Melissa	26-Feb
Reil, Christopher W.	26-Feb
Johnson, Sydney (Syd)	28-Feb

### **FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Harms, Gary and Audrey	10-Feb
Adelman, Crystal J. and Mark	26-Feb



**PASTOR DAVIS MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**GROUP FIVE, Elder Dewey Athey: MEETING February 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM**

Angerhofer, Loralyn M. (Lori)
Angerhofer, Zachary B.
Athey, Dewey
Athey, Max
Berry, Justin L.
Blauert, Brandy K.
Blauert, Patrick A.
Bolin, Cole
Bowen, Angela M.
Bowen, Daniel L.
Brehmer, June M.
Christians, Shirley K.
Cummins, Diane K.
Cummins, Noel V.
Dexter, Brandon L.
Dexter, Hilary
Dietmeier, Lori A.
Dietmeier, Martin C.
DiNatale, Eliza J.
DiNatale, Karmen A.
Fischer, Carol
Fischer, Preston D.
Forman, Yvonne (Vonnice)
Frickson, Dwight
Gesswein, John L.
Gilbertson, Abby
Gilbertson, Troy
Grant, David D.
Hanson, Beverly A.
Hanson, Calvin D. (Cal)
Hanson, Dean A.
Hanson, Jacob C.
Hanson, Laci

Hanson, Tera J.
Heffron, JoEllen
Heffron, Robert H.
Hein Jr, Herman
Hein, Nancy A.
Heisinger, Abbey M.
Hilbrands, Kelly L.
Hilbrands, Kennedy L.
Hilbrands, Ryan
Hofhenke, Arvid
Hofhenke, Irma R.
Karges, Daniel E.
Karges, Elwyn D.
Keller, Rhonda L.
Koepke, William G.
Kolb, Kim
Kolb, Linda
Larson, Connie L.
Larson, Kevin G.
Lee, Amber
Lee, Mark A.
Lee, Tamara J.
Lupinek, Rhonda R.
Mork, Savannah S.
Morton, Sheila A.
Nelson, Steven L.
Neuschwander, Gaylen R.
Peiker, Angel E.
Peschong, Shannon
Pinkert, Alexis L. (Lexi)
Pinkert, Jennifer (Jenny)
Pinkert, Kaylee R.
Pinkert, Kimberly

Pinkert, Paul D.
Pinkert, Scott R.
Pinkert, Tracy E.
Poel, Leone
Rethke, Leslie E.
Rethke, Mark P.
Rethke, Niki
Rethke, Regina A.
Sackreiter, Bryan R.
Schamber, Ginger
Schneck, Lavonne B.
Schwandt, Anita M.
Seehafer, Eleanore R.
Selchert, Gloria
Selchert, Walter L.
Shackelford, Jeanne R.
Skovbo, June M.
Skovbo, Lee R.
Smith, Brian
Smith, Sandra
Staehling, Christina L.
Stemsrud, Marilyn L.
Tesch, Kristina L.
Thiele, Debra A.
Underwood, Hailey R.
Underwood, Kathy J.
Underwood, Larry A.
Underwood, Ray Ann
Underwood, Susan R.
Wieber, Sharon M.
Zubke, Donna M.
Zubke, Jerald A. (Jerry)

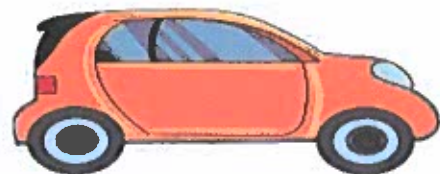
**If you have not had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Davis, please feel free to come to this last BYD meeting. He will continue to reach out to those who have not had a chance to meet him in person over the course of the year.**



Please take the time to consider helping transport members to church who can't drive here themselves. We HAVE members who want to be here on Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon, and we don't have people willing to pick them up. There are wheelchair people which we have the church van that can be used. There are also people who just need a ride in a car. Right now, we only have one van driver and we need more than that.

If you can help with this important mission, please call the church office, or leave me a note. Thank you for your consideration!

605-432-9555





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Pastor Davis has office hours Every Wednesday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Feel free to stop by if you need to see him. You can call if that time frame doesn't work.</p>			<p>1 9:15 AM Mercy Meals at OGT 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 3:00 PM- Confirmation Class 4:30 PM 5th-8th grade 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM—AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM Mission Sewing 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting</p>	<p>3 Pastor off</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00 AM—Service of the Word w/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Sunday School/Adult Bible class 11:30 AM—BYD Group 5 meeting with Pastor Davis 3:00 Dartball 4:00 PM Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 5:30 PM—Youth Board</p>	<p>8 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 3:00 PM- Confirmation Class 4:30 PM 5th-8th grade 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM—AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting</p>	<p>10 Pastor off</p>	<p>11 5:00 PM— 7:00 PM Youth Gathering Supper provided</p>
<p>12 Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:15 AM—Sunday School/ Adult Bible class 4:00 PM Scouts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 1:00 PM—LOE 4:30 PM—Board of Ed 6:00 PM—Evangelism 7:00 PM—Elder Board</p>	<p>15 2:00 PM—Midweek Worship 3:00 PM—NO CONFIRMATION 5:30 PM Adult Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:00 PM Book Study 8:00 PM—AA Meeting</p>	<p>16 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM—AA Meeting 6:30 PM—Al-anon Meeting</p>	<p>17 Pastor off</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>26 Door Offering for Lutheran Family Service 9:00 AM—Service of the Word 10:15 AM—SS/Adult Bible class 2:00 PM Boy Scouts in Basement 4:00 PM Scouts</p>	<p>27 4:00 PM Christian Service Council</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Upcoming events : *Lent schedule all of March 5:30 supper 7:00 Lent Service every Wed. *Holy week April 2-9th: Services Sun/Thu/Fri X2/Sat/Sun X2</p>	<p>*April 30th Confirmation *May is our Meals on Wheels Month *May 7th Senior Recognition * June 3rd we serve at The Banquet—PLAN</p>		