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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



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The closest I ever got to the events of the Civil Rights Era was a television newscast, in fact, it wasn't until I was a college student that I ever saw a person who was black. Nevertheless, Martin Luther King Jr. is important to me. When I read the Old Testament prophets I am reminded of King's message, I think of King as a modern day prophet. His message was rejected by the people, just as the message of the prophets was rejected. He himself was rejected by the people, just as the prophets were rejected. He was martyred for his stand and his message, as were some of the prophets. His message was a message from God, just as the prophets spoke God's Word.

The prophets called the people to hear and follow the Law of God. Repentance, turning from our own ways, turning to God and His ways, was how they were to follow God's Law. King spoke God's word to a generation which believed in God and good works but rejected many of God's people simply because of their color. This was unacceptable to God and it was unacceptable to Martin Luther King Jr., God's spokesman. God called King to speak His Word, which I think synthesizes with the message of the Old Testament prophets something like this, "We are God's children, we have all be created by God in His image and likeness (Genesis chapter one). Therefore, we are all of equal value in the eyes of God, and we are all due proper respect. We are called upon by God in His Word to treat each other with respect, without regard for color of skin. When we disrespect someone because of their color (or gender, or abilities or disabilities) we also disrespect God When we respect one another we show respect for God our Creator."

I am proud and pleased that at Emmanuel God has brought together people of different colors both in our church and in our childcare center. We have the privilege of honoring God by respecting one another in a world where such respect is not always given. Our people who are black and our people who are white have all blessed one another with their gifts and faith, and we have honored the God who made us with our various beautiful colors. Well done, Saints of God.

May we, this year, hear again the message of God through His prophets of old and through His modern day prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

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Christmas Celebrations at Emmanuel Lutheran



The Christmas Season began with our second Christmas Tea. Miki Turowski and Carol Reece once again did an outstanding job coordinating this event. We learned the true meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas. Thanks to Miki and Carol, outstanding job and enjoyed by all that attended!



Once again we enjoyed another annual Christmas Pageant. This was coordinated with our daycare friends and Emmanuel's Sunday School. It's always so great seeing the story of Christmas performed by our children. Our daycare coordinator, Carverlyne and our Sunday School teacher, Judy Armstrong once again coordinated this event. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Special thanks to the children for your hard work too! All of us enjoyed this special worship service.

During the Christmas Season members of the Altar Guild remember various members in our church that are no longer able to attend church for various reasons ,or members that are having challenges. This year we extended an invitation to others that may have wanted to assist with baking and assembling cookie gift bags. The Altar Guild and others helped to put together 18 of these gift bags. Pastor Tim and various members delivered this to these special people. Thank you to all that participated in this ministry.



Distributing Food Baskets and gifts to families less fortunate than most of us is a tradition that has happened at Emmanuel for years. Thanks to all that gave with food and gift donations, monetary donations and /or your time. Special thanks to Judy and Steve Armstrong for coordinating this ministry.

Our Christmas Eve worship service was special with Pastor Tim's special message and a visit from St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas told the children the true story of his life and this year he added the history of the candy cane. Thanks to St. Nick for coming by and helping to make our children's Christmas even more special.



Each Christmas Carol Henning coordinates Poinsettia orders to beautify our Altar for the two weeks prior to our Christmas Candlelight Service. Thank you once again, Carol, for doing this. The people that ordered poinsettia's were: Tim & Carolyn Cartwright, Nel Vandellen, Colleen Ditlefsen, Gladyce Castagnola, Glen & Sharie Adrig, Evelyn Stouffer, Larry & Ida Ficca, Mary Walker, Geri Sutherland, Dolly Williams, Carol Reece, May McConnell, Jim & Miki Turowski, Steve & Judy Armstrong, and Bob & JoEllen Klempan.

In addition , Evelyn Stouffer had two beautiful red and white flower arrangements sent.



Thank you to all who contributed!

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In 1984 a Caring Committee was formed. A core group was trained and the larger community was started. The Associate Pastor, Pastor Sachs resigned in June. This left the parsonage empty. The church sponsored a former member, Darla Dietsch, to do missionary work in Guatemala. A second refugee family, the Hua family, were doing custodial work. The church was sponsoring this family. They departed in 1984 to California. It was this year that the church reached a milestone. The completion of the debt payments on the sanctuary was completed. The former Pastor Stanley Gunsten attended a special service. On November 17, 1984 a Mortgage Burning Celebration banquet was held. There was a special Turkey dinner served that evening. It looked like our Richard Boyce and Adeline Stouffer (Mark's mom) had a very significant role in coordinating this event. The cost of the tickets for the dinner was \$5.00 for Adults, \$2.50 for students and children under six were free.



The 1984 council president, Bill D. Davidson burns the mortgage at the special celebration.

The church lost 8 of their members that year. These members included Charles Stouffer (Evelyn's husband), Lewis Stouffer (Mark's dad) and Steven Sutherland (Gerri's son).

Christmas at Emmanuel—1984

We just experienced our Christmas Pageant a few weeks ago. How wonderful that this is a tradition that has carried on through the years.



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Another tradition carries on.....

This is a picture of VBS in 1984. Just as the children were creating their crafts and learning the Bible stories then, they still continue to do so each year at Emmanuel.

Thank You to all of you that have been a part of carrying on this tradition in the past and the future.

The **Pony Express** comes to Emmanuel. This was a very creative approach to a stewardship campaign. The Pony Express run all happened in one day. This campaign was complete with a Trail Boss. A bag was handed to you in your home. Inside the bag you had a stewardship booklet and budget brochure. Also, inside the bag is an envelope bearing your name. Inside there is a "Estimate of Giving" card which you were asked to fill out. You sealed the card in the envelope and placed it in a pouch in the bag. In order to complete your part of the Run, you relayed the bag to the family that came next on the route list. You then reported to the Trail Boss that you completed your part of the Run. Kay Kannitzer's husband, Karl, served as the General Manager for this campaign.



In Loving Memory ————— *Adelaide Loyland Jensen*



Adelaide was born May 1, 1922 on a farm near Thompson, N.D. , and went home with the Lord on December 26, 2012. She graduated from High School by age 16. In 1940 she graduated from College and became a teacher. In 1944 she moved to Bremerton and taught at Dewey Jr. High School. She also worked for the postal service. She married Carl V. Jensen in 1951. She and Carl came to Emmanuel from Our Savior's in 1958. Their second son, Gregory was baptized at Emmanuel at the same time as his cousin. Both of her sons were confirmed at Emmanuel. Adelaide was very active in the community and church. She taught Sunday School, VBS and served on church council. She was active in the local PTA and was recognized with the Golden Acorn Award. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl and son Stephen. The doors that are between the narthex and the sanctuary were given in memory of her husband, Carl.

Adelaide was important part of our congregation and will surely be missed !

“Go Tell It On the Mountain” —————The story behind it!

“Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them” - Luke 2:20

“During the bitter days of slavery, black workers on American plantations solaced themselves with song and created a unique form of American hymnology - The Negro Spiritual.” The Jubilee Singers of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee sang the old plantation songs from the slaves and made them famous. “Go Tell It on the Mountain” was one of the last spirituals published.

John Wesley Work Jr. was the son of a church choir director. John Work Jr. was a student that attended Fisk University and was active in the music program even though he was a history and Latin student. After graduating John returned to the university as a professor of Latin and Greek. However his greatest love was preserving the Negro Spirituals.

Even though “Go Tell It on the Mountain” had been performed by the Jubilee Singers it was still unknown. Quite often the words for Negro Spirituals were not recorded anywhere. Songs were simply passed on from plantation to plantation and generation to generation. For this spiritual the chorus was clear. “Intrigued by the chorus and melody, John wrote two new stanzas for this song. It became his custom before sunrise on Christmas morning to take students caroling from building to building, singing “Go Tell It On The Mountain.” It was first published in 1907 in Work’s “Folk Songs of the Negro as Sung on the Plantations”.



John Work has been called the first black collector of Negro folk songs.” His two sons followed in his footsteps. They also collected Negro folk songs, were on the faculty at Fisk University, and sang with the Jubilee Singers.

“To black slaves in antebellum America, the birth of a liberating Savior was a message to be heralded from the highest mountains.” It still is, for us all.

-taken from “Then Sings My Soul, Special Edition” by Robert J. Morgan Thank You, Geri Sutherland, for your special gift.

In Memory of————— ***Robert (Rob) Henning***

Emmanuel Lutheran mourns with Bob and Carol Henning over the loss of their son Robert (Rob) Henning, 56, who passed away on December 31, 2012 at the Hospice Care Center, surrounded by family and friends. Rob graduated from East High School in 1974. Rob was creative and enjoyed being outdoors and working with wood, eventually establishing his own construction company. Rob is survived by his parents Bob and Carol, and daughters Caitlin and Andrea, his son Brent and stepdaughter Meghan Dunagan, and brothers Mark and Gregory. Rob was preceded in death by his brother Michael. We at Emmanuel Lutheran wish the entire Henning family comfort and grace as the Lord takes Rob back into His protection and care.



January Birthdays

- 18Dolly Williams
- 21Kiley Johnson
- 22.....Heather Felmeir
- 26Gladyce Castagnola
- 27Marilyn Boekenoogen
- 29Matt Mills
- 29Miki Turowski

January Anniversaries

No Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 2Tiffany Johnson
- 5Pat Alcantra
- 16Helen Mills
- 17Brandee Haynes
- 22Dolliie Hage
- 23Jim Turowski
- 27James Tewksbury

February Anniversaries

- 11Bob & Liane Armstrong

Note: If I have a date incorrect or have left your important date off the calendar, please let me know. Sharie @ 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net

Members serving in January

- Altar Guild Carolyn Cartwright
Gladys Willis
- Reader Glen Adrig
- Sunday School.....Carolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Mary Moen

Members serving in February

- Altar Guild Ida Ficca
Sharie Adrig
- Reader Bob Fox
- Sunday School.....Carolyn Cartwright
Judy Armstrong
Mary Moen

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