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**In case of an
Emergency**

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090**

Pastor's Message

As Pastor I am particularly grateful to our Altar Guild for their honorable service. Fifty Sundays a year they work diligently before and after worship Services preparing for and cleaning up after Holy Communion. When we have a baptism they do the preparation for that too. They arrange for the Altar, Pulpit, and lectern paraments and keep the pastor's Alb laundered. Jean Reed bakes all our communion bread. On Good Friday their service takes center stage as they strip the Altar and Chancel of all paraments and furnishings to symbolize Christ's suffering and passion. I am thankful for God's faithful servants who serve Emmanuel and honor the Lord in this ministry.



On the topic of the Lord's Supper the American Association of Lutheran Churches Commission on Church Doctrine is preparing a draft of Lutheran Theology and practice on Holy Communion. Can Saints other than pastors consecrate the elements? Should we offer Holy Communion to all who come or do we make faith a requirement? Should we make knowledge or holiness a requirement? These are important questions for the Church of the 21st century in America.

Through the sacrament of Holy Communion God generously nurtures us with His grace. Blessings to everyone who enters into God's presence to bless Him and receive His grace through Holy Communion.

These past few weeks we have said good bye to Kay Kannitzer, Sylvia Boyce and Bob Armstrong. May the Lord receive them into their eternal, heavenly home.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

First Fruits

Did you know Federal Food funding is less that it was? Many of our brothers and sisters are one day away from a food crisis. What is a food crisis? It's when the kitchen cupboards are open and there is literally no food in the cupboards. Because of people like you Emmanuel, you serve those hungry who make up a total of 1,000 families each and every month. And the numbers are growing.

The Food Bank's Wish List

When we go shopping for First Fruits sometimes we ask ourselves, "What does the Food Bank really need right now?" Well here is a list right from the food bank that should help us on our next shopping trip.

<u>Food</u>	<u>Sundries</u>	<u>Household Supplies & Cleaners</u>
Boxed cereals and oatmeal	Toothpaste	Dish or laundry detergent
Canned soups with pull ring	Toothbrushes	Paper towels
Canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef, spam)	Bar soap	Toilet Paper
Canned tomatoes or fruit	Shampoo	<u>Pet Supplies</u>
Meals in a can (Ravioli, stew or pasta rings)	Disposable Razors	Food for cats or dogs
Top Ramen or noodle bowls	Disposable diapers (adult or infants) & wipes	cat litter
Individual size fruit cups, jello or puddings		
Peanut Butter or jelly (12 oz. size)		
Snack or nutrition bars		
Cake and Frosting mixes for Birthday treats		

Special Thanks to Sally and Larry for this wonderful and much needed ministry !

From Bob and Cheryl Fox, Our Missionaries in Niger

Prayer & Praises

Praise that despite several battles with colds and flu in December and January we are back to good health.

Pray we will not be overwhelmed by the heat during the hot season that has just begun. Pray that God will give us the strength and energy to teach well during the heat, and that the students will be attentive and continue to learn despite the heat.

Praise for God's provision of creativity and excitement in teaching our students. Pray that the students will continue to be engaged throughout the last eight weeks of the school year.

Pray that God will provide an energetic and dynamic youth leader for Sahel Academy who will engage the students in a powerful way for Christ.

Praise for our faithful prayer and financial supporters whose efforts are such an encouragement to us.

Pray for opportunities to share Christ with the students who do not yet know him and for softened hearts.

How you can join our financial support team

To give electronically, go to the SIM USA website (simusa.org) and click on "give to a missionary." Enter our name and missionary number (041764).

If you would rather give by mail, send checks to: SIM USA, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241. Remember to write our number in the memo line (041764).

The Lord Giveth The Lord Taketh Away

Our dear member, Sylvia Boyce, went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2018. She and her beloved husband, Richard, came to Emmanuel Lutheran in 1965. Sylvia was a member of the "Lydia Circle", one of two women's church groups. She attended conferences representing Emmanuel. She was active on the Altar Guild for many years. Sylvia served on church council in the past. Sylvia and Richard travelled with members of Emmanuel. Up to the last few years, Sylvia made sure there was a coffee hour following our church service. Sylvia enjoyed gardening in their yard. Sylvia served as the church historian for many years. If you look at the older scrapbooks those are Sylvia's handy work.



Members of the Lydia Circle, constructing our scrapbooks. Sylvia on

Sylvia touched many lives. She was such a loving, genuine person. She was a fine example of a Christian Woman. She deeply loved her friends and family. Sylvia and Richard were married 69 glorious years. "She is survived by her loving and faithful husband, Richard, her caring son, Steven Boyce and his wife Marianne; her son David Boyce who was waiting for her in heaven; her precious grandchildren, Julie Ann and her husband, Tom, Christine, Alyssa and her husband Jared, David and his wife, Tania, Anna-Ruth, and Joshua and his wife, Kelsey. She leaves behind 12 great-grandchildren and her brother, Ron and his wife, Kathy."



Sylvia's memorial service was a wonderful celebration of her life. She was so proud of the fact that her family was musically talented and we saw and heard that at her service.

Our prayers go out to Richard and his family. We at Emmanuel dearly loved Sylvia and miss her everyday.

Our longtime past member, Kay Kannitzer, went to be with the Lord on March 3rd . Although Kay moved to Nevada a few years ago to be with her daughter and family she was still an important part of church. She and her husband, Karl, joined the church in 1955. Kay was an active member of Altar Guild and Sister circle. She taught Vacation Bible School. She enjoyed golfing and fishing. They did a lot of travelling including trips with other church members, such as the Boyces. Their travels went from Norway (to visit family) to Australia, to the Holy Lands and beyond. Back in 1966 -67 she and the family went to Turkey. When Israel took control they were forced to leave. Kay leaves two children, son, John, and daughter, Anne Romero. Her granddaughter is Danielle. Our prayers go out to Kay's family.



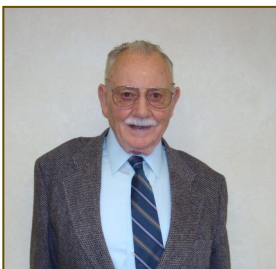
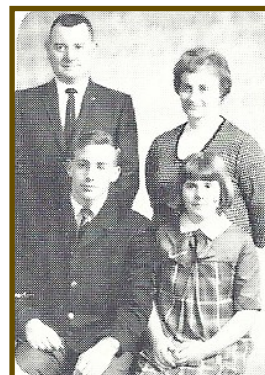
Sylvia, Kay and Bob were dearly loved by those that knew them at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. They will be missed but not forgotten. May we rejoice knowing that they are with loved ones and rejoicing with the Lord.

The Lord Giveth The Lord Taketh Away

Our longtime member, Bob Armstrong, went to be with the Lord on April 3rd. Bob and his wife, Liane and their family, started attending Emmanuel Lutheran back in 1956. Bob was our head usher for years up until he wasn't able to do this anymore. He did custodial work around the church. He would proudly lead the Pledge of Allegiance during National holidays and started the tradition of singing "God Bless America."

In our community Bob served as a volunteer Firefighter with North Perry fire hall. He also served as an adult leader for the Boy Scouts with Troop 545.

Bob was a proud veteran of World War 2. He served in the Army. Bob was very proud of his service and wrote a biography about this. He was very proud of his grandson, Josh, that also served our country.



Bob dearly loved and was proud of his family. Our prayers and thoughts are with his dear wife, Liane, as well as his son, Steve and daughter-in-law, Judy, and his daughter, Teri. Our prayers are with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bob was precious to Emmanuel and will be missed.

The Story Behind the Song "God Bless America"

Composer, Irving Berlin, came up with "God Bless America" back in 1918. At the time he was serving in the Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, N.Y. He originally wrote it to be a military revue called Yip Yip Yaphank. At that time there were too many patriotic songs so he "stashed it away in his trunk." Twenty years later, following WWI and prior to WWII Berlin "saw hope in the old tune." Originally the lyric was "Stand beside her and guide her to the right with the light from above," but he changed the phrase to "Through the night with the light from above."

Katie Smith was the first singer he had debut this song. It was "Nov. 11, 1938 and was sung as part of her Armistice Day broadcast (anniversary of the end of WWI). " It "offered a collective prayer" to our Nation "to help "unease over impending war." It was soon "hailed as the new National Anthem. You heard it at various events such as baseball games and even the 1939 World's Fair.

"Berlin established a trust, the God Bless America Fund, which distributed all proceeds to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America." "In the wake of 9/11, the song took on a new life, once again signaling renewed patriotism and pride.

Irving Berlin passed away at the age of 101 in 1989.

The following information came from a site entitled [performing song writer](#).

“He is Risen.....He is Risen Indeed”



April Birthdays

2.....Victoria Gehring
 4.....Parker Cartwright
 5.....Richard Boyce
 10Carolyn Cartwright
 11JoEllen Klempan
 12.....Gail Campbell
 15Glen Adrig
 17Judy Armstrong
 17Lamonte James
 20Marialis Jorges
 21Mary Clare Gehring
 22Keri Bjornemo Roberts
 22Ida Ficca
 28Ward Erickson III

May Birthdays

2.....Stephanie Johnson
 3Jim Mace
 12.....Mae McConnell
 16Sally Farner
 16Nancy Kerlee
 21Maurine Simons

May Anniversaries

1.....Bob & JoEllen Klempan
 21Loyal & Gail Campbell
 30Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

*If there are any additions or corrections to the list
 please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can
 do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or
 gadrig@comcast.net.*

*If you need to contact Pastor
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Members Serving in April

Altar GuildCarol Henning
 Jean Reed
 ReaderCarolyn Cartwright

Members Serving in May

Altar GuildJoEllen Klempan
 Rose Link
 ReaderIda Ficca

Sunday School Teachers—


Children’s TeacherJudy Armstrong
 Chelette Williams
 Adult TeacherPastor Tim
 Adult and Children’s Sunday School ..9 AM

**Men’s breakfast will continue.
 First Saturday of the month at 8:00
 am. The location will be Der Blokken**

Your help during coffee hour?

Thanks to all who are signing up to host coffee hour! If you are interested, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the fellowship hall! Thank you to Carol R. for being our coordinator for coffee hour. Thanks to Theresa P. for all your help in the kitchen during coffee hour.

If you are not able to host a coffee hour some of us are giving monetary contributions to help cover the cost .

Contributions can be given to  Carol Reece.