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## A Note from Your Council President

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Emmanuel Members,

The 2019 Annual Meeting was held January 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Vision Team survey results were shared and discussed by Mike Weber. Everyone will receive a copy of these results with your annual report in the fellowship hall. In summary, the members who responded would like to see a Wednesday service with a meal prior to the service. Different contemporary service options were discussed with length being approximately 30 minutes and to provide a service similar to the one held that Sunday. ALTHOUGH this is not set in stone and we are open to suggestions. At this point in time we are in a holding pattern unless someone would like to step forward and lead Wednesday services. If you are interested in being that person, please contact me or another council member.

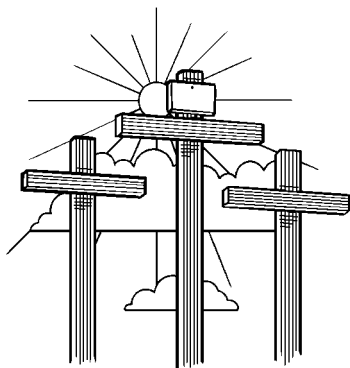
Thank you to all those involved that helped coordinate, purchase, and serve our delicious pancake brunch following the Annual Meeting!

We are moving through the time after the Epiphany. Which means we have witnessed the baptism of Jesus. This is the time the true nature of Jesus is revealed. Many of the stories of miracles happen during this time. It will end with the transfiguration of Jesus.

It is similar to our church, we are going through a time of discovery and finding the true nature of our calling. We will be slowly forming a call committee. We need this time to gather our hearts and minds together to begin this process. Sometimes that takes prayerful considerations and trusting God. We have to trust Him to lead us in the direction He wants us to take.

Shane Clark

Emmanuel Council President



## Have you picked up .....

- ✓ Annual reports
- ✓ Information booklet
- ✓ Women's booklet
- ✓ Offering envelopes



If not, please stop by the table in the fellowship hall and pick up your copy.



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*Our Noisy Can offering for  
Feb. will go to  
SS for Hogs & kisses.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

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We are happy to announce that **PASTOR BUNK** from Waubay will be filling in every 3rd Sunday unless noted other wise.

**Pastor will be here 2nd  
Sunday in Feb. 2/10/19**

### Emmanuel Milestone Ministry:

#### **Celebrating & Keeping Baptismal Promises**

Children learn the faith @ HOME & by watching parents/guardians model the faith.

We will celebrate milestones for

- ✓ 1st graders
- ✓ 4th graders

On Sunday Feb. 24th @ 9 am



Keep the church current with your

- ◇ mailing address
- ◇ e-mail address
- ◇ phone numbers

## Unapproved

Present ~ Shane Clark, Laura Clark, Pam Heiser, Kellie Townsend, Becky Kotzer, Lori Westby, Diane Warrington, Raechel Otter, BJ Clocksene, Carla Tracy, Barb Hoops, Patty Tastad, Angie Osterman

Absent ~ Trent Anderson

Call to Order: Shane called the meeting to order.

Prayer & Scripture: Shane read a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Carla, seconded by Laura. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve was made by Lori, BJ seconded – pending an update of designation of an unknown category expense. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Diane, Raechel seconded. Motion passed.

Budget Trustee's Report: Barb made a motion to approve, Becky seconded. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

Nominating committee final Update: (section 2) Still have a few positions to fill.

Finalize 2019 Proposed Budget: We had extensive discussion around the 2019 budgeted SD SYNOD designation. We haven't been able to meet our budgeted giving's over the past few years. Discussion around significant lowering a 15% budget to 5%. A motion was made by Carla to adjust the percent to 10%, Laura seconded. Motion passed. We need to add a category for a budget for the possibility of Weds services of \$1000.00. Motion to approve made by Pam, BJ seconded. Motion passed. Motion was made by Pam to approve the 2019 budget, Kellie seconded. Motion passed.

Audit books: Lorrie Weber & Angie Osterman will be auditing the books prior to the annual meeting.

Vision Team Survey: ( answer team's decision questions from last council meeting)- Vision team will go over the survey results with the congregation during the annual meeting on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. The vision team will need a non-council member to be part of the team.

### New Business:

Call Committee: Melinda Eikamp, Becky Kotzer, Carla Tracy, Amy Warrington, Liz Clocksene, Loren Johnson? Need 6 voting members, would like to have a couple of male members to be a part of this process.

Vision Statement: "To live by Faith, to be known by Love, and to be a voice of Hope through God's Grace."  
Becky made a motion to approve, Barb seconded.  
Motion passed.

What do we want the vision team to focus on next?

Need to do an audit of church bank accounts a to who is an authorized person.

AND any other business that may come before the council.

Feb. meeting date = Feb 12th @ 7 pm  
Devotions for Feb = Becky

Pastor's Report: Mileage – no report given.

Education Deacon's Report: Thank you to BJ & Liz for leading VBS again this year. Looking to communicate church camp to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the confirmation kids. Other ages are also welcome to attend. There are camperships available for youth. There is an early registration money savings of \$75 per child if registered by Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Please visit with Laura Clark if need assistance in registering or campership application.

Worship Deacon's Report: All services for Jan and Feb are in place. Communion services will be Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bunk will be helping with those services.

Evangelism Deacon's Report: Church directory last draft will go back tomorrow- final copy to get printed shortly! Visitor cards have been sent out.

Stewardship Trustee's Report: no report

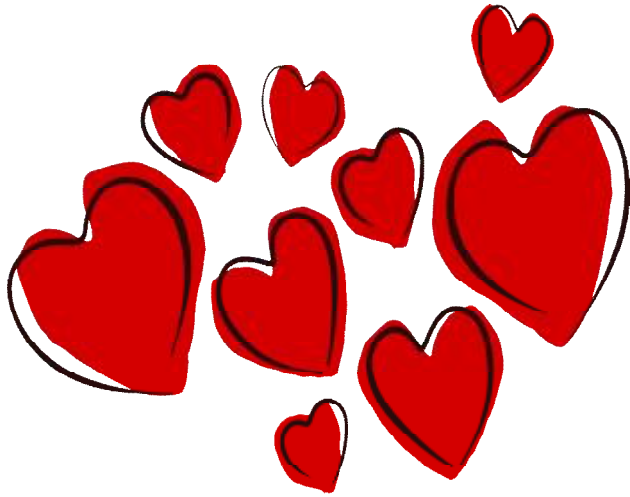
Property Trustee's Report: 3 new fire extinguishers have been purchased for the church, thank you for the donation of funds!

Devotions: Diane

Adjournment: Carla made a motion to adjourn, Diane seconded. Motion passed.

Close with Lord's Prayer

*Kellie Townsend*  
Secretary



Emmanuel is scheduled to share the word with the residents of Groton Care & Rehab Center on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Pastor delivers the message; but groups are scheduled to serve during fellowship time. This schedule is as follows:

- February — Church Council
- March — MM Bible Study

If your group can't be there, please let Lori Westby know; so other arrangements can be made. The residents and staff depend on us to provide this ministry.



Emmanuel has a FACEBOOK page. Please "like" and "share" our page. We will try to keep you up to date on happenings at Emmanuel.

### ~ Ushers ~

We could use a few more ushers to place on the ushering schedule. *If you are currently not ushering and would be willing to do so or if you are on the schedule and would be willing to usher more than once per year, please contact Head Usher Ryan Kutter.*

### Direct Deposit ~

So much of our **STORY** is online. Keeping our financial giving on the front burner = **central to growth in faith.**



Check in with your bank about direct deposits, Or see any council officer. **ALSO, consistent and joy-filled giving means healthy & faithful giving...**

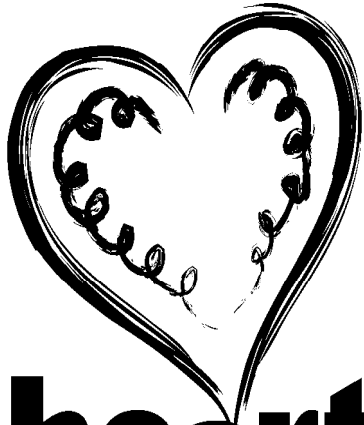
## One Call System:

We are no longer utilizing this service.

For weather announcements/church Cancellation, We will be doing Facebook, eblast, or contact a council member for updates on whether or not we will be having church.

## Newsletter & Bulletin

Items may be sent to church office at [emmanuelgrotonsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:emmanuelgrotonsecretary@outlook.com)  
Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.



# heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

### What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



## A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV