DEAR FELLOW REDEEMED:

According to something I recently read, a man by the name; Bishop Hazen Werner, relates the story of a gentleman who would constantly say to his pastor, “Preacher, tell them they can...tell them they can!

There is a story behind the person who said that. It goes something like this: Despite a good background and a good start in life, he had carelessly thrown himself away. His friends and family had tried long and hard to help him, until one by one, they completely gave up on him. Finally, one Sunday morning the last friend he seemed to have on the face of the earth left him at the door of a rescue mission with sufficient tickets for two days of lodging and meals. His parting words were, “Go in there; maybe they can help you.”

The first day and night he was too drunk to be helped. The second night he didn't sleep. Instead, he paced the floor and kept praying again and again, “Oh, God if You can save a person like me, do it now. I am at the end of my rope.” God did it! The man left the mission with a new spirit, and new confidence and a new determination. He is the man who said, “Preacher, tell them they can.”

From where I see it and from what I often hear and feel, this is the message we need to hear...especially when life seems hopeless.

Those first disciples of Jesus were moved from the defeat they felt when Jesus died; to a feeling that they could conquer the world. The Bible later refers to them as “…these that have turned the world upside down…”

We are three months into a new year and all of this month will see us in Lent. If you are like a lot of the rest of us, you might just, again, need for some preacher to “…tell them they can.” That is what I will be doing during this month of Sundays and Wednesdays, too. This preacher will “tell them they can” through Jesus Christ.

Confidently believing,

Rev. Dan L. Siedenburg
Pastor

Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning 9:30 am**
*Pastor's Chapel Class - Fellowship Hall Class - Women's Bible Study - Youth Bible Study - Sunday School*

Bible classes will be studying “The Story”. This is the complete bible in easy to read story form. The Story will be covered by children, teen and adults all at the same time, it will make it so you can have the whole family involved at the same time in this learning experience.

**Weekday Bible Classes**

*Tuesday Morning Bible Class* at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall beginning Tuesday September 9th. We will continue with our chronological reading of the Bible. We welcome new members. Pat Squires

*Parenting Class*, Second Wednesday of each month. Dinner at 5:30, class at 6:00.

*Thursday Morning Men's Bible Class* at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall - Our study is Noah. Please join us. Questions? Contact Chuck Squires (612-799-5315).
PRAYER MINISTRY

Please include the following friends and happenings in your personal prayers

For Blessing On Medical Treatment & For Healing - Jim Mylander, Glen Larson (Denise Ramsdale's Father), Dan Bliven (Sharon and Jerry's son), Pauline Plaster (Open Arms Assistant)

Undergoing Medical Testing - Shelby Thorn

Convalescing - Trudy Schramm at Home, Maurine Atherton at home, Vern Endresen at home, Xochitl Grant (Mr. Joel's wife) at home, Evie Sedio at Lyngblomsten Nursing Home

Homebound & Those in Care Centers - Alyce Kubik, Mary Lenke, Shirley Petro, Ruth Rogers, Evie Sedio, Leroy Stunek, Marge Velebir, Mary Yurik, John Arne, Joe & Lois Kovach

God's Blessing On Journey Through “The Story” At Worship And Bible Study

Open Arms Christian Early Childhood Center's Mission and Ministry - Holy Emmanuel Youth Ministry

Global Concerns - For peace among the nations of the world...especially in Russia, Afghanistan, Iraq & Israel
- For the eradication of the ebola virus & for healing of victims of the virus
- Our World Mission Ministries - Rev. Dan and Amy Johnson in Siberia, Russia
- Rev. Blidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our “care barrels”)

March Birthday's
03/02 Denise Sundquist
03/02 Eric Sundquist
03/03 Vern Endresen
03/03 Jenna Walsh
03/06 Kristi Bauer
03/07 Henry Schlueter
03/07 Zoey Schlueter
03/08 Scott Carriere
03/09 Lucille Bernard
03/09 Bryce Westphal
03/10 Bea Brockman
03/12 Arielle Leavens
03/17 Emily Hardt
03/17 Dorothy Yurik
03/18 Sandra Holicky
03/18 Krisha Yurik
03/19 Steve Sedio
03/22 Ellen Burkhardt
03/22 Joshua Bohn
03/25 Sara Schmidt
03/26 Kassandra Thurow
03/29 John Prok
03/30 Aiden Nelson
03/31 Kaelan McIntyre

March Anniversaries
03/02 Rick & Jill Marko (13)
03/10 John & Katie Ward (3)
03/24 Steve & Amy Sedio (31)

Serving In March

Lay Readers
8:15 10:45
01 Mar. Craig Anderson Lindsey Jeannette
08 Mar. Dan Marko Mindy Shulfer
15 Mar. Vera Marko Scott Ramsdale
22 Mar. Mel Michalik Randy Marko
29 Mar. Lucille Bernard Lindsey Jeannette

Power Point
8:15 10:45
01 Mar. Robert Melde Al Scherf
08 Mar. Anita Bakalar Scott Ramsdale
15 Mar. Robert Melde Sandra Sanders
22 Mar. Anita Bakalar Chris Schmidt
29 Mar. Robert Melde Al Scherf

Acolyte
8:15 10:45
01 Mar. Kana Anderson
08 Mar. Kevin Anderson
15 Mar. Jack Affeldt
22 Mar. Gabrielle Shulfer
29 Mar.

Communion Assistants
8:15 10:45
01 Mar. Robert Melde Scott Ramsdale
15 Mar. Dave Yurik Brad Affeldt

Altar Guild
8:15 Vern & Sally Endresen
10:45 Barb Morrison/Gayle Cedergren

Counters
01 Mar. Les & Carole Frey
08 Mar. Phyllis Schadewald/Nancy Reich
15 Mar. John & Lillian Prok
22 Mar. Ed Bauman/Al Scherf
29 Mar. Dan & Vera Marko

Data Entry Mar. Pat Squires
News and Announcements

NOISY OFFERING
The March Noisy Offering will go to Camp Omega.

SPRING LUNCHEON
On Saturday March 21st we will have the “Spring Luncheon” sponsored by the Faith Workers. Luncheon starts at noon with entertainment provided by “The Velvet Tones”. Tickets are $12.00 they will be discounted $6.00 if you bring a salad to share. Tickets will be available starting March 8th.

SPRING NARTHEX FLOOR WAXING – FUN!
MARCH 28TH
Can you hold a mop? Or can you help move furniture? As all the grime and salt of winter have finished taking their toll on the Narthex floor, we need to strip and re-wax the slate floors to return them to their luster and protect them from any damage by the salt. We need 2-4 people to help with this project. If you are available to help, please let Lisa Bauman know that you are willing to offer your skills!

CANDY DONATIONS:
We are now collecting candy donations for the March 28th Easter Egg Hunt. Candies must be small enough to fit in plastic eggs and be individually wrapped. Items such as small toys, erasers, etc. may be donated as well. Place items in collection bin at Open Arms or church. Thank you for your help.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEALS
Faith Workers will be serving meals at 5:15 P.M. prior to the 6:00 P.M. Lenten services. Volunteers needed to help prepare and serve meals starting at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Gayle Cedergren at 651-687-9507 or Barb Morrison at 952-294-9927.

ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN:
Elementary and Middle School students are invited to our spring lock-in March 20 - 21st. The theme is “Making Rainbows” based on Matthew 5:1 (In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven) and how through our actions and attitude, people around us can see God's love as we make rainbows in the world.

CHAPERONS NEEDED:
We are in need of a couple chaperons for the Elementary/Middle School Lock-in March 20 - 21st. If you can help please let Kristi know.

SET UP CREW
We will ne a crew of volunteers to set up for the Spring Luncheon on Saturday March 21st at 8:30. With a large crew this will go fast. Contact Steve Sedio about helping, steve@holyemmanuel.org

SEDER MEAL
New this year, we will be having a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday (April 2). The meal will begin at 7:00 pm following the 6:00 pm worship service. Sign up is required ahead of time. See the sheet at the welcome center if you would like to participate.

VEAP
Food donations are needed, please remember to bring your non-parishable food items for VEAP. Financial donation to VEAP are also accepted.

LOST GUITAR
We are missing a child size acoustic guitar. if you have seen it please let the office know, Thank you.

VBS
Summer may seem far away but it's not too early to start thinking about VBS set for June 15-19. This years VBS is entitled Everest: Conquering challenges with God's mighty power. If you are interested on assisting with planning and preparation please sign the interest form at the welcome center. Help comes in many forms from creative ideas, decorating, teaching and music etc.

ALTAR FLOWERS
The opportunity to donate Altar/Chancel Flowers for our worship services is available for all members and friends of Holy Emmanuel. The cost for a single bouquet is $36.50 which includes delivery. A “Flower Chart” is posted in the Lobby on the bulletin board by the Office. If you would like to donate flowers please place your name on the chart by the desired date and indicate if the flowers are given in honor of a special occasion. Make checks payable to Holy Emmanuel and write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line.
**Prayer Partners**

Prayer Partners will be available after each worship service today in the front left side of the Sanctuary. If you would like someone to pray with you please make your way to the front after the congregation has been dismissed. If you would like the Pastor to pray for you (or for someone else) throughout the week, you are invited to fill out the yellow “Prayer & Praise” card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Please indicate if your request should be broadened, via e-mail, to include all prayer partners in the congregation. Thank you.

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**Gifts & Memorials**

**Richard Yurik Memorial**
Dan & Vera Marko  
Jerry & Sharon Bliven  
Curt & Michele Kivi  
Dory Peterson  
Joyce Erickson  
Mike & Betty Yurik  
Stan & Paula Cherveny  
Mary Miller  
Vern & Sharon Mueller  
George & Barb Klosinski  
Jean Hjellming  
Dorothy Chovan  
Bruce & Lori Rick  
Frank & Phyllis Schadewald  
Beverly Kilbury  
John & Sandy Carlson  
Ben & Marlene Jangula  
Jeff & Lisa Walsh  
John & Lynn Lehmann & Family  
Paul Bauman  
Chet & Ann Finnerud & Family  
Park Nicollet Optical Department  
Jennifer Holmquist  
Tom & Cathy Rustad  
Denny & Cheryl Johnson  
Janet Bakalar  
Dee Lennander & Allen Wenke  
Vern & Sally Endresen  
Doug & Linnea Manske & Family  
Aloha Atkinson  
Brian & Jennifer Vav De Berg & Family  
John & Peggy Lenke  
Ruth Pafko  
Lydia Marko  
Maike & Sheryl Burkhardt  
Barb Morrison  
Carol Estocco  
Jeff & Sue Carlsrud  
Randy & Michele & Family  
Becky & Jeremy & Family  
Mike & Amber & Family  
John & Jackie Bartko  
Elaine Bakalar  
Larry Taylor & Family  
Helen Johnstone  
Steve & Amy Sedio  
Rodney & Beverly Berg  
Jim & Sandy Baker  
Darlene Gerlach  
Robert & Ella Chellew  
Ann Marie Wilson  
Dave & Jean Swanson  
Eileen Roberts  
Park Nicollet Medical Records Employees  
Steve & Debi Ratajec  
Randy & Cheryl Sherman & Family  
Sharon Amundson  
Art & Delores Amundson  
Randy & Cindy Marko  
Steve Johnstone  
Neal & Susan Westphal  
Corinne Lossow  
Sylvia Gamec  
Mary Mickelson  
Robert & Michelle Melde & Family  
Chuck & Pat Squires  
Andy & Ruth Mital  
Tom & Donna Prok  
Jim, Natalie & Emily Mylander  
Sarah & Josh Howard & Family  
Dick & Sandy St Martin  
Mary Ann Smith  
Les & Pat Renschler  
Dean & Bea Brockman  
Ron & Nancy Reich  
Trudy Schramm  
Anita Bakalar  
Judy, Kristi & Greg Lickliter  
Mark & Kay Knutson  
Scott & Denise Ramsdale  
Jim Wibbens  
Lee & Sandy North  
Jim & Mary Jo Soltau

**Frank Pafko Memorial**
Anita Bakalar  
Frank & Phyllis Schadewald  
Evelyn Clarey  
Donald & Jean Wagner  
Mary Mickelson  
Leon & Carol Boehlauad  

**AED**
Mary Mickelson  
Chuck & Pat Squires  
David & Arlys Edstrom  
Michael Overby  
John & Lillian Prok  
Dick & Sandy St Martin

**Birthday**
Dorothy Chovan  
Catherine Kane - For Mark Paulson  
Sylvia Gamec - for Elaine Bakalar

**Lutheran Hour**
Marge Velebir - for Doug & Katie
Spring Luncheon
Saturday March 21st, 12:00 pm
Sponsored by the Faith Workers
Entertainment provided by “The Velvet Tones”
Tickets are $12.00
Tickets will be discounted to $6.00 if you bring a salad to share.
Tickets will be available starting March 8th.

LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES
The 2015 Lenten Season focuses on:
“The Parables Of Lent”.
Each Midweek Devotional service in this series focuses on a Biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes. Within each parable’s plot is woven a unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. Each worshipper will take the message with them to enrich their own stories of faith in Jesus as they journey through Lent.

Please make plans to attend each Wednesday’s 30 minute midweek Devotional service during Lent at:

**11:00 AM OR 6:00 PM.**
**March 4, 11, 18 & 25.**

Note: Lunch will be served following the morning services and Supper will be served before the evening services 5:15 to 6:00 PM.
Ms. Kristi is planning individual & family Lenten projects before each evening service which will lead into the worship time.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT HOLY EMMANUEL
We will continue the theme “The Parables Of Lent” through Holy week at Holy Emmanuel.

- **Maundy Thursday Communion:** April 2ND  11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- **Good Friday**  April 3RD  11:00 & 6:00
  Note: No morning or evening meals will be served on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday
- **Easter Sunday Communion** April 5TH  8:15 & 10:45
  Breakfast will be served between services.

Bible Classes and Sunday School will resume April 12.
Why does giving seem so difficult? In reality, it isn't. But we make it difficult. We make it difficult because we're afraid. We're afraid that it isn't worth the investment. We're afraid that what we give to the church might be wasted, or that we could use it for something better, something more enjoyable, something more real, more tangible, more immediate, even more important, something more important than God and His gifts.

The point is this: We struggle with giving because we don't believe as we should. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. And so we fail to give because we don't love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We fail to give because we don't fear Him more than we fear other things. We fail to give because we don't trust Him more than we trust the things we can more immediately see, taste, and touch. We don't trust that He will give us everything (EVERYTHING!) we need to support this body and life. For if we did fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we would see and know that all the other things that vie for our time, our talents, and our treasures pale in comparison to the joy of the real, tangible, immediate love God has showered upon us in the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins on account of His Son's death, resurrection, and ascension.

The only proper response to this is repentance: to confess our sin, our stinginess, our lack of fear, love, and faith in God's promises, and to trust in Him to help us bring our desire to do better to fruition. For God is not holding out on us. He never has. He never will. For if He has given you His only Son, how will He not also give you all things? He will. It is His promise. And these promises are sure and certain.

The reality is that God doesn't need our giving. He doesn't need our time, our talents, our treasures. He is God. We are not. He can do all things without our help. And even what we do give, even the good and righteous things we do accomplish, these are but filthy rags, as the prophet Isaiah tells us (Isaiah 64:6). Our gifts to God and to the Church are like a child's gift of dandelions to his mother. They are weeds, which most of us spend an entire summer trying to rid our yards of them. And yet despite the fact that they are weeds, mothers always receive them with a smile and with joy. They will even put them in vases and display them on tables and countertops. They will recount to friends and other family members how their child gave them “flowers,” just to say I love you and I'm thankful for all you do.

Our Lord, too, receives with joy and a smile the gifts we give in thanksgiving and praise of what He has done. Even though these gifts are but weeds, filthy rags, and despite the fact that He doesn't need them to accomplish what He wills, He receives them and puts it to use for our and our neighbors good. That is the real joy of giving. He doesn't need us. Yet He makes use of us, He employs us in His service despite it. He makes all that we do—our giving, our work, our service to our family and friends and neighbors—holy. And He blesses it for their and our good and to the glory of His name.

So is giving so hard? Nah, it's like giving dandelions to our mothers. And when dinner is ready, when the food is on the table, she'll gladly have a vase full of them right in the middle. The Lord has prepared a table for you. Dinner is ready. The table is set. His Body and Blood is given to strengthen and nourish you. And right there, where Christ is with us, are the dandelions we gave. He has put them to use for our good, for our forgiveness, for our life in Him.
Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:
- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and brown)
- M&M’s candies

What you do:
1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M’s among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they’ll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M’s.
6. Continue until you’ve prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you’d like!)
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