

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus, & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 8. Our Bible Readings for Palm/Passion Sunday are: Isaiah 50:4a-9; Ps. 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; & Matthew 26:1-27:66.

Reading the New Testament Together: During the fifty days of Easter, Servants of Emmanuel will be combining their efforts and reading the entire New Testament, all 27 books, 260 chapters and 7,957 verses. Servants of Emmanuel are invited to sign up for one or more of the 27 books, reading them at least once during the Season of Easter. Some books are only a chapter long, while others are 21-28 chapters long. The average book is 3-6 chapters. The sign up sheet is posted in the Gathering Space. Enjoy living in community, participating in a congregational read, and immersing yourself in Scripture.

The Season of Lent

Wednesdays of Lent at 6 pm—Drama Series: *"How to be a Disciple"*. Evening Prayer with Disciple Sketches by guest pastors.

Eve of Palm/Passion—Saturday, April 12 at 6 pm: Palm fronds will be distributed. Please save them for future ashes.

Maundy Thursday—April 17 at 6 pm: Foot Washing (John 13) and the Lord's Supper. Final Disciple Drama.

Good Friday—April 18 at 12:00 Noon: Bidding Prayer & Passion Reading (John 18-19). 7 pm Oasis Tenebrae Worship.

Holy Saturday—April 19, Easter Eve at 6 pm: Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord with an Easter Vigil—Light, Scripture, Baptism, & the Lord's Supper. **THE FIFTY DAYS BEGINS!**

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Ezekiel 37:1-14—Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Romans 8:6-11—Life in the Spirit

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—John 11:1-45

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, & his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary & had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 5, 2014
Eve of Lent V—6 pm

***"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!"***

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously. On Wednesday nights during Lent our worship is **Lenten Dramas. The Drama for April 9** is "On the Family of Christ"—James and John, the Sons of Thunder. Pastor Jack Miller will be providing a Character Sketch on the Sons of Zebedee. We are using an edited version of Holden Evening Prayer each Wednesday Night, authored by Pastor David Steffenson, with permission from GIA.

New Women's Bible Study "The Wise and the Foolish"

Pastor Dave and Julie will be leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus, beginning on Monday, April 21. We will meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Bring a friend. Study will conclude in August.

Worship Helpers: Mandy Lambrecht (Pianist); Rachel Carl (Scripture Reader & Prayers); Julie Steffenson (Communion); Peg Holtan (Coffee); & Margaret Quam (Treats).

**April Emmanuel Epistle and Prayer
Calendar are available tonight.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, April 5 @ 6 pm
Worship—Lent V
- Tuesday, April 8 @ 8 am
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Wed, April 9 at 6 pm
Evening Prayer &
Lenten Drama (Rev.
Jack Miller)
- Sat, April 12 @ 6 pm
Palms & Passion
- **Saturday, April 19**
Supermarket Saturday
at 9 am, and Easter
Worship at 6 pm
- Mon, April 21 @ 1 pm
Women's Bible Study
begins (Parables)
- Tues, April 22 at 10 am
Council Meeting

Psalm will be read Responsively by half verse.

Psalm 130 found on page 28 of the LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship).

PRAYERS—note...at the end of the Service after Communion!

A: Almighty God, merciful Father, breathe the life of your Spirit into your Church, that Christ who dwells in us might set our minds on life and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Renew in us the Spirit of witness and service, that through the preaching of the Gospel many may be raised to new life in Christ and come forth from the night of despair into the light of day. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Pour your Spirit upon those whose faith has dried up, whose confidence in you lies dormant, that they may stand with us and worship you who gives us life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Hear the voice of those who call to you out of the depths. Show them your plenteous redemption. Listen to our supplications for the poor, the sick, the dying, and those we name before you now... [pause for silent or spoken petitions] Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: In Holy Baptism we are joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus and set free from the bondage to sin. Confident in the resurrection from the dead, which was foreshadowed in the raising of Lazarus and made sure for us in the rending of the tomb on Easter morning, we commend to you our blessed dead. We pray in the hope of standing with them in the glory of your unveiled presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks gracious Father for the offering of your Son and the life-giving power of His body and blood. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love and unite the wills of those whom you have fed one heavenly food, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.