

**Oasis Gardens:** Oasis Church has offered Emmanuel 1 or 2 garden plots (10x10) to grow good, healthy, chemical free vegetables or fruits. The garden plots have virgin soil and were composted last fall. Only cost is a donation to help defray tilling. Produce could be harvested and given to Supermarket Saturday. Contact Pastor Dave if you've got a green thumb and like getting your hands in the dirt.

**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, March 18. Our Bible Readings for Lent IV are: Isaiah 42:14-21; Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; and John 9:1-41.

### The Season of Lent

**Saturdays in Lent**—6 pm: Lectionary texts with a liturgy of Word & Sacrament; using portions of LBW & WOV.

**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!

GOAL: To read the entire New Testament as a congregation!

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### **Exodus 17:1-7—Water From The Rock**

1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**Psalm 95—LBW Page 260, Responsively by half-verse.**

### **Romans 5:1-11—Peace With God Through Faith**

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Gospel Reading—John 4:5-42

5 So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: Praise to you O Christ.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**  
**Eve of Lent III—6 pm**

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

### **Thanks for Worshiping with Us!**

Your presence is a gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Join us for fellowship following worship.

### **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. This year, on Wednesday nights during the 40 Days of Lent, our worship will be **Lenten Dramas: "How to be a Disciple"**. On Wednesday, March 26 our Drama is entitled, "On Humility—James the Less and Jude. Pastor Bob Porisch will be offering a Character Sketch on Jude. We will be 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.



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, March 22 at 6 pm  
Lent III Worship
- Tues, March 25  
8 am—Men's Bible  
Study Breakfast
- Wed, March 26 at 6  
pm—Evening Prayer  
and Lenten Dramas  
(Rev. Bob Porisch)
- Sat, Mar. 29 at 6 pm  
Worship—Lent IV  
Emmanuel Lutheran,  
Grafton, IA.—**Choir  
offering gifts of music**
- Sunday, March 30  
Pastor Dave as pulpit  
supply fSouth Zumbro  
Lutheran Church
- Tues, April 22 at 10 am  
Council Meeting

**Closing Prayers for March 22 (Lent III)**—end of Service following Table Blessing of H.C.

A: Lord God, save your Church from faithless words and disobedient deeds. Make it a place where your living water flows, to quench the thirst, heal the hearts, and cleanse the souls of people perishing from the powers of sin, evil and death. Inspire all pastors, bishops, deacons, elders, theologians and teachers to share your holy Word, so that many may hear and come to believe that your Son is indeed the Savior of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We humbly pray on behalf of our sisters and brothers around the world who, in remaining faithful to you, endure suffering we can scarcely comprehend. Fulfill in them, and show to their tormentors as well as to all of us, the truth in the Apostle's words: that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put them to shame, because God's love has been poured into their hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Have mercy on this congregation, dear Lord; do not let it become a place of grumbling or quarreling, but rather a community where we worship you in spirit and in truth; care for one another with gentle and generous hearts; and share the living water of your blessed Son with everyone we know or meet. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Refresh and heal with your Living Water everyone troubled by pain, grief, despair, fear, guilt or confusion. *We pray for {List}*. Give them renewed strength, deep peace, unshakeable hope, & abiding faith in your gracious compassion. 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.**