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But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

The end of the ski racing season is at hand. Although it might not appear to be, it is a grind. Getting up to the mountains three times a week, whether it is sunny and warm or freezing and windy. Yet, there is so much fun. Developing relationships with the kids and their parents. Watching them grow as ski racers and humans. Celebrating their successes and being with them in their struggles. Then it is all over. The final race of the regular season was on Monday and the state championships are next week. Then we will have an awards night and that is it. All that time and effort shared, and we all move on to different things. The underclassmen, we will hopefully see them next year, and new skiers will hopefully join the team. But the seniors are on to other things in the world. The end of the season is both hopeful and sad. In that way, it is a microcosm of life. We are all passing through, and so the story of our faith is one of death and resurrection.

In Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians, he tells them about the constant struggle that he was under as he endeavored to be faithful to Christ. Paul faced many persecutions and hardships from a world that did not understand his faith and sought to force him to turn away from it. In addition, Paul suffered the normal struggles of human life: the death of people he loved, broken relationships, aching joints, cold weather, and sleepless nights. Life was hard for him and his friends. Yet, he could say, "We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." Death, and the resurrected life of Jesus, were there on display in his life.

Paul's story is our story as well. Perhaps not as spectacularly, but when we hold close to Jesus we are always in the process of death and resurrection. This ski season is over, and that is a death, but we always have hope in the resurrection. The same is true in the church, in our relationships with people we love, in our life of faith, death and resurrection is our story for the life of Jesus is on us and in us.

In Christ,

Seth

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD
Tuesday, March 10



All ladies are invited to the guild meeting in Buck Hall on Tuesday, March 10th at noon. Chris Shelton will be baking the potatoes we look forward to each year. Come a little early for some socializing before the meeting. We will be celebrating St. Catherine's Birthday. She was born in March 1347 in Siena, Italy. Wear your green, it's almost St. Patrick's Day!

Sunday, March 15 is the opportunity for all women of the church to bring treats for parishioners and guests to enjoy following the 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour. Your help with cleanup is also appreciated.



Please let Carey know if you plan to attend the meeting so Chris will know how many potatoes to bake. Carey Daly, President (530)277-5970 or jimdaly@comcast.net

JANUARY 2026 FINANCES

January Revenue	35,989.49
January Expenses	37,083.73
January Net	<1,094.24>
Year-To-Date Revenue	35,989.49
Year-To-Date Expenses	37,083.74
Year-To-Date Net	<1,094.24>

CHURCH TREASURER

The Vestry is currently looking for a volunteer church treasurer. Roxanna Parker advised the Vestry that she would be stepping down in this position after 17 years of dedicated service. She is willing to train her replacement.

Please contact Fr. Seth or me if you are interested in this important church position.

Ray Gearheart, Sr. Warden (530) 559-7872
rgearheart1@gmail.com

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

In the near future we will be painting the interior and exterior of Frank Buck Hall, and the exterior of the Lola building. I am working with a fantastic team consisting of Leslie Stutz, Cathy Edger, and Tara Kellermann to sort out the paint colors. Given the historical nature of Lola (Lola Montez), we have been in contact with the Grass Valley City Planner for color guidance. An anonymous donor is sponsoring the cost of this project.

The Men's Group (formerly known as The Men's Club) is sponsoring the replacement of our historical sign. The sign has been completed. I will be working with Kyle Harris to produce an ornate metal post. This sign will be

placed behind the rock monument by the church walkway. Spence Strickley

Note: The name of The Men's Club is changing to the Men's Group. The Men's Club organization was formed in 1945 by Rector Frank Buck.

THE MEN'S GROUP CRAB FEED
March 21st at 5:30 p.m.



The Men's Group at Emmanuel is holding its annual CRAB FEED on March 21st at 5: 30 p.m. in Buck Hall. Everyone is invited for an all-you-can-eat menu of fresh crab with melted butter and cocktail sauce, plus all-you-can-eat mixed green salad, French bread, and all-you-can-eat famous DeRego spaghetti. Beverages and ice cream will also be provided.

The price for adults and anyone over 12 years of age is \$50.00; \$30.00 dollars for ages 6 -11; and free for children 5 and under. If you just want salad and spaghetti the cost for adults and anyone 12 years and over is \$20.00; for ages 6-11 the cost is \$10.00, and free for children 5 and under.

Tickets will be sold in Buck Hall each Sunday following both services thru March 15th. No sales after that date will be accepted as the crab has to be purchased the following day – that gives you only 3 Sundays to purchase your meal. We are limiting the dinner to 75 people, so make sure you don't wait to get your tickets. Invite your friends. They will Thank You!

If you have questions, see Ray Gearheart or email him at rgearheart1@gmail.com

THE MESSENGER HAS GONE ELECTRONIC

From this time forward you will only receive The Messenger monthly newsletter with the Saturday E-News via email from Fr. Seth. You can also find it on the church website at www.emmanuelgv.org. There will be a few printed copies, which can be found in the foyer of Buck Hall, for those who don't have access to the Internet.

If you want to receive information about upcoming events and activities at Emmanuel Church, you need to send your email address and/or corrections to the church office at 530-273-7876 or emmanuelgv@sbcglobal.net.

This change is part of the Vestry's effort to reduce annual expenses in 2026. Emmanuel Church Vestry

If you are new to Emmanuel, fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pews. Drop it in the plate during the offering. You can also phone the church office at 530-273-7876 or send your information through the mail to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 235 South Church Street, Grass Valley CA 95945.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
AND STUDY SERIES
Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

March 5 - A Life of Prayer: A Practical Guide to The Daily Office.

March 19 - The Two Shall Be One Flesh: Marriage and the Church

March 26 - The Life Everlasting: Burial of the Dead

Join us at 5:30 p.m. in Buck Hall for soup followed by the study session. The evening will conclude around 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.



There are two sign-up sheets in Buck Hall. One is for each family who would like to attend so we know how many to plan soup for. The second sign-up sheet is for those who would like to provide soup or bread to serve 10 – 12 people. Find that family recipe and show off your culinary talents! (There are several soup recipes in the 170th Anniversary Cookbook for Breakfast and Lunch. There are only five cookbooks left.)

Please sign up each week for the following Thursday evening. Bring your own mug, soup bowl, and utensils.



The forty days of Lent are of penitence, reconciliation, and prayer. The season grew out of a period of intensive preparation in the fourth-century church for the baptism of new Christians at the Great Vigil of Easter. Other members of the community joined the baptismal candidates during this time of instruction, prayer, and fasting in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Later, Lent became a time when people who had been disciplined for grave sin prepared for their restoration at Easter. By the tenth century, Lent had become a time of personal penitence, symbolized by the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The ashes used to mark a sign of the cross on the foreheads of the faithful are prepared by burning the palm fronds and palm crosses of the previous year's Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion). Today, the imposition of ashes is optional.

Because Lent is a time of austerity, it is customary in some parishes to do without flowers during the season; to cover statuary, pictures, and brass crosses with unbleached or rough cloth; and to replace brass crosses with wood. However, since the forty days of Lent do not include the six Sundays, some churches feel that the use of flowers on those Sundays is appropriate, especially on the fourth Sunday, when some parishes celebrate Mothering Sunday.

The collects, prayers, and prefaces for Lent exhort the faithful to ask God for forgiveness, to follow Jesus' example of prayer and fasting, and to renew their lives in the paschal mystery. The feasts of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation (March 25, Lady Day) are the only ones celebrated in Lent, and they do not take precedence over Sunday. If they fall on a Sunday, they are transferred to the preceding Saturday, or to a day in the preceding week. If the Annunciation falls in Holy Week, it is transferred to the week after Easter. Some parishes may celebrate Passion Sunday on the fifth Sunday in Lent and may veil the processional and the altar crosses until Maundy Thursday. - *The Sanctuary, Preparing the Church for Worship*

Remember that everyone you meet wears an invisible sign. It reads, "Notice me. Make me feel important."

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The new members luncheon was well attended on February 22nd. I was impressed that most of them were open to getting involved with the church, and several people are already involved with projects helping Emmanuel spread Gods Word. Please take the time to introduce yourself to people you may not know yet and make everyone feel comfortable. We are blessed to have a friendly church. Ray Gearheart, Senior Warden

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

We meet every Tuesday in St. Cecilia's room at 1 p.m. There is no need to call to confirm that you are coming, just show up. If no one arrives by 1:15, we will close the church.

If you have questions, please call Paula di Giorgis at 530-274-9839 or Carol Fegté at 530-432-0659. We hope to see you on Tuesdays.

ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty people gathered together in Frank Buck Hall to receive the 2025 Annual Report, hear from the Treasurer and Parish Organizations, and elect new members of the Vestry, Convention Delegates, and Alternate Delegates.

Going off the Vestry were Toni DeRego, Cathy Edger, and Al Lehmkuhl. Newly elected were Barbara Boyer, Sandra Spargo, and Roy Tremoureux. Convention Delegates include Senior Warden, Ray Gearheart, Junior Warden, Spence Strickley, Barbara Boyer, Sandra Spargo, Carol Fegté, and Cynthia Strickley. Alternate Delegates are Kathi Olson and Jim Daly. This year the Convention will be online. If you would like to view the Convention, you are welcome to

come to Buck Hall on October 24, when it can be seen online. More information will follow nearer that date.

Fr. Seth remarked on the tremendous blessing Deacon Karen Hoida has been for both himself and for Emmanuel, and with her husband, Todd Hoida “have transformed our worship and service by their presence.”

He also mentioned Debbie Thaten, Church Secretary, who has faithfully served Emmanuel for 20 years, keeps all the financial data up-to-date, and has adapted to many changes through the years. Of Geoff, our Sexton, Fr. Seth said that he does a wonderful job keeping the Church and fellowship hall tidy and clean.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 04 Cassandra Welborne | 23 Gerald DeRego |
| 06 Shirley Racine | 23 Keith Edger |
| 10 Ed Scofield | 24 C.H. Lennon |
| 11 Millie Beatie | 26 Chris Stafford |
| 12 Gretchen Corbin | 27 Samantha Stehmeyer |
| 13 Carl McCosker | |

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 04 Cherie Harter | 14 JoAnn Lehmkuhl |
| 05 Linda Schafer | 22 Greg Ouligian |
| 05 Carol Campbell | 24 Parker White |
| 05 Mark Parker | 24 Anita Magazzu |
| 09 Carey Daly | 30 Bob Stutz |
| 09 Sally Knutson | |

On your birthday, send your mom a thank-you card.

If you and members of your family would like to see your names printed in the monthly newsletter on your birthday, please send Debbie, our church secretary, the name, date, and year of each birthday. The year is not published, but Debbie needs it to be able to enter your birthdate into her computer program.

You can also send her your names, the date, and year of your wedding anniversary.

Debbie can be reached at 530-273-7876 on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. or email emmanuelgv@sbcglobal.net.

ATTENTION SPD MARKET SHOPPERS



If you would like to participate in the program that pays Emmanuel Church 3% for most purchases, just fill out a short form and hand it to the cashier at either SPD Market. They will provide you with a Community Card. All you have to do is have the cashier scan the card each time you shop at the Grass Valley or Nevada City SPD Market. You may also just give them your phone number.

Your information is in their file so you don't need to present your card. Just type in your phone number.

The short forms are available at the Connect Center table in Buck Hall or you can get a form from the SPD Market cashier. If you have questions, please contact me, Spence Strickley at 530-205-0937 or email me at srstric14@gmail.com.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME



Worship

Coffee and Fellowship Hour is a time enjoyed by all parishioners. There is a coffee hour after the 8:00 o'clock service and a coffee hour after the 10:00 o'clock service in Buck Hall with lots of goodies to enjoy. If you would like to participate, there is a list of group leaders and their phone numbers on the bulletin board in Buck Hall. Just give them a call. Or, if you are interested in starting your own group, please call Adrienne Ybarrondo at 530-913-1773 for the 8:00 a.m. service and Pam Hall at 530-305-0569 for the 10:00 a.m. service. Thank you.

If you are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, or other special event that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners, you are welcome to bring a cake, cupcakes, or other item to share at the Fellowship hour following the service that you attend.



SPONSOR THE ALTAR FLOWERS



Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up that you would like to celebrate by donating to the flowers which grace the altar on Sundays? Our Flower Ministry is committed to presenting beautiful bouquets each Sunday and they are funded by the donations which we make to sponsor flowers for each Sunday.

If you would like to sign up to have a loved one or a special event remembered in the church bulletin made visible with flowers, the sign-up sheet is on the wall in Frank Buck Hall. Choose your special date. The suggested donation is \$35 but you are welcome to offer more if you like. The additional money does not make a larger bouquet, but it helps to fill any empty days. A check should be made out to Emmanuel Church with Flower Guild written on the Memo Line. It can be put in the offering plate, online giving, or dropped off at the church office. Contact the church office (530-273-7876) with any questions or to sign up remotely. Thank you! - The Flower Guild.

Take time to smell the roses.