



Emmanuel's Voice

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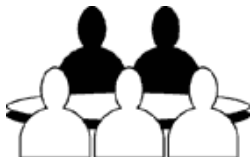
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Greetings from your Church Council:

Over the past month, I often find myself thinking of this period of our church's life as being, "on our own." But God has shown me the silliness of this notion. As I searched for supply pastors to serve us on Sundays, Pastor Beck at the Synod provided me several candidates to contact. Pastor Lor, dean of our church's cluster, and Pastor Buland, who has graciously agreed to lead us for many Sundays this summer, volunteered to be available for any pastoral emergencies that may arise. My fellow Council members have continued to perform their duties, and Christina has taken on additional responsibilities in the office. Valerie has seamlessly worked with several pastors to direct our musical worship. The Call Committee has put in even more hours with the start of candidate interviews for our permanent pastor. And of course, each of you has contributed your prayers and service to the ongoing missions of Emmanuel. We have also been rewarded with the blessings of Andrew Chavanak's ordination this past Sunday, and the upcoming baptisms next Sunday. Our life in Christ is as rich and full as it has ever been. With God walking with us, we are never, "on our own."

Darin D. Page
Council Vice President

Council Highlights



May 10, 2011
7:41 p.m.

Present: Ed Kotajarvi, Cindy Moilanen, Pat Ochodnicki, Richard Bergstrom, Darin

Page, Harriet Demorest, Comique People, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: No one.

Guests: Christina Wardell, church secretary and Ray Mitchell, from Ricoh Copiers.

Opening

Opening prayers were offered.

Presentation by Ray Mitchell of Ricoh Copiers

Emmanuel currently uses a small copier, which we own, and a leased Ricoh duplicator, used for the larger printing jobs, the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter. We have no service agreement on either machine. The duplicator has not needed any repairs during the lease; the copier is not working very well and is in need of expensive repairs. The five year lease for the duplicator is at an end. Neither prints color copies.

- Mr. Mitchell presented three proposals involving a new, color copier which would replace both our copier and duplicator or just duplicator replacement with newer, more advanced models. The new leases can come with or without service contracts which also provided toner and other such supplies.
- With Christina's help, providing the number of copies needed monthly, it was determined that the advanced copier alone would significantly increase printing costs and would not supply enough copies on a monthly basis under the service contract quantity limitations.
- The upscale duplicators had some nice features that would help Christina but cost

more than our current monthly duplicator lease and did not solve the problem of our failing copier.

- It was suggested that a newer computer color printer-copier could replace our current copier, and although it would copy slower, would provide color copies and would interface with the church computer. They are inexpensively priced and Darin said he would pick one up at Sam's Club. Christina mentioned that husband Ed had just sold an extra printer that Emmanuel owned on E-bay and the sale would be enough to cover the cost of the new printer.
- Mr. Mitchell was asked if a new model of our current duplicator was available and he said it was, that it was older technology and the new lease would be less than the old lease because of that. Also the newer Ricoh DX3343 models will interface with the church's computer, which our older version did not do. This will save Christina time and may eliminate the need for and the cost of the duplicator master sheets we currently use.
- Motion made to buy a printer-copier at Sam's Club and lease a replacement Ricoh DX3343 duplicator, with the option of a service agreement to be determined by the time the lease is signed-seconded-passed.

Vice President's Report

Discussion on the exit interview with Pastor Hudson. Discussion on obtaining a new supply pastor; the Synod has candidates readily available for long term supply. Interviews for a permanent pastor will start soon.

Christian Education

- Holly obtained Confirmation Crosses for the girls being confirmed from Thrivent.
- Andrew and Katie Chavanak will graduate on May 13th from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. Andrew will

be a rostered clergyman with a Master of Divinity degree while Katie received a Master of Arts in Religion degree. On May 8th, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fall City, Nebraska voted to extend a call to Andrew as their new pastor. His ordination should be held at Emmanuel in June or July.

Property Committee.

- River Rock quoted a price of \$1,056 for power washing, repair, and sealing the front steps. Motion to accept their proposal-seconded-passed. Cost will be paid from Capital Improvement funds.
- Leaks from recent heavy rains are being investigated and we will work with the roofing contractor to fix the problem.
- The stained glass repair company will start soon to repair the rest of our damaged windows.
- A new shackle and padlock was installed on the louvered doors on the storage area under the porch to the pastor's office to secure Emmanuel Community Garden equipment.

Outreach.

- Fifth Sunday in May-Memorial Day Weekend, we will be collecting donations for our missionary. Our missionary, Barbara Roberts, will be here August 14th for a visit.
- Committee will be looking into developing a monthly volunteer program for outreach.
- The purse collection Comique started to help teen girls being processed through social services is going through the purses as fast as they are received. She will make a list of other small items that can be donated that these girls can use.
- A motion made to donate \$75.00 to CROP from the funds being donated to Emmanuel from Thrivent-seconded-passed.

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Unfinished Business

- A new pictorial directory will wait until we have a new pastor.
- A motion made to accept Leo LeBron, IV as a new member-seconded-passed.

New Business

Darin and Harriet will stand for re-election to council; one new member will be needed.

For the Good of the Church

Thanks offered to Richard Chavanak for his six years service on church council.

Adjournment and prayer 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chavanak
Council Secretary

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July Birthdays



Please note that July's Birthday Sunday will be on July 24, 2011. If you have a birthday in July, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **DONALD PAGE** from John and Cindy Moilanen. The family has designated memorials to the restoration of the sanctuary stained glass windows.

Jill Bergstrom
Memorial Fund Committee

Annie Mary Perry Dixon June 29, 1942 + June 17, 2011

(Picture from Emmanuel Pictorial Directory 25th Anniversary Edition 1978)

Annie Dixon was a member of our church from April 3, 1977 until January, 1980. Her funeral was on Friday, June 24, 2011 at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 5 Mile Road in Redford Township. Annie was married to Leonard Dixon Sr. She is survived by 3 children. They are: Joseph Perry, Leonard Dixon, Jr. and Renita Dixon. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.



Emmanuel Crafters

The next meeting of the Emmanuel Crafters Group will be after worship on July 24th. Well, we realize summer is here and LaDonn People has already led us through a whole school year of crafts meetings. We meet once a month after worship to learn knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cake decorating and many more crafts. Our vision and inspiration is "God's Work, our hands" and our meetings are filled with teaching, learning, encouragement and support of each other and also plenty of sharing and laughter. Many of the things we are making are lovingly given away to people all around us to help them know how special they are to God, that He loves them so much, and how much we care and pray for them.

Vacation Bible School

The following is the theme song for the August Vacation Bible School which will be at Emmanuel.

Nothing is Impossible

Written by Jon Pierre & Christopher Lowe

Sometimes we limit
 What we think we can do
 But if we take a minute
 We can seek the truth
 In God's Word we can see
 Jesus died for you and me
 Now we are His people
 Nothing is impossible

Pre-chorus:

Truth Seekers! Reach for the sky!
 There's no limit
 Here's why!

Chorus:

Impossible is nothing
 And nothing is impossible
 Hey! For My God
 Hey! For My God
 Hey! For My God
 Hey! For My God

At our meeting on July 24th, we will continue working on our projects but also swap ideas for creating bookmarks to be given to the Vacation Bible School students in August. Please join us if you can.



CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, May 1

Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk takes a stand on Water issues

by Bob Barnhart, Director of the Michigan Church
World Service/CROP

"Imagine, after paying your water bill so that you can have clean, healthy tap water, you find out that a large company like Pepsi or Nestle has set up a factory in Detroit and is pumping our water for free to manufacture bottled water for profit. It hasn't happened here yet, but it's happening in other cities in the U.S. (including along the shores of Lake Michigan) and around the globe." Thus begins the e-mail message to church recruiters and other CROP Hunger Walk participants from Barb Klimkowski, Publicity Chair, for the Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk. She chose to not just comment on the situation but to encourage a thoughtful response during the May 1 CROP Hunger Walk in these communities.

She continues, "Please let your walkers know that this year we are asking people to bring their own re-usable water bottles, canteens, etc. We will supply the water (city tap). Also, if you have folks at your church who have extra re-usable water bottles, we would appreciate having those for people who show up without a vessel for the

walk." She states, "I have been walking in the Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk for several years now. In the past we have provided our walkers with water in bottles -

- disposable PETE1 bottles -- which, according to the documentary 'Tapped' are detrimental to people and the environment. Corporate sale of our tap water and the extreme proliferation of plastic bottles are social justice issues -- the very reason why we hold these Walks."

The Walk had nearly 80 Walkers, many with their own water bottles and others borrowing the ones donated by participants. Most agreed it was a worthwhile response to the issues. The CROP Hunger Walk, lead by coordinators, Sharon Hall and Jane Kemppainen is expected to raise \$8,000

Note: *Actually we did not quite make the projected amount of \$8,000 that Bob mentioned in the above article. Harriet Demorest, this year's CROP Hunger Walk treasurer, reports that Emmanuel raised \$2,516.50; Peace Lutheran, \$822; First Baptist of Detroit, \$864; Hope United Methodist, \$446; Community Congregational, \$2,149; St. David Episcopal, \$395; Covenant Presbyterian, \$538, and Seventh Day Adventist, \$160. The total amount raised was \$7,890.50. Emmanuel had 26 walkers participate. We can be pleased with our level, again this year, of commitment and involvement with this ecumenical mission and the results that garnered from our passion (walkers and all those who pledged) to alleviate hunger and poverty in the world and in our own*

community. 25% of the funds raised are going to the Southfield Emergency Food Program, Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels.

Sharon Hall, who is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church marked her 16th year as Co-coordinator of the Southfield-Lathrup CHW. She stands alongside Louis Samuel, Recruiter for Hope United Methodist Church. Both churches are in Southfield. This CROP Hunger Walk has raised over



\$240,000 in its 30 years. Congratulations on another great effort in 2011!

Photo: Bob Barnhart/CWS



These energetic women of Southfield walked together for the 30th Annual Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk. Some carried reusable water bottles in recognition of the some 1 billion people in the world who lack access to fresh, clean water. They also were showing their concern for the environment by not using over-priced, corporately privatized, oil-consuming plastic, single-use water bottles. (pictured l to r – Twighla Juszak, Johnnie Sprewell, Jamie Reiger, Donna Mitts)

Photo: Bob Barnhart/CWS



Please Welcome the Newly Elected Bishop of the SE MI Synod, ELCA, The Reverend Donald Kreiss

Prior to becoming our new Bishop, the Reverend Donald Perry Kreiss was the Senior Pastor at Congregation Membership: Antioch Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills.

Rev. Kreiss was born on January 21, 1961 and ordained on July 19, 1992

Previous Positions: Associate Pastor, Antioch Lutheran Church 1997-98
Pastor, King of Glory Lutheran Church, Flushing, 1992-97

Education and Earned Degrees:

D.Min. in Preaching, LSTC 2007

M.Div., LSTC 1992

M.Sc., University of Edinburgh, UK, 1984

B.A., Northwestern University, 1983

Current or past synodical or churchwide activities:

a) Dean of Livingston cluster 2009-present

b) Internship Supervisor 1999-present

c) Member and past president LSTC Alumni Board 1997-present

Current or past community-related activities:

a) Member of Farmington Area Interfaith Association

b) Member of "Proud Dads Club" of Warner and Dunckel Schools

Rev. Kreiss is married to Kristin Slocum Kreiss and they have two children: Kate, age 13; and Perry, age 11.



Ordination of Andrew Vincent Chavanak

Sunday, June 19 was not only Father's Day, but a very special day in our congregation. We have all watched Andrew Chavanak grow up in our church and have prayed for him as he answered the Call and attended seminary. We rejoiced with him when we learned of his graduation with honors on May 13th from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with a Master of Divinity degree and when we learned that St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fall City, Nebraska extended a call to him on May 8th. It was not surprising that we had 105 people in attendance on June 19th at 1 p.m. to witness his ordination. Interim Bishop Kenneth Olsen did the honors of officially ordaining him as Pastor Andrew Vincent Chavanak.

Andrew writes:

My family and I cannot thank you all enough for all your love and support over the years. It was truly an honor and a great joy to be able to worship with my home congregation and to celebrate my ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament with people I love so dearly. The people of Emmanuel will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as you navigate this time of transition. We pray that you will be comforted and guided by God's Holy Spirit as you seek to move forward in mission and ministry in service to God and to the world.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Andrew V. Chavanak

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA
Falls City, Nebraska

Emmanuel Community Farm

The first ripe strawberries for this season were picked at the Farm Wednesday, June 8th.

For those of you who were wondering who this volunteer is who keeps sending you progress report pictures of the Farm, Darcy took some pictures using her telephone camera and e-mailed them to me and now I'm e-mailing one to you. This is me with my hat or maybe my hat with me, but notice most carefully the strawberries which looked the sweetest and ripest you can get, much better than from the grocery store. Jon immediately drove the strawberries and some lettuce from our companion Southfield garden at St. David's to Forgotten Harvest and they were able to be on the table of some very deserving family that very evening. There are lots more strawberries to pick out there as they ripen.

Farm hours are Wednesday's 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons 1:00 to 4:00. The Farm will be closed on Sunday, June 26 as the Southfield Parks and Garden Club is having a garden walk.

Happy gardening to all of you.

Sharon Hall



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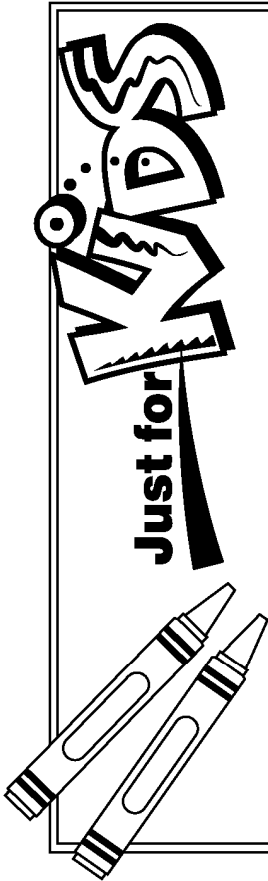
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 26 2 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	June 27 Bible Study 7 pm	June 28	June 29 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	June 30	1	2 Men's Breakfast at Stackertz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
3 3 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	4 Office Closed No Bible Study	5	6 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	7	8 Youth night 6:30 pm	9 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
10 4 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	11 Bible Study 7 pm	12 Call Committee 7 pm Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	14	15	16 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
17 5 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	18 Bible Study 7 pm	19	20 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	21	22	23 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
24 6 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Crafters Meeting 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	25 Bible Study 7 pm	26	27 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	28	29	30 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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Sunday Servants • July 2011

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Day	3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6
Readings	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
Presiding	Pastor Rod Buland				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Darin Page	Pewu Bah-deh	Richard Chavanak	Sharon Hall	Christina Wardell
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantor	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski	Donna Page	Youth Choir
Ushers Roger Demorest	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnicki Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Jennifer Wardell Morgan Jones Brittnay Jones Rhionna Nichols	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Sandra Bryant Comique People	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters	Gerry Henze	Wardell Family	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Ed Gilbert	Dolores Ward
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Morgan Jones Troiana Childrev	Lisa Jones Lorpu Johnson	Jennifer Wardell Brittnay Jones	Maria Wardell Rhionna Nichols
Altar Care	Sharon Hall, Janet Kotajarvi, and Maria Wardell				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Darin Page Donna Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	July Birthdays	Volunteers needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell				

If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.

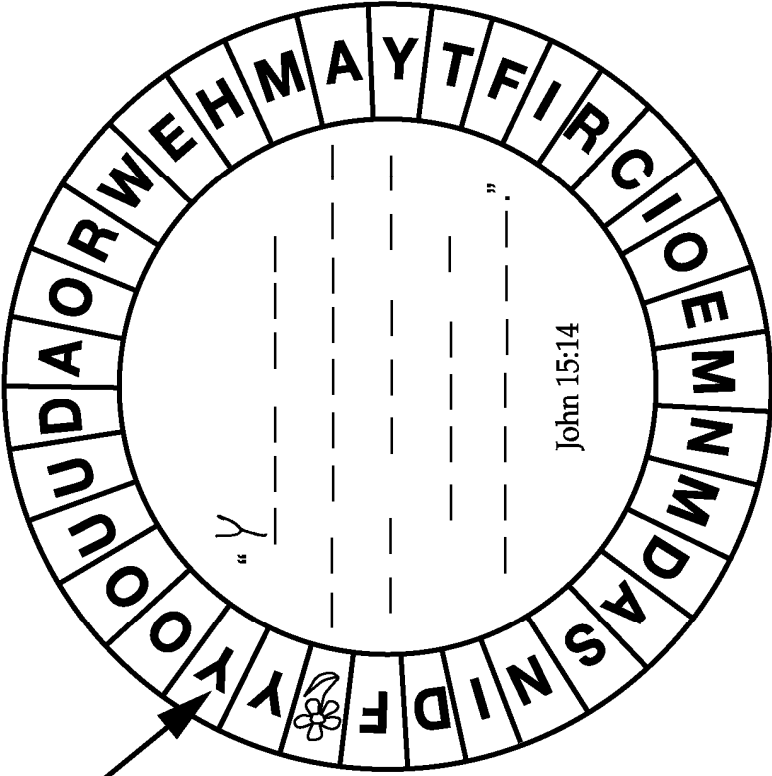


Just for Kids

Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,
write every other letter on the spaces below.



John 15:14

"Y _____"

Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings 7:00 p.m.

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