



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

*"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"
(Psalm 106:1).*

June 27 of this year marks my fourth year in being your pastor. I remember my first day, the installation service weeks after and the rich hospitality you afforded me. Know that hospitality continues and I thank the Lord, our God, for allowing me to serve you!

There is a gospel song entitled "We've Come This Far by Faith." We have leaned upon the Lord and trusted God's holy Word. Truly, God has never failed us! I pray that we will always thank and praise the Lord for the mighty things God has done. Let us remain steadfast in our faith and continue our pilgrimage journey in hospitality and service to others. As we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, let us continue to proclaim that Good News in word and deed to others so they too may experience the freedom in Christ Jesus through Holy Spirit power!

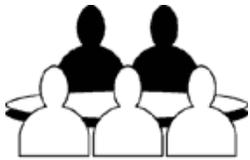
In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul affirms and celebrates the ministry that the community in Philippi is undertaking. With joy Paul writes to them and expresses his confidence that their proclamation of the Good News will be fulfilled: ***"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"*** (Philippians 1:4-6).

God is doing a good work within us, and will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Praise the Lord! May we celebrate our life together in praise and thanksgiving to God.

My love is with you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Dave

Council Highlights



May 12, 2009

7:12 p.m.

Present: Pastor Maddox,
Cindy Moilanen, Harriet
Demorest, Barbara
Klimkowski, Pat

Ochodnicky, Darin Page and Richard Chavanak.
Absent: Kokulo Kaazaku.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study from Acts 11:19-29.

Vice-President's Report

- Pasty Bake of May 9 & 10 raised \$790 to date, with some money still to be collected.
- We will hold a Table Top Sale in the fellowship hall through Labor Day. No clothing to be included with this sale. Proceeds to be used to ship clothing to Liberia.

Pastor's Report

- Vacation changed from 5/28 to 6/01 to 5/22 to 5/26.
- Pastoral acts for April presented.

Christian Education

- End of the Year Party for Sunday School will be May 10th.
- A Sunday School wrap-up meeting will be on May 31st. Week of May 17th will be the last week for bible study.
- Book of Faith Initiative on ways to study the bible will be at 7:00PM Mondays on June 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.
- July and August will have study in scripture through film, dates to be announced.

Worship and Music

Meeting not held-will reschedule, date to be announced.

Property

There was a broken pipe in the parsonage-it was repaired and the sink garbage disposal and drain replaced-cost was about \$650.

Adjournment and prayer: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Chavanak
Council Secretary



Arlene Moilanen has moved to 1500 Lucerne Avenue, Apt. 502, Lake Worth, FL 33460. Her phone number is: (561) 547-5289.

Naomi Millan has moved to 1725 W. Glenlake Ave, Apt. 3W, Chicago, IL 60660.



a Birthday!

Please note that July's Birthday Sunday will be on July 26, 2009. If you have a birthday in July, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

Helen Gilbert

December 19, 1926 - June 11, 2009

Beloved wife of Ed for 62 years. Dear mother of Brian. Loving grandmother of Jamie and Brandon. Dearest sister of Allan (Linda) Tuomaala and the late Allie Lindstrom.

Memorial Service Friday, June 26th,



11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. David O. Maddox, II, presiding.

First Sunday Fellowship Hour

Simone Weil, a twentieth century theologian, once said the only real question to be asked of another is "What are you going through?"

Bob Barnhart comes to Southfield twice a year and asks "What are you going through?" and we tell him we are concerned about people going hungry here in our own community and in the world. And Bob works with us to organize our Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk. But the nature of the question "What are you going through?" brings into play a necessary response which is much, much more than a handout. "Church World Service helps create pockets of education and innovation, enterprise and collaboration, powered by local ingenuity and nurtured by the self-respect that inevitably flows from it. Creative initiatives by impoverished people are making a difference. If we work together, we can build a world that works for all."

Jesus says in Matthew 6:28 "See the lilies of the field, how they grow." In the Farm one day, Jon Adams, our leader and organizer and teacher made the remark, "Think like a plant." The Emmanuel Community Farm is also a pocket of education and innovation, enterprise and collaboration, powered by local ingenuity and nurtured by the self-respect that inevitably flows from it. Traditional dairy farmers know that "you have to get back to the nature of the

cow. You have to observe her, and she'll tell you what she needs."

The theme for first Sunday Fellowship Hour is freedom: fair-trade coffee, tea and other foods, dairy products from cows who range freely in pastures, desserts made from cage-free eggs, vegetables grown on local family farms.

In Bible study last year, we read in Exodus 3:2 "There the angel of the LORD appeared to him (Moses) in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." We have a Euonymus Alatus (burning bush) in the Peace Garden. In the fall, it will be gloriously and wonderfully red. We give thanks to God for everything that is going on to free us and all of His creation from exploitation and oppression. We give thanks to God for good government. Happy 4th of July weekend.

Peace,
Sharon K. Hall



Jennifer Wardell playing her clarinet, accompanied by Jody Doktor on the piano, during offertory at Harrison Ross Solum's Baptism.

Harrison Ross Solum Baptized on June 14

Harrison Ross Solum, son of John and Marie Solum was baptized at Emmanuel on June 14. John and Marie were married in Emmanuel on October 18, 2002. Harrison's godparent's are Audrey and Dominick Pallone.

Men's Breakfast Cancelled

The Men's breakfast scheduled for Saturday, July 4 is cancelled since Stackerz Deli is closed for the holiday.



John Bodnar's 90th Birthday

Jill Bergstrom wishes to thank all those who so generously contributed to the success of the wonderful birthday luncheon for JOHN BODNAR.

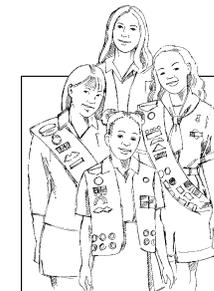
Things moved along so quickly there wasn't an opportunity for Dick to read his tribute for John's stewardship over many years. It's included - better late than never.

What does one say to adequately express Birthday Wishes for our friend John Bodnar? For here is a

man who has never failed to respond to the needs of his family, country, community, employer or his church. One can scarcely walk a few steps in this building without seeing evidence of John's commitment to Emmanuel. If it's here, John, quietly on his own, or working with others, has nailed it, washed it, planted it, trimmed it, sharpened it, sawed it, polished it, mowed it, pruned it, decorated it, glued it, peeled it, rolled it, baked it, mopped it, drained it, shoveled it, vacuumed it, plunged it, or lit it. All of this, of course, to the greater glory of God! Talk about toiling in the vineyard!

So it is fitting that we say thank you to John, on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, and wish him many more birthdays to come. And, it is appropriate to say "thank you", as well, to Mrs. Bodnar, not the one who born him, but the one who tolerates him!

Happy Birthday, John!



Girl Scouts Silver Award Project Update

Thank you for the items donated so far to Maria Wardell's project. Maria still needs more cloth, thread, sewing needles, and quilt stuffing for making baby quilts for the Detroit Children's Hospital. She hopes to have the actual Textile Arts Interest Project workshop on Saturday, August 22.

Additional items needed are embroidery thread, embroidery hoops, and embroidery needles, so the girls can make a small keepsake for themselves. Sewing machines and irons will be needed for the day of the workshop and will be returned after the workshop is over. Please label these items with your name. If anyone knows someone who can speak to the girls about careers in sewing, please let Maria know. We could also use a few volunteers on Saturday, August 22 who would help supervise.

Bible Study in Summer!

June 29th will mark the end of our five week course in exploring approaches to studying the Bible (Book of Faith Initiative). Don't be dismayed ... another study is just around the corner.

Each Monday from July 13th through August 17th at 7:00 p.m., we will study God's Word through film! Come and join the conversation.

A Lutheran's Faith Remains Steadfast After Tragic Accident (from ELCA.org website)

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Diana Luscombe spent the past two years being angry with God. "God and I have a rapport where I can yell. And I feel like God says, 'Bring it on.'"

About two years ago Luscombe and her husband Mark, along with their 3-week old son and 22-month old daughter, were on their way to a church youth event.

Luscombe was driving when the car veered off and hit a concrete median, causing the car to ricochet and roll three times landing on its roof. Their daughter's car window was the only one not broken. While her husband and children were not hurt, Luscombe broke her neck.

Luscombe spent the next two weeks in an induced coma at a trauma hospital. "When I woke up, I was paralyzed from my shoulders down. I was also on a ventilator and had a tracheotomy," she said.

Ensnared in a new reality she didn't understand, Luscombe's faith remained steadfast. Luscombe is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in the process of joining St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Camillus, N.Y.

An occupational therapist once told her, "Your worst day is your worst day. God finds you in that day and lifts you up." After a month in the trauma hospital, Luscombe moved to another hospital in Philadelphia

for rehabilitation. Doctors were uncertain how much mobility she could regain.

"I learned how to feed myself, brush my teeth, hold a cup and regain control of my abdomen and lower back to keep myself from tipping when I sit," Luscombe said. Her goal is to be able to walk again, despite some doctors' prognosis. Defying the odds, she walked 62 feet, rested, and walked another 62 feet with a walker this past May.

Luscombe attributes her survival and rehabilitation successes to the prayers and support from family and "people around the world."

"I am here because of the people who've supported me. We need to be able to turn to each other and be strong for one another," she said. "I don't want to be going through this for nothing. My prayer is that other people will benefit from my experience, hopefully take away some hope or strength and know that it's okay to be angry, sad and frustrated and still be faithful."

In addition to prayer and support to help carry her through therapy, Luscombe discovered a hidden talent -- painting.

"At the hospital I met Lori, an art therapist, who invited me one day to the greenhouse for art. I had resisted, since I've never been an artist, but I went anyway," said Luscombe. With the use of a "U-cuff," Luscombe was able to hold a paint brush. Her art has been displayed in a variety of places.

"I found that painting was very freeing. It gave me a way to express myself, to get out some of what I felt was locked inside. I tend to paint things related to nature. Painting is a way to reconnect with the natural world, since I was out of commission for six months."

Regaining the use of her hands and arms also allows Luscombe to hug her children. "I wasn't sure if I would be able to hold my children. But since arriving home, I can hug and squeeze them," she said.

Luscombe also became the first diaconal minister in the ELCA Upstate New York Synod, beginning service as director of youth and family ministry at St.

Michael's. A diaconal minister is a professional lay leader in the ELCA.

The Rev. Marie C. Jerge, bishop, ELCA Upstate New York Synod, Camillus, presided over Luscombe's consecration in May. "I felt like I was participating in a miracle," she said. "Diana is a sign of hope. There's so much negative news in the world today that we're constantly looking for signs of hope. Diana is that hope for me and the church. Her determination, faith and ability to accept what has happened and turning to God to ask how she might serve God in these new circumstances ... is a miraculous sign of hope."

Luscombe and her husband graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., in 2004. The Rev. Mark R. Luscombe is pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Skaneateles, N.Y. As she continues to live a life full of hope since the accident, Luscombe still asks a lot of "why" questions. "We just had a baby, Mark settled into a new call at a church, and it just seemed that life was on a good path," she said.

"Then one day I started asking 'how' questions," Luscombe said. "How can I be a good mother? How can I be a good servant? How can I minister to others from the place where I am now? I definitely still have lots of 'why' days, but I have a lot more 'how' questions now. And I think, that's okay, it's healthy."

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July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 28 5 Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Birthday Sunday Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	June 29 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m.	June 30 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	July 1 AA Meeting 8:30 pm	July 2	July 3	July 4 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
5 6 Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	6 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m.	7 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	8 AA Meeting 8:30 pm	9	10 Youth Group 6:30 pm	11 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
12 7 Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	13 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	14 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	15 AA Meeting 8:30 pm	16	17	18 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
19 8 Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	20 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	21 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22 AA Meeting 8:30 pm	23 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	24	25 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
26 9 Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	27 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	28 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	29 AA Meeting 8:30 pm	30	31	August 1 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • July 2009

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Day	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost	8 Pentecost
Color	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
Readings	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Sharon Hall	Maggie Vore	Kokulo Kaazaku	Pat Ochodnický
Director of Music	Jody Doktor			
Cantors	Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Bob and Shirley Erickson	The Wardell Family	Sharon and Jerry Hall	Margaret Vore and Pat Ochodnický
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Brittnay and Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones	Maria Wardell Lorpu Johnson
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Tracee Robinson and Darin Page			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Tracee Robinson Darin and Donna Page	Tracee Robinson Darin and Donna Page	Bruce and Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Bruce and Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi Shirley Pulley	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	July Birthdays
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell		
Flowers Sharon Hall	Sharon and Jerry Hall			
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.



A Biblical Picnic

In the warm weather months we like to go on picnics. What do you pack in your picnic basket? If you lived in Bible times, what do you think you might have packed?

Below are the names of some people in the Bible. Use the code to find out what each person may have taken on a picnic. Look up the verses to read more about each person.

Code: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
 S T U V W X Y Z
 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

1. Saul 16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19 (1 Samuel 14:2)
2. Jonathan 8 15 14 5 25 (1 Samuel 14:29)
3. Eve 6 18 21 9 20 (Genesis 3:6)
4. Daniel and friends 22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19 (Daniel 1:12-16)
5. John the Baptist 12 15 3 21 19 20 19 (Matthew 3:4)
6. The 5,000 people 12 15 1 22 5 19 & 6 9 19 8 (Matthew 14:17)
7. Israelites in Egypt 3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19 (Numbers 11:5)
8. Esau 19 20 5 23 (Genesis 25:34)
9. Isaac 23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5 (Genesis 25:28)
10. Ruth 7 18 1 9 14 (Ruth 2:1-4)

Answers: pomegranates, honey, fruit, vegetables, locusts, leaves & fish, cucumbers, stew, wild game, grain

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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