

Emmanuel's Voice

The Newsletter of Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WHO WE ARE

Ministers of Emmanuel Lutheran Church ... All members and friends of Emmanuel

Pastor ... Rev. Jacqueline Rau

Music Director ... Valerie Felder

Office Staff ... Christina Wardell

Custodian ... Paul Zetye

Council Members:
Jambres Maximore
Comique People
Ed Kotajarvi
Barb Laho
Holly Wendt
Jerry Hall

From Our Pastor:

Having just come off the beautiful Memorial Day weekend, I realize how refreshed and energized I feel starting off this new week and new “season” of the year! It does feel good doesn’t it- the warm air and the flowers in bloom are wonderful but I think a lot of it is simply the change from one season to another. It fills us, nourishes us, for the many tasks of the months to come.

We have been looking at the different elements of worship the past couple of newsletters and this newsletter I want to focus on Holy Communion. The bible gives us lots of different images of what communion stands for. It is the remembrance of Jesus’ sacrifice for us. It is the foretaste of the feast to come. It is a sharing. The word “communion” comes from the KJV and is a translation of the Greek word for “sharing.” The root of the word is “communis” which means “participation by all.” It is supposed to bring everyone together as one body - everyone - rich and poor, educated and uneducated, Finnish and Liberian, slave or free. It is not just a gathering though, it is a gathering with a purpose. Jesus never gathered people without a purpose, he did it with one goal in mind; to send them out into the world. To send them out into the world to help those in need. In that sense it also serves to nourish us to go out and serve others.

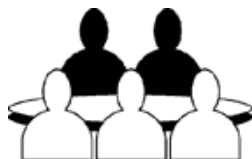
Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest and author, once wrote “Dear Lord...if I recognize you in the sacrament of the Eucharist, I must also be able to recognize you in the many hungry men, women and children in the world. If I cannot translate my faith in your presence under the appearance of bread and wine into action for the world, I am still an unbeliever.” As we participate in the Holy Communion, may we be able to experience it in this way!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor

Jackie

Council Highlights



April 5, 2014
10:09 a.m.

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Ed Kotajarvi, Jambres

Maximore, Barb Laho, Comique People, Pat Ochodnický and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

Opening

Meeting opened with prayer. Pat Ochodnický led a discussion and provided material for a Church Harassment Policy.

President

Search continues for replacement members of the council.

Pastor

- Average attendance for the first quarter of 2014 is 61.
- Pastor has her 1st call theological meeting in Indiana May 4 – May 6.
- Pastor will be on vacation the week after Easter, Donna Page will be the leading the prayer service on April 27.

Education

VBS meeting scheduled for 4/6/14.

Worship & Music

- Pastor working on the skit for Palm Sunday. Enough parishioners have volunteered.
- There has been an average of 15 attendees to the Lenten services.
- Maundy Thursday service will begin on 7:30 p.m. on 4/17/2014.

Property

- Sound system upgrade is still being pursued.
- Temporary roof repair is being done.

Outreach

- Pastor is considering a speaker for the youth program;
- Responses still being received from Outreach survey;
- Malaria Campaign – Motion passed to conduct a fundraising for Malaria on June 1.

Unfinished Business

- 23 members so far have signed up for AED training.
- Still searching Synod Assembly members for May meeting.

New Business

- Discussion regarding purchasing a church van.
- Discussed video watched for mutual ministry.

Adjournment and prayer at 11:55 a.m.

Council Highlights



May 3, 2014
10:11 a.m.

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Jambres Maximore, and Darin Page.

Absent: Ed Kotajarvi, Barb Laho, and Comique People.

Opening

Meeting opened with prayer.

President

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Pastor

- 17 people were assisted with Meijer cards and two people were assisted with their rent in the 1st quarter of 2014.
- Food pantry will now be opened only on Wednesdays and Thursdays when at least two individuals will be present. Signs will be posted in the near future displaying pantry hours.

Worship & Music

Service on June 1 will incorporate thanking volunteers who have donated their time to Church operations and programs.

Council Highlights (continued)

Property

- Surveyors were here on during the last week of April. Their report is forthcoming. The realtor will be back after the surveyors' report is completed.
- Property clean-up day is May 10.
- Temporary roof repair is completed and cost \$400.

Outreach

- Meeting scheduled to discuss survey responses.
- Reminder of Malaria fundraising Campaign on June 1.

Unfinished Business

- Motion passed to adopt the St. John's ELCA Children/Youth safety policy.
- A sexual harassment policy for church lay workers (non- rostered employees) still needs to be adopted.
- Thrivent meeting scheduled for May with the investment committee.

New Business

- Permission granted to Pat's neighbor to place dumpster on our parking lot for 24 hours, subject to day of the week restrictions.
- Pastor vacation scheduled for June 28 – July 4 and August 25 to August 31.
- Council selected a cement color, flat pattern carpet to replace the one in the Nave. The Narthex carpet areas were measured for future references.

Adjournment and prayer at 11:34 a.m.



a Birthday!

Birthdays

June

Please note that June's Birthday Sunday will be on June 22, 2014. If you have a birthday in June, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

July Birthdays

Please note that July's Birthday Sunday will be on July 27, 2014. If you have a birthday in July, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

Vacation Bible School

Don't forget the dates August 4 - 8. All ages are welcome! It will start at 5:30 p.m. and finish around 8:15 p.m. Meals will be included. The theme is "Rainforests".

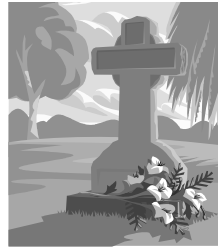
Spiritual Practices

Summer is a perfect time to try some new, or start from scratch, some spiritual practices. There are many different ways we can incorporate God into our everyday lives that are easy and don't require a lot of time. Many of us take more walks during the summer, with the dog or with our kids or grand kids.

While on your walk, pray for the houses you pass and the folks who live there. You don't have to know the people who live there-it is likely that whatever things you worry about, they worry about too. Pray in general terms for protection from burglary or disaster, for good health, for safety for kids if it is evident kids live in the house. Or take time to think about the evidence of God's creation. Notices the grass and flowers, the colors and diversity, think about ways we can be better stewards of the earth we have been placed upon.

Most importantly, take some time to relax and refresh yourself this summer. This past winter was a tough one-lots of snow, lots of time in the house probably, lots of clean up to get your yard ready for summer-take some time to rest your body and soul and reconnect with God in a way that is meaningful for you.

Pastor Jackie



Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **FREDERICK ALAN DAYES** from Roger and Harriet Demorest, Janet and Ed Kotajarvi, and Barbara and Tom Murphy to the good of the church; and in memory of **MR. AND MRS. JAMES DEO** from Bob and Carol Maurer to the good of the church.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee

Stewardship News

Here is a summary of our receipts and disbursements through the end of April:

General Operating Receipts \$42,521
 General Operating Disbursements \$46,243
 Shortfall \$3,722

Capital Improvement Receipts \$28,234
 Capital Improvements Disbursements \$25,087
 Excess \$3,147

The Capital Improvement Receipts include the proceeds from the sale of stock that was donated in a previous year. We intend to replenish those funds once the sale of the parsonage is complete.

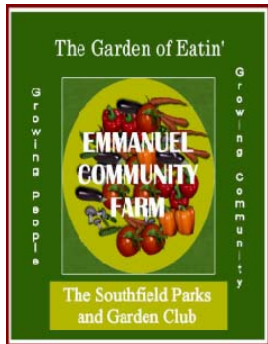
We do have one other "big ticket" building repair to do this year. That is the repair and replacement of a portion of the flat roof on the church building. That cost of that is estimated at \$12,000.

CROP WALK

2014 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

The annual Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk took place on a fairly nice Sunday afternoon, May 4th. There were 7 participating churches, including host, Covenant Presbyterian, Hope United Methodist, St. David's Episcopal, Peace Lutheran, Community Congregational, First Baptist and Emmanuel. Altogether, there were 80 walkers and 24 workers including the Praise Percussion Drum Corps and Boy Scouts helping walkers cross in the busy intersections. The CROP Hunger Walk treasurer, Harriet Demorest, is currently collecting funds raised and a total amount will be available in the next newsletter. We sustained our commitment to this very worthwhile outreach in the Southfield/Lathrup community. 25% of the funds gathered will be distributed among the Southfield Emergency Food Program, Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels.





Emmanuel Community Farm

The Farm, under the Direction of the Southfield Parks and Garden Club, led by Jon Adams, looks

very good. Plants are growing and it's beginning to be more green out there. Greens and seeds (beans, corn, radishes, etc.) have been planted. Tender veggies (tomatoes, zucchinis, etc.) will be planted after June 1. A large team from Word of Faith Church volunteered on Sunday afternoon, May 18, and a group from Eaton Corporation offices have been out to volunteer a couple of times. The SOCWA Master Composter Class came to the field on May 11 to hear a presentation on how the Farm goes about growing fruit and vegetables as organically as possible and some students also stayed on to volunteer. Jon's web site www.emmanuelcommunityfarm.org has lots of information about the organic methods used and pictures, including a very nice slide show prepared by Joyce, one of the regular volunteers from the MSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer program.



Junior Master Gardener Volunteer Class

This past spring, the Church Council approved the use of the Fellowship Hall for inviting children from the community to participate in a Junior Master Gardener Volunteer Class. The curriculum used came from Michigan State University Extension and altogether we had 5 certified Master Gardeners from the MSU Master Gardener Volunteer program help in leading this class, plus also Mary Gerstenberger, Consumer Horticulture Coordinator for Macomb MSU Extension who came and gave a presentation on water quality. Also, Barb Klimkowski, Renee Pollard and Jerry Hall assisted in the presentations and Pastor Jackie and Pat Hall assisted with snacks. There were 4 Saturday morning classes and nine young students, age 7 to 11 successfully completed them. During the summer they are required to do 10 hours of volunteer work, serving and beautifying the community with their new gardening knowledge, and after they have completed these hours of volunteering, MSU Extension will give each of them recognition in the form of a certificate stating that they are Junior Master Gardener Volunteers.

Samaritan Counseling Center's 13th Annual Golf Outing



Join the Samaritan Counseling Center for its 13th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 27, 2014 at Tanglewood Golf Course, "The Lion", 53503 West Ten Mile Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178. The Cost is \$135, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, driving range, lunch, a steak dinner, and prizes.

Call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 or visit their website at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com for more information.

Monday Night Movies

We begin our movie nights on Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. The scheduled movies are:
 Monday, June 2 "Amish Grace"
 Monday, June 9 "Saving Grace"
 Monday, June 16 "The Prince of Egypt"

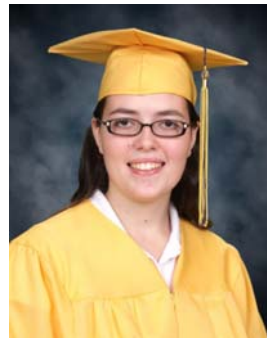
Congratulations to Emmanuel's Graduates!



Michael Wright is graduating June 1 from Southfield High School. He received the prestigious Lindsey B. Sarjent Award for 2013-2014 for musical composition. Michael plans to pursue his dream of becoming a Music Director/Producer. He will be attending Henry Ford Community College for a Music and Education Degree.



Tabinda Sial is graduating June 1 from Southfield High School. Although she has worked with computers since pre-school and is a great techie, her career goal is to become a Sports Medicine Physician. She will be starting her studies at Michigan State University in the Fall.



Jennifer Wardell is graduating on June 1 from University High School Academy in Southfield. She plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in the fall and majoring in Biology.



Walter Whitt is graduating on June 1 from University High School Academy in Southfield. He will attend Eastern University in Ypsilanti in the Fall and majoring in History.



Lorpu Johnson graduates on June 4, 2014 from Jo Brighton Skills Center, Wyandotte, Michigan. She plans to work in merchandising while pursuing further training in fashion and merchandising.

Youth Events

The Youth will go to Forgotten Harvest on Saturday, July 19th from 1p.m. - 4 p.m. to repack food in the warehouse. We will meet at the church and carpool to the facility in Oak Park. Any Youth/Young Adults who would like to participate, please sign up at the information table as soon as possible so we can register for this event.

On Friday, June 13, we will have barbeque following the rummage sale. We will be playing games and celebrating the end of the school year.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 7 Easter Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Taste of Culture 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>8 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Rummage Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Rummage Sale 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Night 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Rummage Sale 9 a.m. - noon Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>15 Holy Trinity Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>22 2 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>23 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>24 Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>25 Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>26 Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>27 Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>
<p>29 3 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>July 1</p>	<p>July 2 Prayer Meeting 9 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>July 3</p>	<p>July 4</p>	<p>July 5 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>

Sunday Servants • June 2014

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Day	7 Easter	Day of Pentecost	Holy Trinity	2 Pentecost	3 Pentecost
Color	White	Red	White	Green	Green
Readings	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 Numbers 11:24-30 (Alternate) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Acts 2:1-21 (Alternate) John 20:19-23 John 7:37-39 (Alternate)	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau				Pastor Helen Liesenberg
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Pewu Bah-Deh	Michael Wright	Maggie Vore	Pat Ochodnicky	Volunteer Needed
Music Director	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	Barbara Klimkowski	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski	Darin Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Roger Demorest Jerry Hall	Christina Wardell Comique People Ann Dixon Breanna Cross Kaiya Cross	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Pat Ochodnicky Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People
Greeters Barb Laho	Dale Charneski Bill Gilbreath	Renee Pollard	Wardell Family	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Faye and Cameron Lowe
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Volunteers Needed	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Rhionna Nichols	Brittney Jones Chloe Rau	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People, Ann Dixon, Renee Pollard				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Donna Page Darin Page	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Taste of Culture	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	June Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell			
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell				

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	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Day	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green
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
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“Who Am I?”

Some Old Testament books are named after prophets. Discover the names of the prophets below. Use the clues to write the names on the lines. Arrange the circled letters on the bottom blanks to describe what a prophet is.

1. I was called to preach to the people of Ninevah, but I ran from God instead. *My book is number 32 in the Bible.*
I am _____.
2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. *My book is number 37.*
I am _____.
3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. *My book is number 28.*
I am _____.
4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. *It is book 23.*
I am _____.
5. I had dreams and visions. *My book is 27.*
I am _____.
6. I was often in danger because of my predictions. I angered officials. *My book is 24.*
I am _____.
7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. *My book is 30.*
I am _____.
8. *My book is 26* and contains descriptions of strange visions.
I am _____.

Prophets are _____.

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel; Messengers.

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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 Morning Prayer Meetings 9:00 a.m.

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