



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

“He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

But, what now?

Easter is a grand Sunday in the life of the church, the central celebration of our faith. We pull out all the stops-the choirs practices for weeks, we sing some of our most beloved songs, we read and hear of powerful texts of the empty tomb. But now it is over, and the question lingers “what now?”

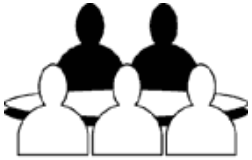
I remember several years ago I attended a retreat focusing on spiritual renewal. It was powerful, I left on a spiritual high that high lasted me well into the following week. Eventually though, the luster wore off. The mundane day to day of living-going to work, paying the bills, doing the laundry-colored my attitude and tarnished my shine. It wasn't long before I felt a million miles away from the experience.

To many the month of April will be just “business as usual.” Any confidence in the empty tomb, any hope in the risen Savior will be lost in the sea of worries and concerns of our day to day lives. That can happen to us too if we are not careful. If we allow it to happen, then we miss out on the most important reality of our faith. But if we pray for it to be real, if we pray for it to be transforming, Easter can be the beginning of a new awakening. We can go about our routine and still stay out of the rut because we know our lives have been forever redirected by heaven's power and Jesus' abiding presence.

Don't let April and the return to business as usual steal away the assurance, encouragement, and hope of Easter Sunday; not this month or any other. The empty tomb is our launching pad for hope, transformation, and victory. So even though this month, and even though it looks a lot like last month, remember that the Lord isn't dead! He lives for you! His victory is yours!

Pastor Jackie

Council Highlights



January 5, 2013
10:11 a.m.

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau,
Jambres Maximore, Cindy
Moilanen, Harriet Demorest,

Comique People, Darin Page and Ed Kotajarvi

Absent: Barb Laho

Opening

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Treasurer

The financial report for the month of December and year end 2012 was presented and approved, subject to audit.

Vice President

- Phone and Picture Directory needs to be updated; costs have been researched. Date for the pictures will be discussed later.
- Date for taking down Christmas decorations is the Sunday after New Year.
- Official count of members needs to be done. Update criteria is whether the member has communed and/or donated within the past year.
- Pastor purchased microphone; motion passed to reimburse pastor for microphone from memorial fund.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor is satisfied with the way the Advent season went.
- There were two funerals during Advent.
- Pastor will be attending a retreat sponsored by the Synod from Jan 27 – 29.
- Pastor will be attending the next Cluster 6 meeting Jan 12
- Motion passed to transfer \$300 from Thrivent Lutheran to Pastor's Fund.
- Support committee nomination will be made in Feb
- Motion passed to accept Pastor's report.

Education

Motion to authorize youth group to engage in "Peel and Save" card fundraiser carried.

Property

- Spot patching the parking lot (emergency spots) to be done in the spring
- Space request from the Community Garden. Amount of space being requested not given. The matter will be discussed at the Community Garden's January 26, 2013 meeting.

Stewardship

32 pledges were received for 2013 compared with 29 for 2012. Pledges for the General Fund for 2013 totaled \$75,192 as compared with 2012: \$74,813. Pledges for Benevolence for 2013 totaled \$6,114; 2012: \$6,466.
2013 Capital Improvement: \$3,076;
2012 Capital Improvement: \$2,896.

Outreach

- Outreach committee received letters from COTS regarding gift and time contributions that may be made.
- Christmas greeting generated \$340 for COTS.

- The committee is researching volunteer opportunities that may be made to local charities.
- Received thank you card for Diaper Drive.

Unfinished Business

Duties of officers are being returned to Pat (By-Laws update) with corrections/amendments.

New Business

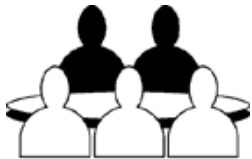
Nominations to the Synod for positions must be received by March 18. Positions are open on the Synod council for: Youth 14 – 19 and Young Adult 18 - 30.

Adjournment and prayer at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jambres Maximore

Council Highlights



February 2, 2013
10:06 a.m.

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau,
Jambres Maximore, Cindy
Moilanen, Harriet Demorest,

Comique People, and Ed Kotajarvi

Absent: Barb Laho and Darin Page.

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Pastor's Report

- Attended the semi winter leadership event.
- First call theological training is scheduled for April 21 – 23 in Indiana.
- Planning for Lent
- Catching up on visits and communion to sick and shut in.

Stewardship

- One more pledge card was turned in after the annual budget report.
- Letters were sent out to those who pledged last year but not this year.

Outreach

- Outreach meeting in January discussed the activities for the upcoming year.
- Options include a noisy offering with the money raised being used to purchase an animal for a third world community.
- The fifth Sunday collection will be donated for the seminary instead of for missionary as before.

Unfinished Business

Duties of officers are to be discussed at next month's meeting.

New Business

- Girl Scout Sunday is set for March 10, 2013.
- Outdoor Girl Scout cookie sale scheduled for February 23, 2013.

Adjournment and prayer at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jambres Maximore

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of the following persons:



IRENE KARNA from Don Thompson

ELEANOR MANLEY from Toini Kesti.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fun Committee



a Birthday! April Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on April 28, 2013. Anyone with an April Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.



Toini Kesti
8100 Calvin Crest Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89129



We recently received \$52.76 for the 11/01/2012 through 01/31/2013 time period. We thank Kroger and our church members who are signed up with this program. To continue earning rewards for the May 1st 2013 to April 30th 2014 in this program, **ALL MEMBERS MUST** re-enroll at krogercommunityrewards.com beginning April 1st, 2013. Even members who signed up for Kroger Community Rewards in February or March of this year must re-enroll after April 1st, 2013 to continue earning rewards during the coming year. To sign up or reenroll, please go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com; click on Michigan; and then click on "Enroll". If you need help signing up, please speak with our church secretary, Christina Wardell.

Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series

Workshop on Sunday, April 21, 2013

Meditation: A Lay Caregiver's Guide to Quieting the Mind and Embracing the Heart

Meditation means many things to many people. It is a practice used across religious and spiritual traditions, serving to turn one's attention away from the chatter of the mind and to focus on a place of inner stillness. The practice of meditation serves to strengthen our love and compassion for others through spiritual connection, shifting our awareness, and helping us to let go of our anxieties.

Please join SCC therapists Gail Singer, A.T.R., L.P.C. and Vanessa Brown, T.L.L.P. in this workshop about clearing one's mind and connecting with one's heart and spirit. "Meditation: A caregiver's guide to quieting the mind and embracing the heart" will present an explanation of meditation, its benefits, and introduce numerous meditation practices.

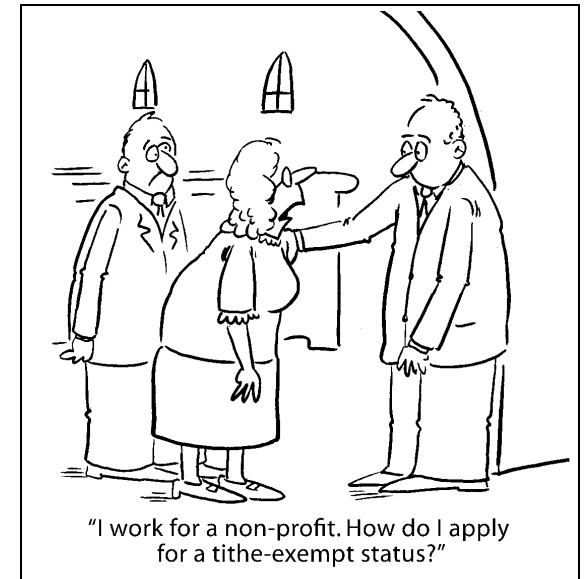
The workshop will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at: Nardin Park UMC 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336 (on the south side of Eleven Mile just west of Middlebelt) from: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

You may call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 for more information or to reserve a spot in the April workshop. You must register by April 18th if you plan to attend.

SCC website:
www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Email:
info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Cartoon Corner





What's New In the Mustard Seed Library

Many of you may remember Pastor Neal Boese. He was a member of Emmanuel when Paz Erlandson was with us.

He has written several books which are in our Mustard Seed Library. His latest, published this year is *Sharing Christ's Love: A Manual for the 21st Century Congregation*, call #254. Pastor Boese wrote this personal note of encouragement to us at Emmanuel: *Sharing Christ's Love* is a manual that was developed when I was in Michigan in the mid 1980's as the Director of Evangelism for the Michigan Synod. Being a member of Emmanuel meant so much to me and you helped me understand a basic point of this manual. Regardless of congregational size, we all have a mission. We are called to share Christ's love to as many people as possible. So many feel alone, lost and without purpose and the Church has so much to say to them. Each one is loved by Jesus and through the congregation we can make that known. The manual presents many programs and suggestions that can be used in the

congregation and hopefully some of what is presented can make a difference."

Pastor Boese also wrote *Spiritual Gifts: The Power That Drives You and the Congregation*. He explains the scriptural basis for spiritual gifts. Christ's love flows through us when we are discerning our spiritual gifts and using them wisely. One of Pastor Boese's books--also in the Mustard Seed Library--is *Blueprint for Change: A Manual for the 21st Century Congregation*. On page 130, he writes "For years, volunteers have come forward to serve in necessary positions. They have come because they were committed to the congregation. Or, they have come because they were willing to say yes when asked to volunteer. Or, they volunteered because they felt guilty if the position wasn't filled. In the process, many volunteers have burned out. Burn-out is nothing more than anger turned inward. Members become angry if they are serving in a position and not functioning very well. They burn-out because they are not serving in their gifted area. The assumption that anyone in the congregation can serve in any capacity, especially leadership, is simply not true. Burn-out has caused many to not only leave the congregation but to leave the Church. It also has caused severe conflict in the congregation. Conflict can occur without much logic being involved. It happens as anger erupts in individuals and then spills over into the congregation." On page 12 of the *Spiritual Gifts* book, Pastor Boese writes, "As one baptized, God chooses me to be a part of His saving plan. It is not

because I volunteered or am so multi-talented. I do not necessarily yet know why I am chosen, but it has occurred and it is my calling to fulfill that responsibility whatever it may prove to be. He calls me into the Church and, along with the gifts entrusted to others, my gift is used to bring others into God's saving plan."

We are indeed blessed to know Pastor Boese and have these books in our Mustard Seed Library. In the *Spiritual Gifts* book there is an inventory in the back which is helpful in reflecting upon and discerning one's own spiritual gift and several copies of that book are on the shelf.

There are many other books, DVD's and the "Lutheran Magazine" also in the Mustard Seed Library. Happy reading!!!!

Sharon K. Hall

Mustard Seed Library volunteer



2013 SOUTHFIELD/LATHRUP CROP HUNGER WALK

We ELCA Lutherans are one of 36 denominations that support Church World Service. CWS is a U.S.-based ecumenical organization. They sponsor our all-volunteer, locally-led CROP Hunger Walks.

We walk with a spirit of helping people who are living with hunger and poverty, to try to give them a hand up. We raise funds to partner with 3 local agencies: Southfield Emergency Food Program, Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels--all committed to providing food to our community's most vulnerable and needy, food-insecure children, women and men.

Also, through CWS, we are able to partner with local agencies all over the world, regardless of whether they share our faith tradition, to help those who are suffering the most extreme hunger and poverty. CWS works in places where there is no Lutheran presence, such as Pakistan and Afghanistan and also in places where it has U.S. government permission to work, such as North Korea and Cuba.

Through our walking together this year with people from First Baptist of Detroit, St. David's Episcopal, Community Congregational, Covenant Presbyterian, Peace Lutheran, and Times of Refreshing

International Church, we show the face of Jesus in Southfield and in the world.

The 2013 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk is being hosted by First Baptist of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, on Sunday afternoon, April 28th. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the 1 mile and 6 mile walks start at 1:30. We will be walking the streets where famous Motown singers of the 60's used to live--among them Smokey Robinson (the Miracles), Melvin Franklin (the Temptations) and Bobby Smith (the Spinners). Let's challenge ourselves to walk with the strong spirit of Martha Reeves and the Vandellas' song "Dancing in the Street" and really give the community a reason to smile and rejoice with us, share in our hope and faith that hunger and poverty are truly being defeated.

To make a donation to this year's CROP Walk on-line, please go to <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org> and click on CROP Hunger Walk. Then follow the directions to find the Southfield- Lathrup Hunger Walk and support the Emmanuel Lutheran Church team.

Sharon K. Hall
CROP Hunger Walk volunteer



Celebrate our Diversity!

Our Congregation may have started as a Suomi Synod (Finnish) church, but we have grown to be a multicultural group. On Sunday, May 5, we will celebrate our diversity during the service by adding new members and, during the fellowship hour, with a mini "Taste of Culture". Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and a few items representing your heritage. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the kitchen door downstairs or by notifying our church secretary, Christina Wardell, at (248) 357-1848.

Bible Study

Beginning the week of April 15th, both the Monday night and Wednesday morning bible studies will read Rob Bell's book "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived." "Love Wins" Rob Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—the afterlife—arguing, would a loving God send people to eternal torment forever...? With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial, and his message is decidedly hopeful—eternal life doesn't start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, Love Wins. Make plans now to join us!

Noisy Offering

During the children's sermon each Sunday during Lent, Pastor Jackie had the child collect loose change from the congregation.

On Palm Sunday, it was announced that \$120 had been collected, which was enough to buy:

1) 20 chicks and 2 goats

or

2) one goat, two pigs, and 10 chicks

or

3) three pigs and 30 chicks.

These items would be purchased through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog to help needy people in the world to help themselves. Our congregation decided to get the second choice (one goat, two pigs and 1 dozen chicks).



\$50 Each

Goats can survive hot temperatures, rocky terrain or drought—you name it! This makes them especially valuable for families

living in hot, dry climates where it's tough to raise other animals. Fresh milk, which is great for children, can also be used to make cheese, yogurt and other dairy products to eat and sell. As goats multiply, families often share the offspring with neighbors in

need, helping lift entire communities out of hunger and poverty.



\$30 each

A pig in the pen is like money in the bank. Within months, a tiny piglet grows to weigh over 200 pounds! Should a family have a failed harvest,

medical expense or other unexpected financial need, this pig can be cashed in for big bucks at the market.



\$10 for 10 chicks

Ten little chicks make a big difference! When they are just months old, these chicks begin laying eggs, which make nutritious meals

for families who are hungry. The many extra eggs are often enough to allow a family to start a small business by selling them for additional income.

ELCA World Hunger responds to the root causes of hunger with work in 60 countries around the world, including the United States. Cornerstones of this work include hunger education, advocacy and projects focused on agriculture, livestock, water, health care and job training to help people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty for the long-term.

Other animals that could be purchased through the ELCA Good Gifts include: An Alpaca for \$175, a cow for \$500, a duck for

\$20, a sheep for \$125, a community fish farm for \$250.

If you are interested in finding out more about the ELCA Good Gifts, please go to the website: <https://community.elca.org/> and click on "ELCA Good Gifts" or call 800-638-3522.



John S. Crissman, Jr.
(June 5, 1927 - March 26, 2013)

Age 85. Beloved husband of Connie for 61 years. Loving father of Nancy J. Kolliker (Robert), John S. Crisman III (Rita), Denise L. Rodi (Angelo) and Dennis A. Crissman (Jill). Cherished grandfather of Michelle,

Kristine, Sean, David, Peter, Angela, Dennis, Monica and Evan; great-grandfather of Cameron, Anthony, Leahna, Jamie, Judy, Jennette, Justin & Jesse. Dear brother of Charlie Crissman (Marilyn).

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. (in state 1 p.m.) on Saturday, March 30th, at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 1445 Welch Rd., Walled Lake, MI 48390.

John is a former member of Emmanuel and was very active in our church serving as custodian, treasurer, and assistant minister.

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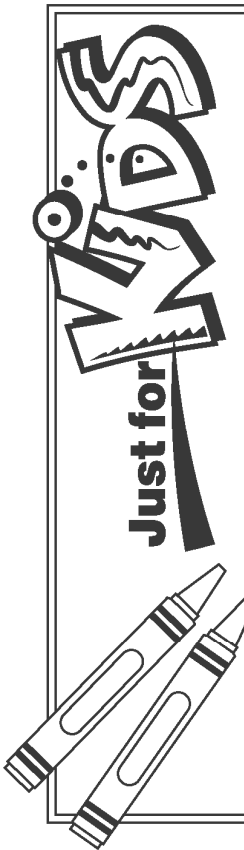
April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31 Easter Service of Word and Sacrament 8:30 am Breakfast 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	1	2	3 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	4 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5	6 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
7 2 Easter Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	8 Bible Study 7pm	9	10 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	11 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12 Youth Night 6:30 pm	13 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
14 3 Easter Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/ Girl Scout Sunday 12 noon Adult Handbell Choir 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	15 Bible Study 7pm	16	17 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	18 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	19	20 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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Sunday Servants • April 2012

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Day	2 Easter	3 Easter	4 Easter	5 Easter
Color	White	White	White	White
Readings	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Psalm 150 (Alternate) Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Elder Alfonzo Hill	Darin Page	Elder Alfonzo Hill	Volunteer Needed
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Brittnay Jones Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols Jennifer Wardell	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein
Greeters Barb Laho	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Margaret Vore Pat Ochodnický
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Brittnay Jones Maria Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Donna and Darin Page			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Vicki and Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Volunteers Needed	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	April Birthdays
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell			
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.

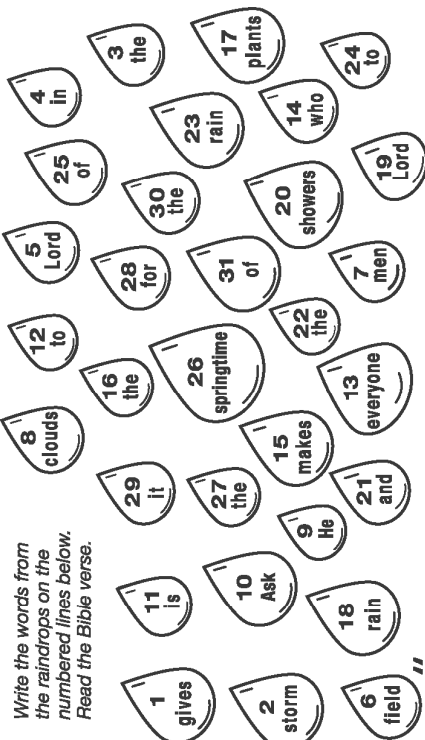


Just for KIDS

Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.



10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18 _____
 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____
 29 11 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____
 _____ 27 _____ 2 _____ 8 _____
 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23 _____
 12 _____ 7 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25 _____
 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1 (NIV)

Answer: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone." Zechariah 10:1

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 Address Service Requested

Sunday School/ Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayers 9 a.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.



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God's work. Our hands.

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