



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

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

“Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord in the heights above. Praise the Lord all God’s angels, praise the Lord, all God’s heavenly hosts. Praise the Lord, sun and moon, praise God all you shining stars. Praise the Lord, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created. You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old people and children. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God’s name alone is exalted; the Lord’s splendor is above the earth and the heavens” (Psalm 148:1-5, 9-13).

We can indeed praise God for everything God has done for us! Easter joy is ours to celebrate. It is indeed right and salutary to praise God for forgiveness and grace, newness of life, redemption and hope, radical trust, the journey of being made complete through the Holy Spirit’s strength and power, healing and light. It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and places thank and praise God for everlasting life through the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

We praise God for God’s guidance and grace upon Emmanuel. And the strength of resurrection joy and hope continue as we increase in wisdom and understanding, diversity, service and fellowship. God’s mighty hand has been with you and will continue to lead you in the fullness of God’s grace. The Lord has done great things for Emmanuel and it has been wonderful in our eyes!

I thank you for your outpouring of love and support. I thank you for the journey of faith we have embarked upon together through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a privilege and honor serving as your pastor. I thank and praise the Lord for you!

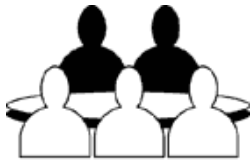
Continue to trust in God’s saving grace and let the Good News of Easter continue to mold, shape and fill you. New life. New hope. New possibilities. Be of good courage and continue to praise the Lord!

Happy Easter! Happy Joy!

My love is always with you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David

Council Highlights



February 16, 2010
7:19 p.m.

Present: Pastor Maddox,
Harriet Demorest, Cindy
Moilanen, Richard
Bergstrom, Darin Page, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: Ed Kotajarvi, Kokulo Kaazaku and
Pat Ochodnicky.

Opening

- Opening prayers were offered.
- Pastor David led a reading from John 3:1-9. Stressing verse 8, he announced to the council that he has accepted a call from Covenant House in Philadelphia, a homeless shelter, and that his last Sunday at Emmanuel would be on April 11, 2010. After a discussion with the council concerning many aspects of his ministry at Emmanuel, his parting, and the coming pastoral search process, it was decided that Pastor David would make his announcement to the congregation at the end of the service on February 21st.

Treasurer's Report

A memorial fund entitled "Sewer Fund" with a balance of \$500 will be changed to "Roof Project" for restricted funds donated for that upcoming project.

Pastor's Report

Report of pastoral acts from January presented.

Parish Life

Discussion on the need to get permission from an individual, before they are added to the prayer list for the prayer circle, to be in compliance with H.E.P.P.A. privacy laws.

Support

Concern has been expressed about the use of the endowment fund for the roof project. A review of our records shows that over \$18,000 in the current fund is interest. Darin is looking for a company that will give us a quote on a metal shingle roof. We will not have work started on the roof until after Easter. The church sound system was discussed but we decided to complete the roof project before going further with that project.

Outreach

With David in Nambia finishing his missionary tour, we will be supporting only Barbara Robertson in Tanzania. The Benefit for Haiti performances raised \$1,330 as of February 14, for Church World Services.

New Business

Girl Scouts would like to use the church Friday, February 19th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. They also asked if they could sell Girl Scout Cookies, at a table, on Girl Scout Sunday on March 6th. Motion made to allow-seconded-passed. We asked that they have a presentation of their service to the community.

Adjournment and prayer 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Chavanak
Council Secretary



April Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on April 25, 2010. Anyone with an April Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

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CROP Hunger Walk News

The 2010 CROP Hunger Walk will be hosted by Community Congregational Church/Community Fellowship SDA Church, 27800 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. The Walk will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, registration at 1:00 p.m., Walk starting at 1:30 p.m. at Community Fellowship. So far the following churches are participating: Community Congregational, Community Fellowship SDA Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Peace Lutheran Church, Living Water SDA Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, Hope United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Detroit. There are two distances, a one-mile route and also a route of almost 6 miles. If you would like to walk, please see Harriet Demorest for a pledge form. If you would like to pledge, Emmanuel's walkers will be asking for your contributions. Thanks for supporting the Southfield/Lathrup 2010 CROP Hunger Walk.



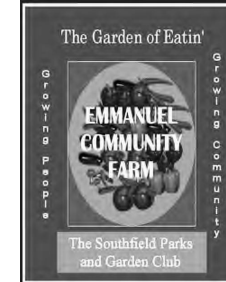
Marie Cook moved to:
968 Nimblewood Way
Stone Mountain, GA 30088.
Her phone is: 248-761-4943.

Timothy Chavanak's new address is:
Spc Chavanak, Timothy
84th En Bn, 643rd En Co
Box 243, Bldg. 778
Schofield Barracks, HI 96857

Kokulo and Ora Kaazaku now reside at:
16838 Dolphin St.
Detroit, MI 48219

Youth Group News

The Youth Group will not meet on Friday, April 9. Instead they will meet on Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m. in order to decorate the church and Easter eggs for the Easter Breakfast. The Youth Group will also help prepare Easter breakfast.



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Emmanuel Community Farm

As you may remember, the Emmanuel Community Farm ground-breaking and dedication took place on Thursday, March 27, 2008. The farm has come a very long way since its beginnings two springs ago.

If you would like to help with the Emmanuel Community Farm, Jon Adams will be there beginning on April 18, Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Some days may be canceled or cut short because of the weather early in the season. Special arrangements can be made for groups of volunteers. Youth between the ages of 9 and 15 must be accompanied by an adult, one for each 4 children. Of course those 16 and older may help as well.

If you have any questions, call Jon at (248) 763-5229.



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

*A Season of
Strengthening Prayer
and Ministry*

Maundy Thursday April 1

Footwashing & Communion
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2

12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – April 4

Communion 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.



Girl Scouts

Maria Wardell, Jennifer Wardell, Morgan Jones, Lisa Jones, Brittnay Jones and Rhionna Nichols would like to thank everyone for purchasing cookies on Girl Scout Sunday (March 7). Our troop plans on going to Camp Innisfree in Howell, Michigan on June 4-6 for horseback riding, high ropes and canoeing. We greatly appreciate your support.



Thank you to all who signed up for the Community Rewards Program at Kroger. We recently received a check for \$74.62 for purchases made November 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010.

Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, Kroger has distributed \$498,193.68 altogether to 1298 community organizations throughout Michigan.

In order to continue earning rewards during the coming year, May, 2010 to May, 2011, Kroger is requiring us to re-enroll in April. Remember the enrollment/re-enrollment is no earlier than April 1st, 2010. The re-enrollment option will not even be on the site until April 1st, 2010. If someone tries to re-enroll before this date it will not count for the upcoming year.

To enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards, please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. Members can no longer scan their group's barcode at the registers or service desk.

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Families Coping with a Loved One's Addiction Workshop on Sunday, April 18, 2010

Are you concerned about a family member's drinking? Do you know a person or family who is struggling with a member's substance abuse or alcoholism? Do you know of ways to extend a helping hand?

This educational and informational workshop will provide answers and tools to those lay caregivers who work with families coping with a loved one's substance abuse problem.

The interactive program, led by Samaritan Counseling Center staff psychotherapist Dr. Judith Thurswell, will help guide lay caregivers and other interested participants in identifying the signs and symptoms of addiction and how the disease of addiction impacts the whole family. By being informed, participants will be able to provide a strength-based model and help facilitate change for their care receiving families who are coping with this growing epidemic.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Nardin Park UMC, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, Michigan (on the south side of Eleven Mile just west of Middlebelt) from: 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

This workshop is part of the Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series. 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 15th if you plan to attend.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

Their righteousness endures forever... Psalm 112:9

Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your generous contribution — especially appreciated in this challenging economy. Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water and other necessities to families displaced by war or natural disasters, as we are doing in Haiti now. And with your help, we can also assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources, and build a more sustainable future.

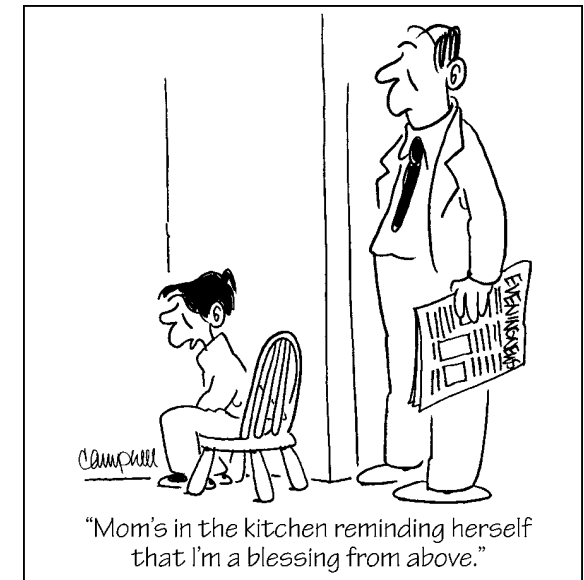
While these are sobering days, I remain hopeful because of the creative, resilient women, men, and children we assist around the world, and because of caring people like you, who empower us to act on your behalf in our wounded world.

May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Faithfully yours,

Rev. John L. McCullough
Executive Director and CEO

Cartoon Corner



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

(248) 357-1848

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 28 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Children of God Choir 12:30 pm Multi-Generational Bell Choir 1:30 pm Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	March 29 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	March 30	March 31 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	1 Maundy Thursday Foot washing & Communion 7:30 pm	2 Good Friday Service 12 noon Service 7:30 pm	3 Youth Group 1 p.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
4 Easter Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	5 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	6 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	7 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	8 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm	9	10 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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Sunday Servants • April 2010

	Thursday, April 1	Friday, April 2	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Day	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter	2 Easter	3 Easter	4 Easter
Color	Red		White	White	White	White
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	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6
Readings	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1 – 19:42	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelations 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II				Pastor Eugene Nissen	
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Maggie Vore	12 noon: Sharon Hall 7:30 p.m.: Volunteer Needed	8:00 a.m.: Pewu Bah-deh 10:30 a.m.: Volunteer needed	Pat Ochodnicky	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Director of Music	Jody Doktor					
Cantors			Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Jennifer Wardell Brittnay Jones Lisa Jones Morgan Jones	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Sandra Bryant Comique People	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters Tracee Robinson			Toini Kesti and Erick Kyro	Tracee Robinson	Bob and Shirley Erickson	Ed Gilbert
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Maria Wardell Rhionna Nichols	N/A	8:30 a.m.: Lisa Jones Lorpu Johnson 10:30 a.m.: Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Morgan Jones Breanna Cross	Jennifer Wardell Brittnay Jones
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Tracee Robinson and Morgan Jones					
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	N/A	N/A	Youth Group	Young at Heart	WELCA	April Birthdays
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell					
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	No Class	No Class	No Class	No Class	Donna and Darin Page	Richard Chavanak and Barb Klimkowski
Flowers Sharon Hall			Easter Lilies			Richard and Mary Chavanak
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.

