

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,
Treasurer
Barb Laho
Jerry Hall
Ed Wardell
Lois Jones
Darin Page

From Our Pastor:

Buses mowing down people at a beach resort. Police shooting young black males. People ambushing groups of police. Suicide bombers attacking music festivals. It's almost numbing to hear the news anymore. Another killing. Another senseless death. Another act of violence. When will it stop?

I was at a study group recently and someone posed the question, "Can you think of similar "outbreaks" of violence in history? What's going on here seems unique to me..." Now this person acknowledged that violence and killing has always been a part of history. But what he was really getting at that was in the past it seems the killing was done in connection with a larger ideology or creed (think Holocaust, Crusades, etc). What we are seeing now are more random acts of individuals working in more or less of a freelance fashion. After much discussion and thoughtful input from the folks in the room we came to the conclusion that it has pretty much been a constant throughout time. The folks who commit these crimes have, somehow, determined that what they are doing is reasonable, in fact I would argue, necessary, perhaps even moral in light of the issues they perceive they face. They act the only way they believe will bring attention to the matter.

What does that say to us? Notice I didn't say about us...clearly it says we are broken people...clearly it says we live in a broken world...but what does it say to us? How does it inform our actions? Our ministry here in Southfield? Our calling as followers of Jesus?

I believe it calls us first and foremost to pray and continue praying. We will continue to light the candle on our altar every time we gather to worship to symbolize our continual prayers for peace in this world. We will continue to pray for an end to the violence as a congregation, and I hope you pray for it during your own prayer times. But I think it calls us to more, much more than prayer. I think it calls us to act, to speak out against the bigotry and racism and divisions that lead to such violence. Now, not all of us will become activists, demonstrating and advocating for justice. Some will, but not all. Not all of us will delve into the issues to gain a deeper understanding. Some will, but not all. But something that ALL of us can do is be willing to speak up when the opportunity arises. I had such a chance a couple of weeks ago. I was out in Ann Arbor and was speaking to a gentleman who manages a parking lot on football Saturdays. He was telling me

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all that he does (it sounded like a nice parking lot!) and then he assured me, "I watch the folks using the porta johns. I don't let any of those folks from Detroit use them." I knew exactly what he meant, but instead of saying something I nodded politely and moved on. I found myself wishing later that I had spoken up, that I had challenged him on that statement, perhaps asking him "now how do you know who is from Detroit and who is not?"

The thing is I was raised to be polite. And so I tend to favor keeping quiet versus creating controversy. I imagine that many of us feel this way. I imagine many of us would just as soon keep our opinions to ourselves. We would much rather maintain a conversation than risk offending someone. And yet now is a time when I believe we need to step out of ourselves and be willing to speak up. I believe that when we see, hear or experience things that are clearly racist, homophobic, Islamophobic, anti-Semitic, etc we can't simply shy away and say to ourselves "it's not that big of a deal." Jesus certainly didn't stand by quietly when he saw folks being marginalized or treated unfairly; he spoke up. And in doing so he demonstrated what the kingdom of God is all about.

I know this sounds a little preachy, but this has weighed heavily on my heart the last

couple of months. The author of Ecclesiastes tells us "there is a time to be silent and a time to speak." I feel the time to speak has come, and I pray that you feel that way too.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Jackie



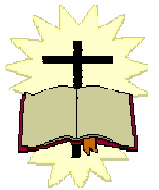
a Birthday! August Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on August 28, 2016. Anyone with an August Birthday are asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

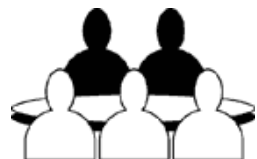
September Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on September 25, 2016. Anyone with a September Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

Bible Study Opportunities



It's hard to start thinking about fall as it is only August, but the reality is it is only a couple of weeks away! Both our Monday Night Bible Study and our Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume come September. The Wednesday Morning group will resume on Wednesday, September 7th. We will continue the study we started in the spring "Discovering Islam." The Monday Night group will resume Monday, September 12th. We will continue with the study we began in the spring "Making Sense of Scripture."



Council Highlights

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Comique People, Jambres Maximore, Lois Jones, Ed Wardell, Jerry Hall and Barb Laho.

Absent: None.

Opening

Meeting opened at 11:03 a.m. with a prayer by Jackie Rau.

President

Mission gift thank you was received.

Pastor

- Confirmation is scheduled for June 5, 2016. A joint service will be held at Emmanuel.
- Pastor Rau is scheduled to attend the Southeast Synod's Stewardship meeting on June 23, 2016 in Flint. Water donations are being solicited to assist the residents of Flint.

Worship & Music

The vendor of the recently installed sound system has not yet come out but has consulted on means of improving the system.

Education

Sunday school break will begin May 22, 2016. VBS is still scheduled for the first week of August.

Property

- Carpeting for the choir loft and stairs has been installed.
- An offer was received to replace the Narthex carpet at a reduced rate.
- The sidewalk near the elevator will need lifting and repairs.

Outreach

Lunch and Learn last presentation was not as well attended as usual.

Unfinished Business

Staff performance guidelines were briefly discussed and an ad-hoc committee established to review the guidelines.

For the Good of the Church

May 22, 2016 is the Annual Congregational Meeting. The Church's council is scheduled to provide refreshments for fellowship hour on May 29, 2016.

Stewardship

New Stewardship committee chair person is needed.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Jambres Maximore



Council Highlights

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jambres Maximore, Lois Jones, Ed Wardell, Jerry Hall, and Darin Page.

Absent: Barb Laho.

Opening

- At approximately 10:00 a.m. before start of meeting, a 10 minute "Toolbox" video was viewed.
- Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Rau.
- Agenda was presented and accepted as amended.

Officers Elected

- President: Darin Page
- Secretary: Jerry Hall
- Treasurer: Jambres Maximore

Treasurer

- Report for May 2016 was approved as presented, subject to audit.
- Spending and income levels were discussed.
- Building improvements (done and to do) spending was discussed.

Pastor

Youth break for summer – will review in the fall.

Council Highlights

Saturday, June 11, 2016
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Property

- Choir loft and stairs installation looks good
- Is an offer to do Narthex carpet at one-half price.
- Exterior elevator enclosure needs lifting and repairs

Unfinished Business

Staff evaluation procedures discussed.

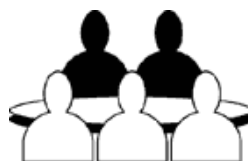
New Business

- Christina's vacation – end of August 1 ½ weeks
- Request for use of church [July 2] for People's family reunion.
- Next meeting scheduled for July 9 at 10 am

Adjourned with Prayers

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Hall



Council Highlights

Saturday, July 9, 2016

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jambres Maximore, Lois Jones, Ed Wardell, Barb Laho, Jerry Hall, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

Opening

- At approximately 10:00 a.m. before start of meeting, a 10 minute "Toolbox" video, "Understanding Congregational Dynamics", was viewed.
- Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Rau.
- Agenda was presented and accepted as amended.

Presentation

Presentation from Rev. Regina Johnson for Union Grace Baptist Church (Ms. Johnson is a member of Grace Baptist)

- Would like to use building starting at 1:00 each Sunday for worship of approximately 2 hrs.... no fellowship afterwards.
- Presently at Southfield HS
- Occasional wedding, funeral, etc as need arises (our present \$ rate)
- Questions / suggestions arose:
- Insurance (they should have some)

- Other members of their church should visit our building.
- What storage needs would they have?
- Possibly a trial sharing period (cost ? and when ?)
- Rental Cost need to be discussed.
- Congregation needs to consider and discuss this request.

Treasurer

- Report for May 2016 was approved as presented, subject to audit.
- Significant deficit last month discussed

Pastor

- Thursday -Saturday (July 14- July 16): Chicago ELCA World Hunger
- Week of July 17th is Pastor's vacation, Tim Larson to be 'on-call'.
- July 25 - July 29: continuing education in Traverse City

Education

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 1 - 5.

Property

Cleaning bids discussed, Judson Center favored, more details needed.

Worship & Music

Looking at new alter linens, and some wider and longer robes.

Council Highlights

Saturday, July 9, 2016
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Unfinished Business

- Staff evaluation being developed by end of Sept.
- Picture Directory: Lifetouch, explore cost and discuss next meeting

New Business

After August ELCA Assembly, we may have to amend our Constitution.

Adjourned with Prayers

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Hall

Youth/Young Adult Events

Our Youth and Young Adults have the following event planned for:

Friday, August 19: Berkley Dream Cruise Parade. Join us as we watch some pre-Dream Cruise activity in Berkley. We will meet at our church at 4:30 p.m. and carpool over to Church of the King, 3688 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072. They host a parade party (5 p.m. - 9 p.m.) with hot dogs, chips, water, snow cones and activities while the classic cars participate in a parade along 12 Mile Road. Families are welcome.



God's Work - Our Hands.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 11th this year, the 15th

anniversary of the falling of the World Trade Center. In recognition of this, we are going to work with the Southfield VFW office and host a luncheon for Southfield fire and police professionals. This event will serve as a memorial and also a thanks for the work first responders do in our communities. More details will come as the plans are ironed. We hope you can be a part of this special day.



On Sunday, September 18th we kick off another year:

With "Rally Day." Join us starting at 9:15 a.m. as we start up another year of Sunday school! There will be music and activities, so plan now to make this part of your faith journey and part of your Sunday morning journey.

That Sunday we will also change to our fall worship schedule with worship starting at 10:30 a.m. followed immediately after by our Coffee/Tea Fellowship time beginning at approximately 12 p.m.

With "Blessing of the Backpack."



This is a way to celebrate the beginning of the school year, and encourages children to make a connection between Sunday and the rest of their weeks, to make God a part of their everyday lives. All children are invited to bring in their backpacks that morning and bring them forward during the Children's Sermon where we will offer a blessing for them for their school year.

and with Flu Shots



Flu season is approaching. To help our community stay healthy the Visiting Nurses Association will offer flu and pneumonia shots at our church on Sunday, September 18th, 2016 from noon to 2 p.m.

Most insurances are accepted with little or no co-pay. The cost for non-covered persons is \$25 for the flu vaccine and at least \$200 for the pneumonia vaccine. So bring your family, friends and loved ones to the clinic and help keep them healthy.

It's a great opportunity for everyone to get vaccinated.



From Our Music Director

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to participate in one of the choirs.

There are no auditions, all that is required is willingness and enthusiasm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 15.

Rehearsal times are:

Adult Handbells

Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.

Adult Choir

Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation”. (Psalm 95:1)

Lunch and Learn



Our first Lunch and Learn of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Karen Schurgin from Samaritan Counseling Center will speak to us on the signs of depression. As always, we start with a soup and salad luncheon with the program to follow. Donations of non-perishable food items are accepted but not required. Make plans now to join us!



Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

The annual Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk took place on a fairly cool Sunday afternoon, May 15th. Altogether, there were 56 walkers.

The following churches participated:

Church	Money Raised
Community Congregational Church	\$320
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	\$2,720
First Baptist Church of Detroit	\$1,790
Hope United Methodist Church	\$412
New Hope Church of MI	\$1,750
Peace Lutheran Church	\$670
Southfield Covenant Presbyterian	\$1,250
St. David's Episcopal Church	\$100

This totals \$9,012. In addition, there were non-designated contributions totaling \$75, bringing the grand total to \$9,087 as of July 27, 2016.



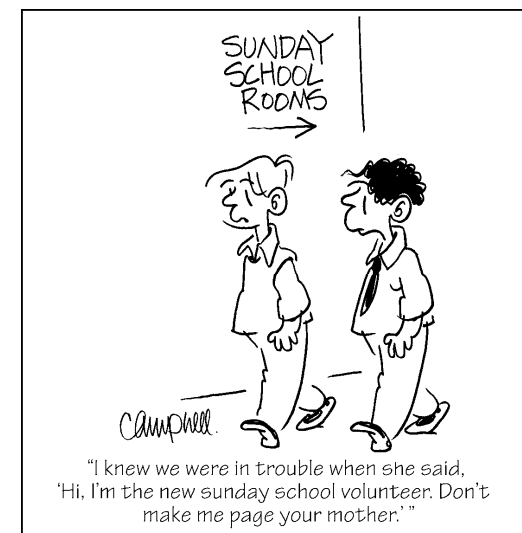
Memorial Fund

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

RAFAEL SAVINIEMI, from the Wardell Family, Don Thompson, Pastor Jackie and Dennis Rau.

WILBERT RAJALA, from the Wardell Family.

Cartoon Corner



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August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 31 11 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	1 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m.	2 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m.	3 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	4 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m.	5 Vacation Bible School 5:30 p.m.	6 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
7 12 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	8 .	9	10 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
14 13 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	15	16	17 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	18	19 Dream Cruise Berkley Parade Meet at church at 4:30 pm to carpool.	20 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
21 14 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	22	23	24 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
28 15 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	29	30	31 AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	September 1	Sept. 2	September 3 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.

Sunday Servants • August 2016

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Day	12 Pentecost	13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Presiding	Pastor Jacqueline Rau			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Christina Wardell	Jamie Maximore	Richard Chavanak	Pewu Bah-deh
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Lisa Jones	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Mya Maximore	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Kaiya Cross	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Paul Zetye Jack Klein Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Dolores Ward	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Wardell Family	Faye and Cameron Lowe
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Chloe Rau	Mya Maximore Madison Hailey	Marcus Rau	Tristin Cross
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People and Ann Dixon			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Darin and Donna Page	Dean Lemponen Elaine Lada Chuck Lada	Dean Lemponen Elaine Lada Chuck Lada	Vicki and Rudy Pertunen Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Jones Family	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	August Birthdays
Flowers Christina Wardell	Jones Family	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

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4 16 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	5 Labor Day - Office Closed	6	7 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m..	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
11 17 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am God's Work, Our Hands 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	12 Bible Study 7 p.m.	13	14 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
18 18 Pentecost Rally Day Sunday School, Teen and Adult Forums 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Flu Shots 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	19 Bible Study 7 p.m.	20	21 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	22	23	24 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.
25 19 Pentecost Sunday School, Teen and Adult Forums 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	26 Bible Study 7 p.m.	27 11 a.m. Lunch and Learn: Recognizing the Signs of Depression	28 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	29	30	October 1 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.

Sunday Servants • September 2016

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Day	16 Pentecost	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost	19 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau			
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Greeters Barb Laho	Eddie and LaDonn People	Gerry Henze	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Jane and Ed Kotajarvi
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Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell			
Sunday School	N/A	N/A	Rally Day	LaDonn People
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

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