



# 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!

*"Righteousness exalts a nation; Sin is a reproach to any people."* (Proverbs 14:34).

In our last newsletter, I spoke about living in precarious times and the dangers of living in fear. Anxiousness breeds mistrust, self-centeredness, intolerance and indifference. God calls us to live in blessedness: loving God with all our hearts, souls and minds and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We are called to honor each other as God honors us. God loves each of us and knows us by name.

I was dismayed, discouraged and disheartened by the image that appeared in the New Yorker the week before last. The cover was quite detailed and fully alarming. Barack Obama was caricatured as a radical Muslim. Michelle Obama was caricatured in fatigues wearing combat boots and an Afro with a rifle on her back. In the background a militant leader could be seen above a mantelpiece as an American flag burned in the fireplace. The two caricatures pumped fists in solidarity. This searing image, the New Yorker claimed, was supposed to be an indictment against the fear peddling of those who are serving to discredit Barack Obama's bid for the White House. But I dare say it played into existing fears and reinforced stereotypes that the Obamas are trying to discredit. They were called outside of their name. But the image also presented stereotypes of our Muslim brothers and sisters. All Muslims do not don turbans. All Muslims are not radicals. Many Muslims are patriotic American citizens. They should not be called outside their name. We mock God when we attempt to dehumanize other people to put forth our own agendas against the other. God, who calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, cannot be served this way. And to feed into the stereotype, and give in to the fear is to submit to a yoke of slavery that the world desires to live in. It is not a life that the Lord calls for us as Christians. And my fear is that so many of us are allowing the world to dictate how we should be living.

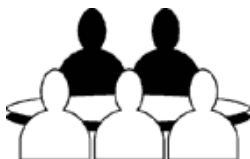
In these turbulent times, we as Christians are called to be on guard toward anything that destroys life and cannot save. There are many enemies amongst us, determined to choke us and keep us bound not in the Spirit of Truth, but in a spirit of fear, ignorance and intimidation. This way cannot save and is antithetical to the way of the cross. The way of the cross casts out fear. The way of the cross leans upon God's understanding. The way of the cross embraces God's sovereignty and does not insist upon its own way.

I continue to pray that God affords us the spiritual discernment to vote for the next leader of these United States. May we be on guard against the fear peddling that is detrimental to us all. May we do this with the understanding that God knows each of us by name. *"Righteousness exalts a nation; Sin is a reproach to any people."* (Proverbs 14:34).

My love be with you in Christ Jesus,

*Pastor David*

## May Council Highlights



May 13, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Maddox, Pat Ochodnicky, Cindy

Moilanen, Richard Chavanak, and Tracee Robinson, and guests, Seminarian Andrew Chavanak and his fiancée, Kathryn Burrous.

Absent: Barbara Laho, Barbara Klimkowski, and Kokulo Kaazaku.

### Report from Seminarian, Andrew Chavanak

Andrew is in Michigan for his marriage to Katie on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and to bring home his bachelor household goods.

Andrew presented a summary of his first year in the seminary and his request for congregational support.

- Andrew was awarded one of only a few full tuition scholarships from the national church. The ELCA arranged for him to fly to Chicago for the presentation ceremony.
- He carried a full scholastic load for the year with 13 hours of classes in the fall semester and 15 hours in the spring. The first year students report two weeks early, in August, for an intensive course in Greek, which continues into the fall semester. Other courses included a course in Reformation history and a course on Luther and the Confessions.

- First year seminarians are assigned to a teaching parish to work with the pastor and congregation as a start in a parish leadership role. Andrew's teaching parish was Zion Lutheran Church in York, PA. He assisted the pastor with pastoral duties, delivering an occasional sermon. He also played his clarinet occasionally, as he has done in the past at Emmanuel. At the seminary, he was a member of the choir. A seminarian is required to work in a chaplain position during the summer between the first and second year. This summer Andrew will work at York Hospital in York, PA in this capacity. This summer Katie, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources Management in December, from Grand Valley State University, will work at Nawakwa Lutheran Camp, belonging to the Lutheran Camps of Central Pennsylvania. Katie will be taking classes at the seminary in the fall.

Andrew came before the council to ask for congregational assistance for the coming year.

- The congregation has committed to cover health insurance costs for Andrew in his second and fourth year in the seminary. Andrew was covered for the first year under his parent's insurance, and for the third year, will be covered by the parish where he will serve his internship.

Andrew reports that the cost for the summer for him and Katie will be \$1,652 for June, July, and August. The full year, starting in September will be \$6,608. The cost for the fourth year, using next year's cost of \$6,608 make a total cost for the two years as \$14,868.

- The congregation had, in the seminary fund, about \$5,000. Katie's Aunt and Uncle, Beth and Tony Tanke gave a donation to our seminary fund of \$15,000 in December, for a total of about \$20,000.

A motion was made to disperse funds as follows: \$1,652 for insurance for the summer, \$6,608 for the academic year 2008-2009, a stipend of \$2,500 in August, 2008 and another of \$2,500 in January, 2009. The balance will be retained for the insurance for the fourth year, with the thought that another stipend may be given that year from fundraisers. The motion was seconded and passed.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from April council meeting presented and accepted.

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## May Council Highlights (continued)

### Pastor's Report

Pastor David asked to revise his vacation dates. He will be gone from June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Troy Jacobson, a diaconal minister, will be supply pastor on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Christian Education

Summer Bible study to be held in July and early August-dates to be announced. The sessions will feature bible study through the art of film.

### Worship and Music

- Jody will be vacationing on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. She has arranged for a supply organist.
- Antoinette Stevens will shorten the new acolyte robes.

### Property

John Moilanen graded the church and parsonage excavation sites with his tractor.

### Outreach

- Southfield Orthodox Presbyterian made a contribution of food to the Emmanuel Food Pantry.
- Pat provided an informational handout from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church about their "Angel Food Ministries" low cost food program.

Adjournment and prayer: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard Chavanak*  
Council Secretary

## June Council Highlights



June 10, 2008  
7:06 p.m.

Present: Pastor Maddox, Sandy Fioretti, Pat

Ochodnicki, Cindy Moilanen, Barbara Klimkowski, Darin Page, and Richard Chavanak

Absent: Harriet Demorest and Kokulo Kaazaku.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from May council meeting presented and accepted.

### Pastor's Report

- While Pastor is on vacation, Pastor Tom Scherger will be the emergency pastor and Diaconal Minister, Troy Jacobson, will preach.
- Summer Bible Study through film will start July 7<sup>th</sup> and continue on Monday nights through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Vice President's Report

Church officers and committee members were determined by Council. Vice President: Barbara Klimkowski, Treasurer: Harriet Demorest, Secretary: Richard Chavanak.

### Christian Education

Chair Barbara Klimkowski with Cindy Moilanen.

- An end of the year Christian Education meeting was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and a new curriculum was chosen.
- A Sunday school teachers meeting will be held in August. Date to be announced.

### Worship and Music

Worship will move to 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. as listed in the last church newsletter. Summer Schedule will be from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Outreach

Chair Pat Ochodnicki with Barbara Klimkowski and Sandy Fioretti.

- We need more congregational support at the Fountains. A sign-up sheet for members to volunteer specific days and for service leadership assignments was suggested.
- More ongoing are needed for Emmanuel's Food Pantry.

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## June Council Highlights (continued)

### Support

Treasurer: Harriet Demorest

Assistant Treasurer: Cindy Moilanen

Tentative Financial Secretary: Kokulo Kaazaku.

### Property

Chair: Darin Page with Richard Chavanak.

- An outdoor ministry to be formed for care of the church grounds. The lawn-mowing schedule board to be posted again. Training for mowers and grounds keeping needs to be done.
- River Rock to be contacted concerning sealing the front steps, which is needed every two years.

### Unfinished Business

Work needs to continue on Building use Guidelines.

### New Business

Living Nativity-A project of Synod Acts in Common group. Genesis Lutheran in Detroit has done its Living Nativity program in the past. It is held over several days at Christmas time. It is a tremendous program as testified by those who have seen it, but is very labor intensive. Genesis Lutheran has the facilities needed to put on the program but is asking other churches for help.

There are committees for fencing, luminaries, set designs, fellowship, narration and others. Dates will be December 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Church council is interested but will make no church commitment at this time. We will make the project known to our members, we will see if individual members are interested in volunteering, and we will send a group or groups to attend the event and see if interest can be raised for future years for more support.

Adjournment and prayer: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard Chavanak*  
Council Secretary



### Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts in memory of Barbara Tiura from Bruce and Carol Ragusett, Vern and Joyce Laturi, David and Lorna Johnston, Vincent and M. Kathleen Callahan.

**Jill Bergstrom**  
Memorial Fund Committee

*Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on August 24, 2008. Anyone with an August Birthday are asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.*

## Newsletter Submissions

If you have an article that you want published in the September newsletter, please submit it by Tuesday August 19. The newsletter should be ready for distribution on August 24. This is one week earlier than usual, due to Pastor's vacation.



## Birth Announcement

Jacob Alexander Herbon was born to Briana and Michael Herbon on June 13, 2008 at 2:27 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 9oz. and was 20 inches long. We thank God for the new addition to the Herbon family.



## News

Women don't forget to sign up for the

### SEMI-WELCA Convention

Saturday, October 11, 2008  
 Faith Lutheran in Livonia  
 The Rev. Stephen G. Marsh  
 Keynote Speaker

Plan to attend! Let us know if you would like to be our delegate.

## What's Happening at the Synod Office

It was unusually quiet when I entered the Synod House. I first assumed that I had arrived during a full staff meeting and would find everyone on the third floor. However, after a few moments of exploration, I discovered that the Bishop is presently taking some vacation time as is his administrative assistant, Margaret. Pastor Jack Eggleston began his 3-month sabbatical in mid-June. Half of his study time is being spent on 'church starts and renewal'. He will be visiting successful new congregations and congregations in the renewal process, exploring what worked and how they are doing now. His focus is finding new ways to start 'communities of faith' and not simply 'congregations'.

The second half of his sabbatical will be spent connecting with emerging communities in Metro Detroit, meeting with leaders of organizations in Latino, Arabic, Tanzanian, and other communities. He will be exploring ways in which our congregations might become engaged in mission with them. Oh yes, and in his spare time he is studying Spanish and Arabic!

Pastor Stephen Marsh talked with me about two upcoming one-day seminars titled "How to Reach Unchurched People in Your Community". The seminars are built around the concept of 'ministry-based outreach', which is an intentional commitment to build relationships between members and nonmembers based around shared interests. These relationships become the 'channel' through which God's love is experienced first-hand, and a 'bridge' over which many ultimately come to new faith and membership in a church. Pastor Marsh continues to write a monthly article for The Lutheran magazine, and will be the featured speaker at the W/ELCA Convention in October.

Kimberly Vaughn, a recent seminary graduate assigned to our synod, has just joined the staff as Director of Youth Ministries. She is replacing Jenn Millspaugh who is relocating to Tulsa, OK. Having

spent a day with Kimberly at our Synod Assembly in May, I know her to be experienced in youth work, committed, and energetic and I'm delighted by this appointment.

Until next month, God's peace and blessings.

*Pat Ochodnicky*

Ed Wardell has been keeping our website (EmmanuelLutheranSouthfield.org) up-to-date. He would like to get more pictures for the pictorial section. Please let him know if you have any you think are suitable.



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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**August 2008**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 27</b> 11 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>July 28</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>July 29</b>	<b>July 30</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>July 31</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>August 1</b>	<b>August 2</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>3</b> 12 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>4</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>7</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>8</b> Youth Group Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>10</b> 13 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>11</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>12</b> Church Council 7 p.m.	<b>13</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>14</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>15</b> Book of Faith Initiative in Chicago, IL	<b>16</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm Book of Faith Initiative in Chicago, IL
<b>17</b> 14 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>18</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Newsletter Submissions Due	<b>20</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>21</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>24</b> 15 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Newsletter Distribution Day Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>25</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	<b>26</b> <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>27</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>28</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>30</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>
<b>31</b> 16 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 1</b> <b>Labor day</b>  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 2</b> <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 3</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 4</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 5</b> <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>September 6</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>

	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 31</b>
<b>Day</b>	12 Pentecost	13 Pentecost	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost
<b>Color</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
<b>Special</b>					
<b>Liturgy</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
<b>Presiding</b>	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
<b>Assisting and Lector</b> Christina Wardell	Calvin Coleman	Christina Wardell	Connie Lorenz	Darin Page	Donna Page
<b>Director of Music</b>	Jody Doktor				
<b>Cantor</b>	Barb Klimkowski	Jody Doktor	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski
<b>Ushers</b> Roger Demorest	<b>Don Thompson</b> Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	<b>Dean Lemponen</b> Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	<b>Lyn Bodnar</b> Shirley Pulley Irene Karna Dolores Ward Doris Gaston Barb Laho	<b>Earl Lampi</b> Carl Lindstrom Bruce Ricketts Jerry Hall	<b>Sandy Fioretti</b> Jodi Demorest Sarah Alward Shannon Jackson
<b>Greeters</b> Tracee Robinson	The Wardell Family	Ed and Helen Gilbert	Carl and Allie Lindstrom	Gerry Henze	Tracee Robinson
<b>Acolytes</b> Christina Wardell	Jennifer Wardell Jamie Maximore	Michael Wright Lisa Jones	Jessica Moilanen Emily Moilanen	Maria Wardell Lorpu Johnson	Brittnay Jones Morgan Jones
<b>Altar Care</b> Tracee Robinson	Tracee Robinson and Darin Page				
<b>Tellers</b> Harriet Demorest	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest
<b>Fellowship Hour</b> Janet Kotajarvi Shirley Pulley	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	<b>August Birthdays</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Audio Recording</b>	Jerry Hall				
<b>Flowers</b> Sharon Hall					
<b>Worship Folder and Bulletin</b>	Christina Wardell				

**If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please arrange for a substitute and call the church office at (248) 357-1848.**