



# Emmanuel's Voice

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## From Our Pastor:

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

*“Then Jesus said to them, Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. They said to him, Sir, give us this bread always. Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:32-35).*

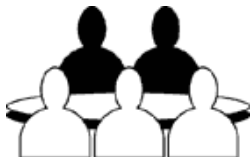
Throughout the next several weeks, we will hear anew Jesus’ teaching that he is the bread of life. We have examined in a world burdened and affording many distractions it is challenging to keep our eyes watching God. But that is exactly what we are called to do!

Rudyard Kipling afforded the world a poem entitled, “If.” And part of that poem reads, “If you can keep your head when the world is losing theirs and blaming it on you.” As Christians, keeping our head means being centered on the Word of God. Keeping our head, involves being transformed through the Holy Spirit by the power of Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection for a sin-sick world. And so we feast on Jesus for the forgiveness of sin, the strengthening of faith, the building up of the beloved community and ***that life that cannot fail.***

I invite us to consider the ways in which Jesus is our bread of life in our daily lives. How are we feasting in these ways? I invite you to share your stories with each other. May we be strengthened through that sharing and built up as a community of faith in the power of God.

My love is with you in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Dave

## Council Highlights



June 9, 2009

7:20 p.m.

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

Pat Ochodnicki and Kokulo Kaazaku.

### Opening Prayer and Bible Study from Acts 12.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes for May council presented. Correction on the date of the Sunday School end of the year party from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept subject to amendment-seconded-passed.

### Vice-President's Report

No report; position is yet unfilled

### Pastor's Report

- Commented on developmental workshops hosted by Emmanuel on May 14th and May 21st.
- Presented report of pastoral acts for May.

### Worship and Music

- Worship & Music Committee meeting held May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussion at meeting about starting a gospel choir; currently our choir has only 5 members
- Planning to hold refresher courses for ushers, acolytes, altar guild and lay ministers.

### Property

- Thanks to John Moilanen and Dean Lemponen for repair of the parsonage roof. A valley on the roof was redone and the parsonage roof is now in good shape.

- Darin will have contractors look over the church roof to see what repairs are needed.

### Outreach

Pat will be bringing a plan to support our two missionaries in need.

### Unfinished Business

A special Congregational Meeting will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing new council members. Richard Bergstrom and Edwin Kotajarvi will stand for election. Announcements of the meeting will be made at Sunday Services on June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, as call for by the church constitution.

### Adjournment and prayer: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Richard Chavanak*  
Council Secretary



## August Birthdays

*Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on August 23, 2009. Anyone with an August Birthday are asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.*

## Meditation on Lettuce from the Emmanuel Community Farm

God told Moses in Exodus 12:8 "They (the Hebrews) shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs." Though the bitter herbs of the Bible are not specified, the term likely refers to chicory, endive, horehound, sow-thistle and wild lettuce. Today's cultivated lettuce is closely related to wild lettuce from which it was doubtless derived.

Lettuce is actually a cool weather crop. It thrives when the average temperature is between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. At high temperatures, growth is stunted, the leaves may indeed become bitter, and the seed stalk forms and elongates rapidly, called bolting. Interestingly, the ancient Egyptians, who enslaved the Hebrews, did not eat lettuce leaves like we do today. They preferred to eat the leaves of the plants' tall seed stalks.

One part of the Jewish seder meal involves eating bitter herbs (typically, today, lettuce and horseradish), a reminder of how bitter life was for their ancestors when they were slaves.

Today, we know that lettuce is very, very good for us so, even despite the deep significance for the Jewish people of eating with "bitter herbs," this scripture might also contain one of the Bible's healthiest recommendations: everyone should be able to eat a nutritious salad.

This summer has been extraordinarily cool and perfect for growing lettuce and Jon Adams, leader of the Emmanuel Community Farm, has been able to deliver numerous coolers of harvested red and green leaf lettuce to Forgotten Harvest to feed people in our community who are facing adversities of unemployment, house foreclosures, run-away medical bills or utility bills--all situations wherein people have to decide "do we try to pay the bills or do we buy food?" Fortunately, the produce from the Emmanuel Community Farm and also the work of

organizations like Forgotten Harvest, helps so that this isn't an either/or situation but a better solution of neighbors reaching out and holding each other's hands through this tough economic climate, helping in a very tangible way so that everyone may be food secure. There may be bitter memories for this period of time, but there will also be sweet ones which hopefully will triumph in the minds of many individual people living in our community and also in the collective story of our community.

*Sharon Hall*



## Stained Glass Window Restoration

Progress is being made on the restoration of the stained glass windows. The first window to be completely restored, "Baptism", required replacement of twenty-two pieces of colored glass. To avoid future damage caused by bowing and temperature change the panels were reinforced with numerous steel rods. Silicon caulking was applied to the exterior which should last indefinitely. Work will continue through the fall giving higher priority to windows requiring more extensive restoration. The Memorial Fund is making this project a reality.

The original contributors who made this window (Baptism - St. Matthew 3:17) possible are: Marie Autio, Betty Baakko, Marjorie Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. John Elsila, Sylvia Hildebradt, Denise Kay Lampinen, Mr. and Mrs. Marin Nordstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pietila, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tauriainen, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wiljanen.

*Jill Bergstrom*

## Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **HELEN GILBERT** from:

Ed Gilbert, Dick and Jill Bergstrom, Bill and Shirley Pulley, Delores and Will Rajala, Toini Kesti, Millie Harju, Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi, Robert and Shirley Erickson, The Wardell Family, Kenneth Wern, Barbara Laho, Jack Klein, Irene Karna, Roger and Harriet Demorest, Erick W. Kyro, Hazel Kauppi, Allan and Linda Tuomaala, Don and Audrey Thompson, Edith E. Raski, Ruth Kaarela, Janet and Ed Kotajarvi, Nina and Mark Ranta, and Sharon and Thomas Burton.

The family of Helen Gilbert has designated all gifts to the Church Sound System.

The Memorial Fund Committee also graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts in memory of **ALLIE K. LINDSTROM** from:

Erick W. Kyro and Dolores and Will Rajala;

and in memory of **HELEN K. LAMPI** from:

Erick W. Kyro.

**Jill Bergstrom**

Memorial Fund Committee

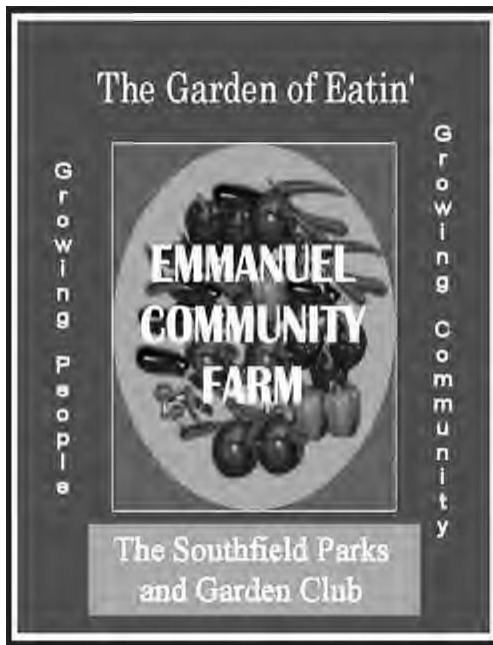


## Kenneth Donald Levoska, Sr.

Former Emmanuel member, Kenneth Donald Levoska, Sr. age 70, passed away suddenly July 11, 2009. He was born on June 22, 1939, in

Detroit, to the late Donald E. and Elma J. Levoska. Ken was a beloved and proud father, with an unconditional and devoted love for his family. Thoughtful, grounded, witty, and unique; an avid sports fan, passionate about fishing and traveling "up north", he loved the outdoors, and cooking for his loved ones. He was a dedicated engineer of metallurgy at General Motors for over 30 years. Ken will be forever missed. Kenneth is survived by his wife: Roberta "Bobbie" Levoska; children: Kenneth (Janet) Levoska Jr., John Levoska, Julie Levoska (Travis) Swope; Donald (Megan) Levoska; grandchildren: Julianne, Alexander. Taylor, Devyn, Jordyn; siblings: Jack, Bob, Linda; and several nieces and nephews. The memorial service was held on Friday, July 17 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.





## Emmanuel Community Farm Open House

Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

We will be having the 2nd Annual Open House of the Emmanuel Community Farm to undo our gates on a non-workday and have you visit, speak to volunteers, and see the Farm operation. As you know, the Farm is run as closely as possible to an organic, sustainable model, and utilizes many novel approaches to vegetable gardening. Into our second season, we are still learning which of these approaches to maintain and which to drop or modify.

Come see what we're up to, and give us your two-cents worth – we're sure it is worth much more than that these days.

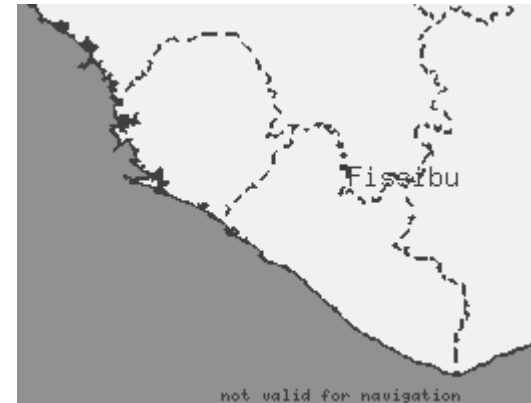


## Girl Scouts Silver Award Project Update

Thanks to everyone who donated to my Silver Award Project. I still need to ask for

your help to bring in the following materials: embroidery thread, embroidery hoops, cloth for the embroidery hoops, quilt filling (old comforters, blankets, mattress pads), thread for sewing machines, sewing machines, a few irons and ironing boards. This event will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on August 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the event, I need three senior crafters that can talk to the people attending the event about crafting as a job. Thanks again to all who helped so far, but I still need those items to have a successful event for my Silver Award Project.

*Maria Wardell*



## FISSEBU OR BUST Table Top Sale

To help raise money for the Fissebu clothing drive, we are going to have a table top garage sale in August and September. Bring items that will fit on top of a table (dishes, knick knacks, tools, toys, etc.) and enjoy "shopping" for bargains. Items will not be priced. Instead a donation jar will be out, and shoppers can give free will offerings. Also, clothing that is donated but not useable for the clothing drive will be available.

## Bits and Pieces

It is now 3 months since I returned home...the same amount of time I spent in the West Bank. Though we had sessions on 're-entry' during our debriefing period in Jerusalem at the end of our stay, it has been a lot more difficult than I expected. A big chunk of my heart remains with the gentle but resilient and steadfast people in the tiny village of Yanoun. I have done several presentations on the experience and have others scheduled...I promised them I would tell their story. And my hope is that I can get a few nagging health issues resolved so that I can return for a few weeks in the fall to take part in the olive harvest.

And meanwhile, the beat goes on. Here at Emmanuel, since my return, babies are being baptized, a wedding is in the final planning stages, and loved members have been laid to rest...celebrations of new life in Christ, a new *stage* of life, and lives well-lived. We give thanks to God for his faithfulness throughout these life cycles.

Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Jack Eggleston, attended our July Council meeting to talk about mission. He was both intrigued and excited to hear about Emmanuel's ministries. He also reiterated what our own pastor has been teaching and preaching...congregations must first and foremost be grounded in prayer and Bible study and from that foundation reach out in witness and service.

Summer Bible study is in progress after a 5-week study related to the Book of Faith Initiative. We are viewing and discussing contemporary films. Discussions are lively and it's not too late to join us!

Bishop-elect Stephen Marsh will be assuming his new duties on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be formally installed on September 26<sup>th</sup>. He asks us all to keep him in our prayers. And I would also ask for prayers of thanksgiving and continued good health for Interim Bishop Ken Olsen who has shepherded this synod through two very difficult periods in the past 3 years.

Peace and blessings,

*Pat Ochodnický*

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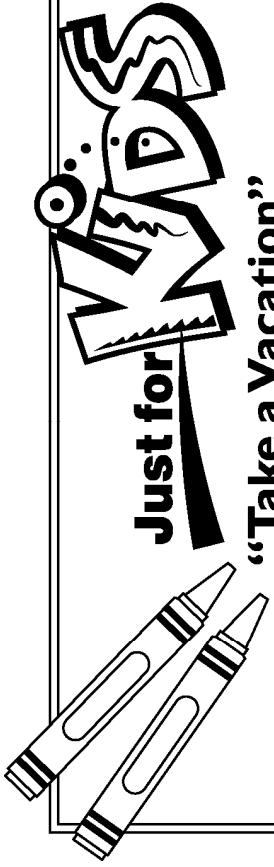
**August 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 26</b> 8 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am <b>Birthday Sunday</b> Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>July 27</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	<b>July 28</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>July 29</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>July 30</b>	<b>July 31</b>	<b>August 1</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>2</b> 9 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>3</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	<b>4</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>5</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>9</b> 10 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>10</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	<b>11</b> Church Council Meeting 7 pm	<b>12</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm Rachel Gutenberg and Brandon Preblich Wedding 4:30 pm
<b>16</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>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>17</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>18</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>19</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>	<b>22</b> Girl Scouts 10am – 4pm Emmanuel Community Farm Open House 11 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm  <b>Pastor's Vacation</b>
<b>23</b> 12 Pentecost <b>Service of Word and Sacrament</b> 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am <b>Birthday Sunday</b> Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>24</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m.	<b>25</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>26</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>27</b> Clergy Cluster Meetings 4:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>30</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>31</b> Clergy Meeting 10 a.m.	<b>September 1</b> Prayer Meeting 7 pm	<b>September 2</b> AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>September 3</b> Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	<b>September 4</b>	<b>September 5</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

## Sunday Servants • August 2009

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
<b>Day</b>	9 Pentecost	10 Pentecost	11 Pentecost	12 Pentecost	13 Pentecost
<b>Color</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
<b>Special</b>					<b>Healing Service</b>
<b>Liturgy</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3
<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Presiding</b>	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
<b>Assisting and Lector</b> Christina Wardell	Marie Cook	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ed Wardell	Christina Wardell	Marie Cook
<b>Director of Music</b>	Jody Doktor				
<b>Cantor</b> Jody Doktor	Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page	Joel Klimkowski
<b>Ushers</b> Roger Demorest	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Christina Wardell</b> Geraldine Henze Joyce Keskitalo Cindy Anderson	<b>Don Thompson</b> Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	<b>Dean Lemponen</b> Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	<b>Irene Karna</b> Doris Gaston Barb Laho
<b>Greeters</b> Tracee Robinson	The Wardell Family	Ed Gilbert	Dolores Ward	Gerry Henze	Tracee Robinson
<b>Acolytes</b> Christina Wardell	Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds	Brittney Jones Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Maria Wardell Lorpu Johnson
<b>Altar Care</b> Tracee Robinson	Sharon Hall, Janet Kotajarvi, and Cindy Anderson				
<b>Tellers</b> Harriet Demorest	Rudy Perttunen Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Rudy Perttunen Vicki Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi
<b>Fellowship Hour</b> Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	<b>August Birthdays</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>Audio Recording</b>	Ed Wardell				
<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.



## “Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation. Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up the verses to find out about each place.

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Garden of Gethsemane, Garden of Eden, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Sinai, Jacobs Well, Rome, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Address Service Requested

**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Now through August 17:**  
**Summer Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.**



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