



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:

Comique People,
President
Jambres Maximore,
Treasurer
Holly Wendt, Secretary
Ed Kotajarvi
Barb Laho
Jerry Hall

From Our Pastor:

Having just finished up the Christmas holiday with all of its planning and preparations, it's hard to think of preparing ourselves for another festival of the church. But that is exactly what the Lenten season is all about --- preparation! Preparing ourselves for Easter, reminding ourselves once again of the great sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and the good news of the empty tomb.

The question is, how do we prepare ourselves for something so, well, astounding? How do we adequately prepare ourselves for an event that is so mind boggling? Some choose to give something up like a favorite food or recreation time activity. Some choose to practice a new habit like committing to pray daily. Whatever you choose to do, if you choose to do something, the goal of such disciplines is not simply to make it through the 40 days successfully. It is meant to bring about lasting change. It's meant to help us turn our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. Its intention is for us to leave behind an old way of living and to embrace more fully our new life in Christ.

The father of two young boys had always encouraged them to give something up for Lent. One year he decided they should give up something more than chocolate or potato chips, so he asked them to think of a sin or habit they could give up. One son committed to give up fighting with his brother. Midway through the Lenten season, the father asked the boy how he was doing. The boy replied, "I am doing good, but I sure can't wait for Lent to be over!" He clearly didn't understand the intention of the Lenten discipline. The question is do we?

Peace and blessings,

Pastor

Jackie

December Council Highlights

December 6, 2014

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jerry Hall, Ed Kotajarvi, Comique People, and Holly Wendt.

Absent: Barb Laho and Jambres Maximore.

Book Study

Living Lutheran - Renewing Your

Congregation: Review of preface and Chapter 1.

Opening Prayer

Treasurer's Report

Roof repair bill to be paid in 2014. Flashing left to be done prior to Christmas, totaling approximately \$2,000.

Pastor's Report

- Food Pantry --- Pastor getting statistics on new participants and interfaith hours of operation, so that members can coordinate.
- Interfaith prayer for the situation in Ferguson

Education

Kaiya taking confirmation classes in conjunction with Peace Lutheran confirmation class with Pastor Larson.

Worship and Music

- Advent Service - Pastor to request Christina to place notice/advertisement in Southfield Sun

Property

- Eagle Landscaping will do snow removal.
- Checked snow blower - appears to be in working condition.
- Sidewalks not included with snow removal - LJ and Pastor to handle sidewalks.
- Sump pump repair complete
- Parsonage - city requires barrier between church property and parsonage, brick wall requirement waved, Dennis to request waiver for fence January 6th at city council meeting.
- Awaiting tax ID to list property.
- Potential for Dale to repair walls in Pastor's office.

Stewardship

- With 23 pledges currently at \$69,000.
- At 27 pledges - \$79,000.
- Historical 2012- 32/\$91K; 2013 - 30's/\$99K; 2014 - 30's/105K not all pledges turned in.

Outreach

- All tags covered by members and fire department picked toys up.
- Lunch and Learn - 3rd Tuesday Real Estate/Mortgages.
- Potential tutoring opportunity at Brace-Lederle School.

Unfinished Business

Discontinue advertising in Yellow Pages

New Business

One Call Now - Discuss as part of budget.

Adjournment and prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Wendt

Council News

Update on the parsonage sale: On January 6, 2015 the Southfield Zoning Board voted unanimously to require us to install a privacy fence on both the east and south borders of the newly zoned parsonage property. We are now in the process of researching our options for this and are targeting an installation date in early spring. The Planning Department did approve our proposed split of the property and now they are gathering all of the necessary signatures in order to complete that. Many thanks to Dennis Rau for all of his work preparing the necessary paperwork and to Darin Page for attending the Zoning Board meeting as our representative.



February Birthdays

Have a very happy birthday! Birthday Sunday will be on February 22. Please bring a snack to share on that day.

March Birthdays

Birthday Sunday will be on March 22. If you have a March Birthday, please bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

Lent/Easter Schedule

February

- Wed 18 Ash Wednesday noon & 7:30 pm
(Noon service followed by lunch)
- Wed 25 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Service

March

- Wed 4 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Service
- Wed 11 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Service
- Wed 18 Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Service
- Thurs 26 Seder Dinner presentation
w/ Janet Point 6:30 p.m.
- Sun 29 Palm Sunday - 5th Sunday

Healing Service 10:30 am

April

- Thurs 2 Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
- Fri 3 Good Friday 7:30 p.m.
- Sun 5 Easter 8:30 a.m. Service
9:00 a.m. Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Service

We plan to use the Holden Evening Service for the Wednesday evening Lenten Services.

Lenten Special Offering

Our Southeast Michigan (SEMI) Synod has two companion synods. The oldest relationship, formed in 1990, is with the Mbulu Diocese in Tanzania. In 2001, our synod formed a second partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

The ELCJHL is known for its warmth and hospitality as it welcomes visitors and pilgrims to the Holy Land from around the world. I've been privileged to worship in all but the newest congregation, and each time I've found it to be a profoundly moving experience.

Although Palestinian Christians have been in that region since the first Pentecost (!), the roots of the ELCJHL are in the mid-19th century when German and English missionaries came to teach and minister to the local people. Today, there are six Lutheran congregations: one in Jerusalem, one in Ramallah, three in the Bethlehem area, one in Amman, Jordan and the newest one, 'Bethany Beyond the Jordan', at the

baptismal site of Jesus on the bank of the Jordan River.

The ELCJHL also operates four schools (K-12) which include vocational education programs. Peace Education and Interfaith Dialogue are key emphases of the ELCJHL Schools. The student population and teaching staff include both Christians and Muslims, and Peace Education and Interfaith Dialogue are a part of the curriculum throughout.

During Lent, special mission offerings will be taken to help support the four K-12 schools. Each week we will highlight one of these schools. I hope you will enjoy 'visiting' them. **Pat Ochodnicky**



Women of the Year

The Annual Katy York Honoring Women Luncheon will be on Saturday, March 7, 2015 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus-Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights, MI. We ask that you prayerfully consider a woman who you would like to select to represent all women of Emmanuel as our Woman of the Year 2015 and an additional young woman from our youth group or an active woman under age 35 who makes an important contribution to ministries in our congregation. We will make our selection Sunday, Feb. 8th. If you would like to order tickets for this event contact Janet Kotajarvi or Harriet Demorest. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Volunteer Needed

After many years of faithful service, Jill Bergstrom has decided to step down as the Coordinator of Memorial Funds. We thank Jill for her hard work and faithfulness in doing this important work! We are now looking for someone to replace her. If you are interested or would like more information, please talk to Pastor Jackie.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Linda, Jim and Jacob Davis have moved to: 45485 Augusta, Canton, MI 48188.

Chili

Challenge

This year's Annual Chili Challenge will be on Sunday, February 8th, during the Coffee and Tea Fellowship hour. Start looking for your favorite chili recipe so you can bring in your favorite chili to share with others that day.

Youth nights at 6 p.m.

On Friday, February 13th, the Youth Group is having a "Mystery Dinner" and some group games. Ask Pastor Jackie or Christina for more information, but remember it is a mystery!

On Friday March 13th, we will do some Easter related activities and have an Easter Egg hunt.

Make plans now to join us!

Bible Study

Currently the bible studies are finishing up our study of Communion and Baptism. After this we are going to start an overview of the bible. We plan to use a resource from Augsburg Fortress titled "The Greatest Story Ever Told." This overview will focus on the key people and places in the bible, and will enable us to connect to the whole story. Make plans now to join us!



Thank you letters:

Valerie Felder, our Music Director, would like to express her deep appreciation to Mary Chavanak, Richard Chavanak, Marie Cook, Breanna Cross, Kaiya Cross, Marcia Evans, Jerry Hampton, David Harrison, Lisa Jones, Brittney Jones, Barbara Klimkowski, Patricia Ochodnick, Darin Page, Donna Page, Francine Parks, Alan Parks, Andrea Parks, Comique People, Scott People, Charlie Preyer, Robert Schneider, Ed Wardell, and Maria Wardell for your personal effort and teamwork in preparing for the Christmas Eve concert. THANK YOU!!!

Dear Donna and Darin,

Please give this contribution to your church in grateful appreciation for the prayer shawl and the positive thoughts that were sent my way during my recent illness. I am so happy to report that I feel great and am looking forward to our Passover/Easter program. Let's pick a date!!!
Fondly, Janet Pont

To my Emmanuel Family,

Thank you for your support, prayers, cards, and love you've given during my recuperation from hip surgery and also at this time as me and my family mourn the loss of my brother Marc. Thank you and God Bless!
Love you all! LaDonn

Thanks to our Retirees!

Our recent retirees, Eddie People, Duma Jensen, Pewu Bah-deh, Beryl Muckleroy, Jane Kempainen and Bill Jameson presented a check for \$1,000 on November 16 to our music ministry. It is really appreciated.



Table Talks

The ELCA is a church that "is energized by a lively engagement in our faith." Martin Luther said "Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing". In keeping with this, developing healthy faith practices-such as prayer, worship, study, serving, giving, inviting and encouraging-is an essential part of our faith.

One way we can do part of this-inviting others-is to tell our own stories of faith. I imagine that comes easy for some of us, but might be uncomfortable for others. At our January Council meeting, we decided that we as a congregation can help each other get used to and comfortable with sharing our stories with others by hosting "Table Talks" once a month.

Martin Luther was fond of hosting meals where he and his guests engaged in lively discussions of theology and faith. So during one fellowship hour a month, we will have an opportunity to talk about something related to our faith. We might start by sharing our favorite bible stories -which ones and why. We hope you take advantage of these opportunities to share with each other and encourage one another as we strive to live our faith daily!

Budget Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1 during the fellowship hour.

Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series presents:

"Helping those who have experienced abuse."

Workshop on

Sunday, March 15, 2015

The presenter, staff counselor Sara Griffin, LPC, NCC, will address being bullied, experiencing sexual abuse and domestic abuse.

This workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2015 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 to 4:30 p.m.

You may call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 for more information or to reserve a spot in the March workshop.

SCC website:

www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Email: info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com

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February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 4 Epiphany Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Congregational Budget Meeting 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>8 5 Epiphany Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Chili Challenge 12 noon YAC Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Youth Night 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Church Council Meeting 10 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>15 Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon YAC Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday Service 12 noon Light Lunch 1 pm Service 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>
<p>22 1 Lent Sunday School and Teen Forum 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon YAC Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23 Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 10 a.m. Lenten Meal 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 p.m.</p>

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	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 18	February 22
Day	4 Epiphany	5 Epiphany	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ash Wednesday	1 Lent
Color	Green	Green	White	Purple	Purple
Readings	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Maggie Vore	Pat Ochodnicky	Richard Chavanak	12 noon: Volunteer Needed 7:30 pm: Volunteer Needed	Duma Jensen
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	YAC	Donna Page	Marie Cross	N/A	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Tristin Cross Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Brittnay Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Comique People Breanna Cross Kaiya Cross	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Comique People Breanna Cross Kaiya Cross	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Wardell Family	Faye and Cameron Lowe	N/A	Eddie and LaDonn People
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Lisa Jones Morgan Jones	Mya and Jamie Maximore	Brittnay Jones Chloe Rau	N/A	Rhionna Nichols
Altar Care Donna Page	Breanna Cross and Marie Cook				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Donna and Darin Page	Donna and Darin Page	Donna and Darin Page
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Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Chili Challenge	Women of the ELCA	N/A	February Birthdays
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Flowers Christina Wardell	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	N/A	N/A
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Day	2 Lent	3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday
Color	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Red
Readings	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Psalm 119:9-16 (Alternate) Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47 Mark 15:1-39 [40-47] (Alternate)
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The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.

To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.



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A place to live

1 2 3 4 5

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Opposite of dark

6 7 8 9 10

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Companion

11 12 13 14 15 16

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Hand greeting

17 18 19 20

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Male adult

21 22 23

“ 8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5 .
17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4
13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4
13 15 8 2 16 , 18 15 16
8 2 16 13 23 1 7 21 .”

Answers: house; light; friend; wave; man;
 “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

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Address Service Requested

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Services at 12 noon and 7:30 pm.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Dinner/Service 6:30 pm



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God's work. Our hands.

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