



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!

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”
(Psalm 51:10-12).

The artist Sting recorded a song in 1987 entitled *Fragile*. This song has remained in my heart for quite some time. Sting sings about the ravages of war and enmity and how nothing can be gained from violence. Within the refrain he affords a plea: if we would only pause and meditate upon our lives and world we all should come to this conclusion.

Fragile. Life is delicate, brittle and fine. We do not have to come to this conclusion just because of the lessons of violence; we can see life's fragility all around us. Life is subject to how we choose to live our lives, and quite often we choose death over life. Sisters and brothers this is the human condition. We have only a moment to live and our will is subject to futility. During the beginning of our Lenten journey, ashes will be imposed upon our foreheads and we will hear these words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Life is fragile, but life placed in God's hands, in God's steadfast Word and will provides blessing, enduring hope and promise.

Fragile. We need Jesus. Plainly and simply. Through Jesus we discover the depth of love God has for us. Through Jesus we see the need to turn around and be melted, molded, filled and used by the Master's hand. This is repentance. Repentance is not just feeling sorry. Repentance requires a contrite heart to be sure, but it goes a step further. Repentance says to God, “I am sorry, I repent of my wrongs. Use me, Lord, as you see fit. I am available for your purpose. Fix me, Jesus. Fix me!”

Fragile. When David became aware of his sinfulness he was able to exclaim, “Renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.” Because we are fragile, we discover that we cannot navigate this world on our own. Things fall apart. We need God to quench our thirst. We need God to pick us up and turn us around. We need God for the strength to love God and our neighbors. We need God to heal us and our land. Let us be empowered through the breath of the Holy Spirit. We are *fragile*, but in God's grace there is blessing and purpose. In God's hand we find that life is not only fragile, but sacred.

My love be with you in Christ Jesus, ~~Pastor~~ David

Council Highlights



**December 9, 2008
7:05 p.m.**

Present: Pastor Maddox, Pat Ochodnicky, Kokulo Kaazaku, Harriet Demorest,

Barbara Klimkowski, Cindy Moilanen, Darin Page, and Richard Chavanak All members present.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study from Acts 8:26-40.

Pastor's Report

- Report of November pastoral acts presented.
- At January 4th services, the congregation will have a special send-off for Pat Ochodnicky for her Middle-East mission.
- Pastor David will be on vacation from January 5th through January 12th.
- Supply pastor for January 11th to be announced.

Christian Education

- Christmas Program to be performed December 20th at the Fountains and during December 21st worship service.
- Sunday School Teachers meeting to be held Sunday, January 11th, 2009.

Worship and Music

Assistant Minister sign-up sheet is unworkable for some of our volunteers. A quarterly sign-up list will be posted to allow volunteers to match service dates with their schedules.

Property Committee

- Snow plowing contract set for \$1,200 for the season.
- The faucet in the kitchen bathroom repaired. Furnace filters have all been changed and the timers have been reset to reflect current schedules.
- The parsonage roof will be inspected. There has been a leak and it may be time to have it replaced.
- A call will be made to have the elevator checked. We may need a new service contract.

Outreach

Missionary Support-A plan to support our two missionaries who are in need of funding is coming. One plan is a congregational Dollar-A-Day plan to collect \$365 each for of the two missionaries.

Unfinished Business

Building Policy and Procedures-last updates made-vote to be held in January.

New Business

- Congregational Budget Meeting-Sunday, January 25th.
- Display with Church Council Member needs updating. A volunteer photographer needed.
- The pastor will update our birthday lists in the church bulletin this year.

Adjournment and prayer 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chavanak

Council Secretary



Chili Challenge

This year's Annual Chili Challenge will be on Sunday, February 8, 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.

Have a very happy birthday! Birthday Sunday will be on February 27. Please bring a snack to share on that day.

Worship Schedule for Lent & Holy Week

A Season of Strengthening Prayer and Ministry

Ash Wednesday – February 25

Imposition of Ashes
12 noon and 7:30 p.m.
Light Lunch 1 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
Light Supper 6:30 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 9

Footwashing & Communion
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 10

Tennebrae 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – April 12

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

Memorial Fund



The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **GRACE POWER** from Ed and Linda Zarb, designated to the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

A gift has also been received from Roger and Sally Barr designated to the Restoration of the Stained Glass Windows Fund.

The Memorial Fund Committee also graciously wishes to acknowledge a most generous gift in memory of **BARBARA TIURA** from Robert and Karen Tiura.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee



WELCA News

Congratulations to Toini Kesti. She has been selected Emmanuel's Woman of the Year 2009. The Honoring Women's Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 14th at the Italian American Club Banquet Center in Livonia. Toini will also be honored in church on February 15.

CROPWALK News

The Lutheran Magazine, February, 2008, pages 12-19 carried an article about hunger in the world and they titled it, "There really is hope--in the country and beyond--the church toils to terminate hunger." The article states that, today, people are coming to understand the complexity of hunger. Now we realize that it is not sufficient to simply feed people endlessly but, instead, we need to help communities lift themselves out of poverty into self-sufficiency.

For example, the ELCA World Hunger Program in 2008 partnered with Amextra (the Mexican Association for Rural and Urban Transformation) to provide agricultural training, seeds and seedlings to start vegetable gardens and orchards in Tortuguoro, an indigenous community in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico. Now Alicia Parcerro has the skills and basic tools she needs to support her family by tending a flourishing orchard.

Church World Service, our partner agency for the Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk, believes that partnership is the key to empowerment. Given the opportunity, regular people--such as ourselves--have the strength and knowledge to take the lead in finding solutions to their own challenges. For example, when the devastating cyclone hit Myanmar last year, Church World Service stepped in with immediate help for the survivors; but, now that the disaster is over, Church World Service is continuing to partner with local agencies in that region to provide rice seed stock, field preparation tools, and basic equipment to compensate for the buffalo and oxen work animals that were lost in the cyclone.

Forty years ago, we tried to fight hunger by giving food to hungry people. Today, we think about hunger more holistically. We search for long-term solutions. We now reach for sustainable development, environmental stewardship, community organizing and public policy advocacy. The work that Jon Adams does in planning and carrying to its successful fruition the Emmanuel

Community Farm, also carries all of these strategies of addressing the problem of hunger.

"We know what works," said Kathryn Sime, director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Disaster Appeal. "We understand the root causes and we have effective strategies to address them. It's just a matter of determining the best method for breaking a cycle and marshalling resources to improve a situation."

There is an opportunity to participate in the ELCA World Hunger Program by putting money monthly into the World Hunger envelope included with the offertory. Volunteer time and financial contributions for the Farm are always welcomed by Jon Adams. And finally, the annual spring CROP Hunger Walk is now being planned. All who would like to help, please do speak to Jane Kemppainen or myself. By listening to people's needs, learning and sharing resources appropriate to people's needs, by partnering, we all can make a difference--there really is hope.

Sharon K. Hall

On Our Way, by Pat Ochodnický



January 4, 2009

After months of planning and preparation, I am finally on my way to Jerusalem! I have thought and talked about it for so long that now it doesn't seem quite real.

Scott Thams, the other American on the team (also from the Southeast Synod), and I have spent the past 3 days in Washington, DC for the U.S. portion of our orientation.

There will be a second training period in Jerusalem with the entire international group. It's been fun to be in DC in these pre-inauguration days. The city has been spit-shined and the excitement is palpable...everyone you meet on the street is smiling. It's also been a real blessing to have a travel companion on this end of the journey. We will have a brief layover in London and have just received word that we will travel from Heathrow into Tel Aviv on the same flight as the 4 Brits in the group.

I now know that I have been assigned to Yanoun, a small (13 families, approximately 100 people) Palestinian village in the northern West Bank just southeast of Nablus. My team-mates are Rachel from the U.K., Birgitta from Sweden, and Peter from Switzerland. We've had some preliminary email communication and I look forward to meeting them.

My team has received an astonishingly detailed "handover report" from the team currently serving in Yanoun. I can't imagine a single situation we might face or a single facet of the living arrangements that has not been covered. I plan to memorize it on the plane!

Assignment to Yanoun does present one problem and that is that I will have limited internet access because it is so isolated. I'll do my best, however, to file regular reports, introducing you to the folks I meet and sharing stories of their lives. I feel privileged to have this opportunity.

First Sunday Fellowship Hour

In our Bible study classes, we've often gotten a glimpse of what ancient peoples ate. In Exodus 29:1-2, the Lord says to the Israelites, "Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, so that they may serve me as priests. Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil. You shall make them of choice wheat flour."

Grain was common in Biblical times. Bread, on the other hand, was a luxury. Why? Because it took hours of pounding, grinding, and sifting to make the flour that was needed to make bread. Of the grains available, wheat was the most amenable to making bread, both leavened and also unleavened. Millet cannot produce yeast. Barley lacks gluten, which is the protein that makes yeast. Wheat is the most complete grain. It produces yeast, but it also takes the longest time to cook so it not only is extravagant in the use of time, but it was also extravagant in the use of firewood.

Our theme for the Fellowship Hour on February 1st is bread. However, on January 19th's evening Bible study, and also in the Wednesday morning Bible study, since Monday was the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, Pastor Maddox brought several books of Dr. King's writing to share with us. We had a very spirited discussion about Dr. King's theological contribution to the Church and also about the Church in America and also about our congregation. Information found on the internet reveals that Dr. King, in his sermons and speeches, often talked about "my bread in a starving land," referring to the faith that sustained his ancestors. He was a Baptist minister, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and a leader in the American civil rights movement, and it turns out he also spent some time in his youth, working on a tobacco farm in Connecticut. Besides manual labor in the fields, he took turns working in the kitchen preparing food for the staff and students. He found the physical work to balance his highly

intellectual nature and particularly always enjoyed southern cuisine. What was fascinating in the internet article was this statement, "Once, from his cell in an Albany jail, he wrote a letter in which he noted how much he enjoyed the rice, peas, and cornbread the prisoners were served." Usually prisons aren't remarkable for the food they serve but, in this instance, they had a prisoner who really enjoyed the meal. For the Fellowship Hour we are going to have different breads, but also some Southern Cornbread. It's been interesting reading about the importance of bread in the Bible and also seeing its importance to people currently.

Sharon K. Hall

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February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 4 Epiphany Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 10 am Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>8 5 Epiphany Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Chili Challenge Handchime practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>10 Church Council 7 pm</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 10 am Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>13 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>15 6 Epiphany Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>16 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 10 am Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>22 Transfiguration of Our Lord Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Birthday Sunday Handchime practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Ash Wednesday No Bible Study Worship 12 noon Bread and Soup 1 pm Worship 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>

Sunday Servants • February 2009

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22	February 25
Day	4 Epiphany	5 Epiphany	6 Epiphany	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ash Wednesday
Color	Green	Green	Green	White	Purple
Special		Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon	12 noon and 7:30pm services
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
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 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	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
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Darin Page	Sharon Hall	Volunteer Needed	Margaret Vore	12 noon: Volunteer Needed 7 p.m.: Donna Page
Director of Music	Jody Doktor				
Cantor	Joel Klimkowski	Barbara Klimkowski	Jody Doktor	Donna Page	
Ushers Roger Demorest	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Calvin Coleman Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Youth Group	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Joyce Keskitalo Cindy Anderson	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Joyce Keskitalo Cindy Anderson
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Cindy Anderson	Gerry Henze	Bob and Shirley Erickson	Wardell Family	
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Brittnay Jones Morgan Jones	Jessica Moilanen Emily Moilanen	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Antoinette Stevens and Brianna Brewer				
Tellers 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	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	February Birthdays	
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall				
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	Barb Klimkowski Cindy Moilanen Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski Kristin Moilanen Cindy Anderson	Barb Klimkowski Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	Barb Klimkowski Donna Page Darin Page	
Flowers Sharon Hall					
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.



Just for KIDS

Mark 12:30-31

Change some of the letters below to find the words in these important verses.

Change:	C's to L	J's to A	K's to O	Z's to H
	Q's to T	P's to R	X's to E	

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L C K V X Q Z X C K P D Y K U P
 G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P
 Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C
 Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z
 J C C Y K U P M I N D J N D
 W I Q Z J C C Y K U P
 S Q P X N G Q Z . . . C K V X
 Y K U P N X I G Z B K P
 A S Y K U P S X C F . "

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... Love your neighbor as yourself"

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Address Service Requested

Adult Forum 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.



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 and sent**
 for the sake of the world