

Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Phew, we are almost there! Your kids and grandkids, like mine, might already have finished school, or if not are close to finishing up their school years. They will quickly move into their summer schedule. Here at church we are winding down our program year. The choir will take a break now until the fall. We will hold our last Sunday School class on June 2 with some sort of celebration, the details yet to be worked out. The Wednesday Bible Study will break until fall, and the Monday Night Study plans to watch movies like we have in the past. And we are through the “high” points on of the liturgical year, just now entering what we call “ordinary time.”

The color for this season is green. I don’t get too caught up in the color of the season. I know it has been part of our Lutheran tradition for a long time, but it just seems the symbols of today’s younger generation are so much flashier, so much more sophisticated. I just wonder sometimes if they find much meaning in green vs. red vs. white, etc. There is a certain beauty in the fact that they are simple though. Green-rebirth, growth, and renewal. On our growth as disciples and followers of Christ.

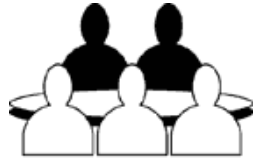
We hear and talk a lot about how we can grow our church. At the Synod Assembly held on May 19-20, there was some attention paid to this. If not directly about growing the church, about creative ways to grow our presence in our given communities. In the midst of this, though, it is important for each of us to keep in mind that we need to attend to our own personal growth too. Our growth in “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).” All of those characteristics that God longs to see in us. All of those characteristics we need to nurture and practice if we are to be effective witnesses to Christ’s kingdom.

One good way to promote our own growth is, believe it or not, to take a break now and then. To stop all the “doing” and instead go about “being.” I hope and pray that you are able to take advantage of a slower schedule this summer and have some time to simple “be” in Christ. But it also takes some doing. Doing prayer on a regular basis. Doing study and reflection on a regular basis. Doing some sharing with others about what God is doing in your life and our world. I hope and pray too that in the midst of our rest and renewal time, we can find time to “do” to these other important aspects of our growth in faith.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Jackie

Council Highlights



May 04, 2013
10:11 a.m.

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Barb Laho, Comique

People, Ed Kotajarvi, Jambres Maximore, Cindy Moilanen, and Darin Page.

Absent: None.

Opening

Meeting opened with prayer and a brief bible study was conducted by members of the council.

Pastor

- Edith Raski has been diagnosed with renal failure. She is not a candidate for dialysis and is at the Novi Hospital.
- The donated spruce trees still need to be planted;

Education

Vacation Bible School planning meeting has begun for August 12 - 16.

Worship & Music

- Choir break to begin after worship on Sunday May 26, 2013
- Sunday school break to begin after worship on Sunday June 2, 2013

Property

- Meeting with the heating/cooling specialist scheduled regarding the air conditioner repair for pastor's office.
- Foundation experts are scheduled to inspect the foundation of the parsonage in the near future.
- Dry erase board has been put up in the nursery
- Cost, best day and manpower needed to clean and repaint the parking lot is being investigated.

Stewardship

April 20th stewardship convention was a success. A lot of information and ideas were gathered for the next stewardship drive.

Outreach

- Prom dresses collected to be donated to low income students.
- Crop walk was well attended. Despite the rain, the event was a success.
- A survey for outreach activities is to be presented to the congregation

Unfinished Business

- The proposed Church media policy to be tabled for next meeting
- AED to be in place by Fall of 2013. Fundraising to cover cost of AED will be ongoing until the unit has been purchased.

New Business

- A couple has requested the use of the church for their wedding October 19, 2013. Their church is not large enough and they do not need our priest or organist. The number of anticipated guest attending the nuptials and the capacity of the church are to be discussed with the couple to be wed.
- Motion passed to allow the Garden Club to erect a storage tent on the lot. Funds to be used from Garden Club donation.

Adjournment and prayer at 11:26 a.m.

Beginning on Sunday, June 9, our worship service will begin at 10 a.m.



Emmanuel's 60th Anniversary

2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of Emmanuel. We would like to plan a celebration, smaller in scale than the 50th, around November or December. If you are interested in being part of the planning, please let Pastor Jackie know.



a Birthday!
June Birthdays

Please note that June's Birthday Sunday will be on June 23, 2013. If you have a birthday in June, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

July Birthdays

Please note that July's Birthday Sunday will be on July 28, 2013. If you have a birthday in July, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School from June 9th until September because of the time change in Church service. On Sunday June 2nd, there will be a special Sunday School with songs, stories and food. Come out and join us.

This last month the following had perfect attendance. Adult class Ed Wardell and Dennis Rau. Chloe and Marcus Rau had perfect attendance in the pre-K to primary.

The lessons for the Pre-K - primary for this quarter were on Jesus Saves. Each lesson had mini books, crafts activities, and activities to take home.

VBS

Don't forget the dates August 12-16, Plan to attend VBS Jesus Family reunion. Only 73 days left until the big day. Invite your family and friends. Let's make this the best Family Reunion ever.

LaDonn People

Crafters

Crafters are still meeting. Come join us on the 4th Sunday during fellowship hour. Come learn a new craft, bring a craft idea

to share or brush up on a craft you are familiar with.

Jane Kemppainen and LaDonn People

Sunday Fellowship Time

We are still in need of folks willing to oversee the Fellowship hour the first and fifth Sundays of each month.

On June 2, the Young Adults are hosting an Ice Cream Social.

On July 7, we are planning to barbeque hot dogs for fellowship hour. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee would like to acknowledge a gifts received in memory of **LEO LEBRON IV** from Richard and Mary Chavanak and Don Thompson. A gift was also received in memory of **JOHN S. CRISSMAN** from Don Thompson



Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee



2013 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

There were eight Southfield/Lathrup churches participating in the May 5th CROP Hunger Walk, hosted by First Baptist of Detroit on Southfield Road, Southfield. Altogether 72 men, women and children--and one dog-- walked and raised \$10,302 (preliminary total as pledges are still being turned in).

A slide show of the Walk was produced and e-mailed out to all the churches, walkers, and also to Bob Barnhart, our Church World Service Regional Director in Lansing. Bob was very pleased to see the slide show and shared it with national Church World Service office staff. You also can see the slide show on www.emmanueluthersouthfield.org

Thanking Everyone!

Thanks so much for your concern and prayers. After having a stroke, Ed Kotajarvi was given a clot busting drug and it did its job. He now has all movement and speech back and is home resting and healing.

We have witnessed a miracle. God is good!

Janet Kotajarvi

What's New in the Mustard Seed Library



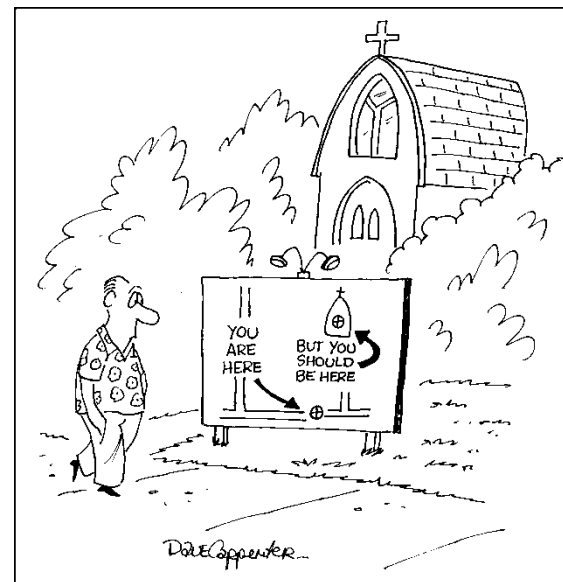
We have a new book donated by Janet Kotajarvi, *Who Do I Talk To?* by Neta Jackson. This is a novel based on actual research the author did in trying to become more aware and understand the situations of homeless women. She volunteered once a week at Breakthrough Urban Ministries women's shelter in Chicago and learned there are numerous reasons people end up homeless.

In this book, the main character, Gabrielle Fairbanks, is married, lives in a Chicago penthouse, has two young sons, has a job working as activity director at Manna House--a women's shelter. But life suddenly falls apart for her and her family when her husband develops a problem with gambling, sends the two sons to his parents, changes the locks on the penthouse

door and forces Gabrielle and her visiting mother out on the streets. Fortunately, there are two beds at Manna House where they can stay until they get their lives back on track again.

Having had the real life experience of volunteering at the Breakthrough Urban Ministries women's shelter helped Neta Jackson write a pretty convincing novel describing the lives, relationships, hope and faith of homeless people she met. This book is on the fiction shelf in the Mustard Seed Library.

Cartoon Corner



How are Things Going for our Neighbors Working in the Emmanuel Community Farm?

We have a good report for the beginning of the harvest season for 2013. Jon writes in the blog on the Farm website, "Things are really moving quickly now. Many of the initial tasks have been taken care of, and our new system of team leaders has worked out great. Stephanie set up a WIKI site for "Organic Organizers", so that everyone can be kept up to date on what has been done and what is expected for the next workday. It does add a layer of writing for me, that is a small price for seeing such initiative from so many of our leader volunteers. A week or two more of setup, and everything should come naturally. Since the strawberries are flowering already, it shouldn't be long before the first delivery to Forgotten Harvest is ready.

As new volunteers are showing up, it is nice to see so many "veterans" too. We have not seen a day of only one or two people helping, as had happened a bit in the past, and that has made the work go easier." The website is

www.emmanuelcommunityfarm.org

Our initial planting plan called for 24 kale, 24 chard, 216 carrots, 66 collards, 55 tomatoes, 480 peas, 20 sunflowers, 24 potatoes, 40 spinach, 24 celery, 28 eggplant, 360 corn, 40 kohlrabi, 18 cabbage, 320 pole beans, 56 basil, 9 zucchini, 30 cucumbers, 128 bush beans, 4 cauliflower, 96 onions, 44 lettuce and 192 beets. Of course, what with Mother Nature having her say in things, gardeners can never totally reach an accurate result the same as they originally planned but, if you look over the field, you will see that the rows are rapidly filling up with plants and we may actually be able to harvest from anywhere between 2,300 and 2,500

plants. We will also be harvesting from sorrel, thyme, chives and parley herb plants, the strawberries, hopefully some raspberries and apples, and the rhubarb looks like it is ready now. It's been a lot of work but so many people's hearts are in this cause of charitably providing fresh, nutritious food to the needy, that this deep commitment continues to help us to see the "bigger picture, the bigger vision" and really keep on working to maintain the sustainability of the Farm. Stay tuned as, through the Farm season, we report on the pounds of vegetables, fruits and herbs we are able to deliver to Forgotten Harvest for distribution to food pantries and soup kitchens in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Reflections on the Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

by Rev. Alfonso Hill

As I reflect on the Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly I realized I learned a few things. One is there are a lot of churches in the ELCA that are having a hard time making ends meet so we are not alone.

Two: there are many different ways to make up for the shortage of members in the pews. Some churches have joined together with other churches and started renting out space in their building to help make up the difference. Some are reaching out to their community no matter what race and learning to come together and help each other out.

Three: we need to do as others and look at the supply and demand in our community and see what fits our need and help us to grow. There are a lot of churches doing lots of creative things to keep from closing their doors. Many have developed a vision and are working on them.

As a member of Emmanuel, I am proud of the fact that our pastor has a vision and is doing a good job to make Emmanuel a wonderful church family.

Also I am glad that Emmanuel and other churches are embracing the race issue and are dealing with it in their own ways.

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 26 The Holy Trinity Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	May 27	May 28	May 29 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	May 30	May 31	1 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Day	2 Pentecost	3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36—8:3	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Presiding	Pastor Jacqueline Rau				TBA
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Pewu Bah-deh	Alfonso Hill	Jerry Hall	Darin Page	Maggie Vore
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	Jennifer/Lisa
Ushers Roger Demorest	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnick Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Brittnay Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols
Greeters Barb Laho	Gerry Henze	Eddie and LaDonn People	Wardell Family	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Jerry and Sharon Hall
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Jennifer Wardell Morgan Jones	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Maria Wardell Brittnay Jones	Jennifer Wardell Morgan Jones
Altar Care Donna Page	Sharon Hall and Janet Kotajarvi				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Young Adults	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	June Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell				

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	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Day	7 Pentecost	8 Pentecost	9 Pentecost	10 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13
Presiding	Pat Ochodnicky	Pastor Jackie Rau		
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Sharon Hall	Michael Wright	Pewu Bah-deh	Volunteers Needed
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnicky Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People
Greeters Barb Laho	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Jerry Hall Sharon Hall	Ed Gilbert Jack Klein	Margaret Vore Pat Ochodnicky
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Brittnay Jones Maria Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People, Margaret Davis, and Renee Pollard			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Donna Page Darin Page	Donna Page Darin Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Hot Dog Barbeque	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	July Birthdays
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Fathers and Sons of the Bible

Proverbs 13:1 says,
 "A wise son heeds his father's instruction."

In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of these fathers and their sons from the Old Testament. Names may be forward, backward, diagonal, → ← ↗ ↘ up or down. Circle them.

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|------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| ADAM | JAPHETH | ISHMAEL | JUDAH | JOSEPH |
| CAIN | ELKANAH | ISAAC | LEVI | MANASSEH |
| ABEL | SAMUEL | ESAU | GAD | EPHRAIM |
| SETH | AARON | JACOB | NAPHTALI | SAUL |
| NOAH | NADAB | REUBEN | SIMEON | JONATHAN |
| HAM | HUR | DAN | ISSACHAR | DAVID |
| SHEM | CALEB | ASHER | ZEBULUN | SOLOMON |
| | ABRAHAM | | BENJAMIN | |

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 A L E V I N A D A B E E S K E
 U U E H F O D J A C O B L U B
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 S S H S M A U J A P H E T H L
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 M I A R H P E C I T O A N C J

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meetings 9:00 a.m.

Beginning June 9:

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 a.m.

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