



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

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

“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that it is written, Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:18-19,28,30-31).

The cross, an instrument of torture, death, humiliation and shame is the self-giving, love, wisdom, power and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus. In the life-giving cross, we the community of faith, are continually being saved and have blessed peace with God. Through the cross of Jesus God gathers us and deems us family. And through the glory of the resurrection we know that the sting of death has no ultimate power over our lives. Death does not have the final word. God does! And God’s Word is true. He is the fountain of living water gushing up to eternal life!

During this Lenten season, we are discovering anew God’s grace and mercy, God’s divine plan for our lives and what it means to live in baptismal grace. We are seeking God’s forgiveness, and what it means to believe, learn and lean on Jesus. On this pilgrimage journey we are continuing to learn the Divine Paradox: We die in order to live!

It is my prayer that we continue to pray, study God’s Word and serve the people of God together. I pray that we continue to encourage, support and strengthen each other in Christ Jesus. Let us continue our pilgrimage journey telling others what Jesus has done in our lives, testifying to the transforming power of the cross.

And I look forward to celebrating and pondering anew with you what I like to call Jesus’ Great Gettin’ Up Mornin.’

My love is with you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David



CROPWALK News

A meeting of representatives of local churches was held in January and all agreed that Emmanuel would be in best position to host the annual CROP Hunger Walk. The Walk will take place Sunday afternoon, April 20th. A Recruiters Rally will be held Monday evening, March 3rd, 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. Bob Barnhart of Church World Service will be present to speak about the work that is being done all over the world to help communities alleviate hunger and poverty.

Church World Service prepares a calendar each year with pictures of people from all over the world in it and the stories of these people. The month of August carries a picture of Yvonne Agee, Katrina Survivor. Her story: When you live in one house almost all your adult life, you don't want to leave it, particularly if you're 81 years old. Yvonne Agee didn't leave, even when Hurricane Katrina was moving toward Biloxi, Mississippi, in August 2005. "My husband had built steps up into the attic, in case of storms, and I went up there." When she came down, a lifetime of possessions and memories were gone. But Miss Yvonne isn't one to give up. Fortunately, help was on the way. Volunteers from around the country, working through Church World Service partner, the

East Biloxi Coordinating Center, came to her rescue, gutting her house and rebuilding it. On her birthday, the volunteers baked her a cake and celebrated with her. Church World Service is still working with communities ravaged by Katrina and Rita, helping them identify their needs and ways to rebuild. Even now, three years after the storms, recovery is a long way off for many. But Miss Yvonne feels blessed. "I get mail and pictures from the volunteers who worked on my house. I met people I'd have never known, if not for Katrina. God had a purpose with this storm--to bring together all these people from different places."

Jerry and I came to Detroit, following his job. Never in my wildest dreams would I have considered moving to Detroit but here we are and been here since 1992. Many people have come from the U.P, from Liberia, from California, from Philadelphia, locally from Detroit, Livonia, Royal Oak, Dearborn, Novi, Berkley, Lathrup Village, Southfield, from all over. God must have had a purpose bringing together all of us people from different places. And I think we can definitely identify with Miss Yvonne and feel blessed to be able to help her in whatever way we can, whether it be from walking or pledging, attending a meeting and volunteering for some responsibility, baking a batch of cookies, contributing bottled water as refreshments to all the participants on CROP Hunger Walk day and foremost and always praying

that we may carry out this ministry faithful to God's purpose in all of our lives. "If you want to travel fast, travel alone. If you want to travel far, travel together." African Proverb. We are thankful always for the support at Emmanuel.

Memorial Fund



The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts in memory of EDWIN KESKITALO from: Mildred Harju.

In memory of ROBERT W.

HYRKAS from Mildred Harju, Dorothy A. MacDonald, Amelia and Burton Boynton, and Joan M. Peressini.

The family of EDWIN KESKITALO wishes to designate \$50 to the Food Pantry.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee

Letter from a Former Member

Hello Emmanuel,

Homesickness won out. As much as Jim loved the Tennessee climate, my heart wouldn't stop calling me home. Jessica lives in Bay City so that's where we decided to dwell. And the house prices are right so we can live here on Jim's retirement. We put our Tennessee house on the market, packed up and moved right after Thanksgiving. A client of Jim's recommended a dynamo of a relator. Relator Robin sold our house in a month. The Princos returned once more to TN to close on the house. Now we are back home in, Bay City, MI

Now I can concentrate on Jessica's wedding to Joshua Gerics. They met at the Michigan Renaissance Fair on a Friday the thirteenth five years ago. Joshua proposed on a Friday the Thirteenth. So of course the wedding is set for Friday, June 13 in Clio, where Joshua has lived his whole life and so does most of his family. Our home is swelling with products for the event. The dining room is filled with over 40 plants that I get to tend until 6.13, 2008. I guess some will return from the wedding to refill my conservatory/dining room.

Our Jamie is still in Boulder, CO. He's planning to marry his mountain climbing, dental assistant girlfriend Jane Mary Nellis. He hasn't popped the question yet. Jamie

is waiting to propose on a certain mountain top. The waiting is suspenseful. Lili would dearly love to have grandchildren. However none are planned for the near future. Oh well, I'll simply have to enjoy the children at Messiah Lutheran. We will soon be new members at this church here in Bay City.

Peace, Lili Princo

Community Farm Dedication

Join us on March 27th at 5:30 p.m. when we dedicate the Emmanuel Community Farm.

We are hoping to be visited by the mayor of Southfield and other city officials plus representatives from our participating food banks. May God continue to richly bless our endeavors.



Girl Scout Sunday

Maria Wardell,
Jennifer Wardell,
Jessica Moilanen,
Emily Moilanen,
Morgan Jones, Lisa

Jones, Brittney Jones, and Jamie Maximore will be here to represent the Girl Scouts on Sunday, March 2. They will have a cookie booth downstairs during the fellowship hour to sell cookies to raise money for the Girl Scouts. These are the delicious cookies you can purchase for \$3.50 per package on Sunday, March 2 to support the Girl Scouts: Thin Mints, Trefoils, Samoas®, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs®, All Abouts, and NEW! Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip and Lemon Chalet Cremes. If you cannot come on Sunday, March 2 and would still like to get Girl Scout Cookies, please call Christina Wardell by Friday, March 7.



Shirley Erickson, Emmanuel's 2008 Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Shirley Erickson for being selected Emmanuel's

Woman of the Year

2008. It is long overdue that she receives this recognition and we thank the Lord for giving her the talents and energy that she has needed to serve Him and His people at Emmanuel.

Many things come to mind when we think of Shirley and her God's given talents. Shirley is known for her efficiency and time management skills. She is a lady that uses time well and expects others to do the same. While serving as our church secretary, all of these gifts surely came in handy, as she served with preciseness.

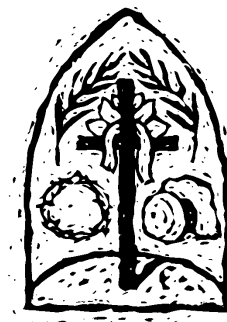
Shirley is a person that encourages others to do and be their best and recognizes them when they have done so. She has been married to Bob for 57 years, is a mother of 4 grown children, who she encouraged to participate in scouting and music lessons. Many of us remember and will never forget, Easter morning with her sons' trumpets opening the service. She is also Grandma to 7 grandchildren.

Shirley says that she was encouraged by, then Sunday School director, Edith Raski, to teach the pre-school age children for many years. She was part of our Quilter's group, and still serves on the Music and Worship committee. Many of the hymns that we have sung over the years have been "Shirley Pics". Throughout the years, Shirley has always been willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Whether for ushering, being assisting minister, serving at fellowship hour, cooking for funerals, or other church functions, helping out in the church office with newsletters and other mailings that need folding etc. Seldom does she say she is not available when asked to report for any job that has to be done.

Shirley says that in her early life she was inspired to serve the Lord by her parents, who were very active in church life, and by the late Pastor Erlandson, who she served as secretary for 11 years. She has been a lifetime member of the Lutheran church.

Shirley has participated in Bible study classes for many, many years and she is an example to all, as even with her weak eye sight and hurting back, she comes as we struggle through the Old Testament and learn more and share with others the Good News.

We pray that God continues to shower His grace upon Shirley and give her many more years of good health and happiness as she serves the Lord that she loves.



Worship Schedule for Lent & Holy Week

*A Season of
Strengthening Prayer
and Ministry*

Wednesdays in Lent

March 5, 12

Light Supper 6:30 p.m.

Worship 7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

March 20

Footwashing & Communion

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – March 21

12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – March 23

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

Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Place Your Orders For Easter Lilies By Sunday, March 9


These beautiful plants are used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter.

If you wish to order an Easter Lily in honor or memory of loved ones, please notify the church office. The cost per plant is \$7.50.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 3 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Handchime practice 12:15 pm Confirmation Class 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	25 Bible Study 7:00 pm	26	27 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	28 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm	29	March 1 Men's Breakfast at Stackers 8:30 a.m. Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
2 4 Lent Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Confirmation Class 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	3 CROP Walk Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	6 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm	7	8 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm 
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16 6 Lent 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 Confirmation Class 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	17 Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	20 Maundy Thursday Foot washing & Communion 7:30 pm	21 Good Friday Service 12 noon Service 7:30 pm	22 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
23 Easter Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	24 Bible Study 7:00 pm	25 Newsletter Submissions Due	26 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	27 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Community Farm Dedication 5:30pm Prayer Meeting 7 pm	28	29 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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Sunday Servants • March 2008

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Day	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday	Easter	2 Easter
Color	Purple	Purple	Red	White	White
Special		Children's Sermon			
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Readings	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14-17:66 or Matthew 27:11-54	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Connie Lorenz	Darin Page	Calvin Coleman Thursday, March 20: Duma Jenson Friday, March 21: Pat Ochodnicky - noon, Joel Klimkowski - 7:30 pm	8:00 am: Kokulo Kaazaku 10:30 am: Maggie Vore	Marie Cook
Director of Music	Jody Doktor				
Cantor	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	Jody Doktor	Donna Page	Choir
Ushers Roger Demorest	Lyn Bodnar Shirley Pulley Irene Karna Dolores Ward Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Earl Lampi Carl Lindstrom Bruce Ricketts Jerry Hall	Sandy Fioretti Jodi Demorest Sarah Fioretti Shannon Jackson	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Joyce Keskitalo Cindy Anderson	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Carl and Allie Lindstrom	Earl and Helen Lampi	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Jerry and Sharon Hall
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds	Michael Wright Lisa Jones	Jessica Moilanen Emily Moilanen Thursday, March 20: Maria Wardell	8:00 am: Morgan and Brittney Jones 10:30 am: Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds	Jennifer Wardell Jamie Maximore
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Barb Laho and Jack Klein				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Erick Kyro	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Erick Kyro	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi Shirley Pulley	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	Youth Breakfast	March Birthdays
Audio Recording and Adult Forum	Jerry Hall				
Flowers Sharon Hall				Easter Lilies	
Sunday School Barbara Klimkowski	Barbara Klimkowski Cindy Moilanen Christina Wardell	Barbara Klimkowski Kristen Moilanen Cindy Anderson	Barb Klimkowski Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
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.

