



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

I looked up the definition of “Lent” in the dictionary today and here is what it says. *“A period before Easter in Christian calendar: the period of 40 weekdays before Easter observed in some Christian churches as a period of prayer, penance, fasting, and self-denial. This period, starting on Ash Wednesday in Western churches, commemorates the 40 days that Jesus Christ spent fasting in the wilderness.”* (Encarta® World English Dictionary © & (P) 1998-2005 Microsoft Corporation) It said nothing however about how it started. I was really trying to get something about the roots of Lent as a Church observance.

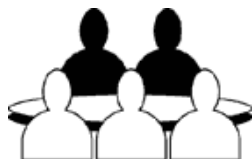
I suppose if I had paid attention better in church history I might actually know the answer to that one, but I don't, without digging out some books for more reading. Suffice it to say that no matter how it came about in the Church, the reason we take this journey is because Jesus did. To deny ourselves of something that we like or want, helps us to be aware of our own journey to the Cross, especially when we are tempted to “un-deny” ourselves before Easter. And when the temptation comes, which it does, we find ourselves intentionally praying, and we learn that in everything, we need Jesus.

The temptation account in Matthew 4 says that Jesus was let by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. I guess the thing here is that we could all be tempted at any time to commit any single act that might displease our Lord. Not too many people have the endurance to fast for forty days, but we can take a portion of that time to fast and pray. Some Christians don't wait for Lent to fast. I knew one person who fasted once a week, and knelt to pray during mealtime instead of eating. Fasting is a form of self denial, and if coupled with prayer it can be very meaningful and powerful. Sometimes we forget that “in our weakness, God is strong.”

Many of us will deny ourselves of *something* this Lenten season. We will learn again what it means to take the wilderness journey, and when finished, we will see the cross of Christ anew and afresh, with eyes of understanding. Hopefully we will have a new appreciation for the Christ who did the real forty days, the one who suffered and died so that we could live. Amen

Pastor Del

Council Highlights



January 18, 2011 – 7:40p.m.

Present: Pastor Hudson, Darin Page, Ed Kotajarvi, Harriet Demorest, Cindy Moilanen, Pat Ochodnicky, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: Richard Bergstrom and Comique People.

Vice President's Report

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting to be held January 30th rather than January 23rd

Pastor's Report

- Report of pastoral acts from December presented.
- Pastor Hudson will not be able to lead services at the Fountains on February 5th and 12th. Pat Ochodnicky will lead the February 5th service and Sharon Hall will lead the February 12th service.

Christian Education

New material for older children to be ordered-current material is focused more for younger children.

Worship and Music

- Barbara Laho will once again lead the Greeters.
- New organist, Valerie Felder will start on January 30th. She has a commitment for February 6th elsewhere. She is local to the Southfield area and has 25 years experience.

Property Committee

- Part of our parking lot was striped by Boy Scout Troop 1677 at Christmas time, led by Andrew Melton fulfilling his Eagle Scout service project requirement.
- The light on the north side of the parking lot was repaired by DTE Energy.

- The cracked window pane on the north tower door was replaced by our snow removal service.

Stewardship Committee

- Ed Kotajarvi presented the report of the Stewardship Committee with the results of our fall campaign. The report will be published with the reports for the Annual Budget Meeting to be held January 30th.
- 35 pledges received pledging \$96,568 for 2011.

Budget Committee

The 2011 Budget-proposed budget submitted for approval by the Budget Committee. A motion made to accept for presentation for congregational approval-seconded-passed.

Call Committee

The Call Committee presented the completed Ministry Site Profile for council approval. Motion made to accept-seconded-passed, with thanks from the council for the hard work of committee members in completing the profile.

Outreach

- Fountain ministry is booming with new people and a solid core of regular worshippers attending.
- Thank you letters were received from Goodfellows and from ELCA for missionary support.
- Outreach Committee asks for missionary support in the amount of \$500 for the period February, 2011 through January, 2012. Motion made to accept goal-seconded-passed.
- Pat reminded council that the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Foundation makes funds available for approved outreach projects.

Unfinished Business

- Congregation directory is still in progress. Our present data base is not current and a

new data base is needed to update the directory.

- Emmanuel's Constitution has not been revised in 20 years and needs to be brought up to date. 80% is standard ELCA text but the rest is tailored to the congregation. Pat is currently working on the revision.



New Business

Southfield High School is asking again to advertise in their calendar for \$90. A motion made to accept-seconded-motion declined.

For the Good of the Church

Delegates needed to attend the Synod Assembly Friday, May 13th and Saturday, May 14th at St John Lutheran Church in Farmington. Up to 5 delegates can attend; the pastor, two lay members, generally a man and a woman, a person of color or a person whose native language is other than English, and a youth member between 14 and 19 years of age. Cost is \$110 or \$160 with meal. The minority delegate is free.



Adjournment and prayer 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chabanak

Council Secretary

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **JEWEL SANDEEN** from: Roger and Harriet Demorest.

Jill Bergstrom
Memorial Fund Committee

Choir

An open invitation is extended to anyone that likes to make a joyful noise unto the Lord to join the choir. **ALL** are welcomed regardless of your musical background.

I hope you will consider offering your voice in lifting up Praises to God in song.

Rehearsal Schedule

Adult Rehearsal: Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Sunday afternoon at 12:15 p.m. (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sunday).



March Birthdays

Birthday Sunday will be on March 27. If you have a March Birthday, please bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship Hour on March 27.

Martha Nippa has moved to 11356 Cedar Lane, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series

Hope in the Caring Relationship Workshop on Sunday, March 20, 2011

This will be a hope-filled interactive workshop for Lay Caregivers, Stephen Ministers, caring professionals – clergy, pastoral counselors and social workers as agents of hope. Nanci Priest, SCC staff counselor, will examine

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four aspects of the caring relationship with respect to hope, looking at the roles of:

- ❖ The Caregiver
- ❖ The Caring Relationship
- ❖ The Caring Process and Its Spiritual Dimension
- ❖ The Possible Need for a Mental Health Referral

The workshop will be held:
Sunday, March 20, 2011 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 – 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. **You must register by March 17th if you plan to attend.**



CROP WALK

News

The Recruiters' meeting will be Tuesday evening, March 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 at Emmanuel. Details have still to be worked out--it will be held either at the parsonage or in the Fellowship Hall. People from other churches will be with us. Also Bob Barnhart will be with us to show us the work that Church World Service is doing in over 80 countries all over the world.

The Fellowship Hour March 13th will lift up the CROP Hunger Walk mission and will involve people volunteering, having entered into a good luck/bad luck drawing at the February 27 worship. Some people will get beef stew meal, some people will get bread and water meal, and all others will get cake, coffee and tea.

Emmanuel will host the 2011 CROP Hunger Walk, taking place Sunday afternoon, May 1st, and we are looking forward to another very spirited time together with friends and neighbors from all over our community.

God bless,
Sharon Hall

Worship Schedule for Lent & Holy Week

*A Season of Strengthening Prayer and
Ministry*

Ash Wednesday – March 9

12 noon Service

Followed by Light Lunch

7:30 pm Service

Thursdays in Lent

March 17, 24, 31, April 7, April 14

Light Supper 6:30 p.m.

Worship 7:30 p.m.

Traditional Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 21

Footwashing & Communion

7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 22

Tennebrae 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – April 24

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

Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

What's New In The Mustard Seed Library?

Cathy DuFour, sister of Betty Perkins who died last year, has contributed a wonderful CD, "Songs for Our Spirit: Peace & Comfort." What's neat about this CD, produced by Psalmtree Records, is that each hymn is scripturally based with language right from the Bible and beautiful melody. Their website, www.itsabouttheword.com states, "We pray that those who listen to this music will be inspired to read more of the Holy Scriptures and will come to a closer relationship with God through His Word. This CD is a great addition to the Mustard Seed Library and we thank Cathy for contributing it."

A donation from Sharon Hall is a book entitled "Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions about Sex and Desire," written by Jennifer Wright Knust. The author writes that she had a searing experience when she was 12 years old and her family moved to a new town. A group of popular girls decided they would ostracize her, calling her a slut and other untrue things. Her mom had had a practice of sitting on their couch and reading the Bible together before school since she was seven years old and told Jennifer to hold her head high, keep walking straight on to class and remember she was not a slut, she was her mom's daughter. Eventually, the popular girls moved on to taunting someone else but Jennifer had been so inspired by her mom and all those early mornings reading the Bible together that she became a Bible scholar, an ordained American Baptist pastor and a professor of religion and has written this book, as well as another entitled "Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity." There is a lot of research in "Unprotected Texts." The call number is #268.

Our former organist, Jody Doktor, contributed some books to our library before she moved. An interesting one is "Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation," by Henry A. Virkler. The author defines hermeneutics as "essentially a codification of those processes we

normally use at an unconscious level to understand the intended meaning of another person. It is only when something blocks our spontaneous understanding of another person's message that we recognize the need for some method of understanding what they intended. Blocks to spontaneous understanding of another person's communication arise when there are differences in history, culture, language, or philosophy between ourselves and the speaker." This book is interesting because it seeks to help people use hermeneutical theory to take the practical steps needed to interpret biblical passages. In the study of Scripture, the task is to determine as closely as possible what God meant in a particular passage, rather than what it means to me. We thank Jody for leaving this book for us. The call number is #230.

Prayer, worship, personal Bible study, group Bible study, reading other religious books, all of these can help us understand Scripture more deeply and come closer to God. Sharon Hall has also contributed a book entitled "Words Upon the Word: An Ethnography of Evangelical Group Bible Study," by James S. Bielo. "Evangelical Bible study groups are the most prolific type of small group in American society, with more than 30 million Protestants gathering every week for this distinct purpose, meeting in homes, churches, coffee shops, restaurants, and other public and private venues across the country." If you've ever wanted to be a fly on the wall and see how other people from other churches do Bible study, check this book out. It's a fascinating read. Call number is #261.

The final new book going into the Mustard Seed Library is donated by Sharon Hall. The "Spark Story Bible," published by Augsburg Fortress. There are several of these downstairs in the classroom but, this one, you can check out and see if you enjoy reading these Bible stories to your child/children on your own couch in your home. The "Spark Story Bible" is on the children's shelf and marked "J".

Happy reading and growing in understanding and faith.

Sharon R. Hall



Pat Ochodnicky Emmanuel's Woman of the Year 2011

For the past 22 years the Southeast Michigan Women of the ELCA have asked each church to select a woman from their congregation who demonstrates her love of God and others and is active or has been active in the past in church ministries and activities. This year, Emmanuel has selected Pat Ochodnicky.

Pat was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula in Ahmeek, a copper mining village of 200 people. Her parents owned a rock shop and named a rock after her – Patricianite. She has a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan and a Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has 40 years of experience working in clinical settings (20 as a medical technologist and 20 as a Physician Assistant) and served on the faculty of U of D Mercy.

She is a mother of five children – two adopted, two from natural birth and custody of a step-daughter. She has four grandchildren. Pat cared for her elderly mom who developed Alzheimer's and died May 20, 2009.

Pat is a lifelong Lutheran and has served in a number of ways in whichever congregation she belonged to as well as worked for the Southeast Michigan Synod. She has served on the vocal choir and hand bell choir, as Sunday School Teacher, Youth Group

Advisor, Parish P.A. (like a parish nurse), Church Council (Outreach Committee), Church Secretary, Assisting Minister, Usher/Greeter, and Worship Team member at The Fountains retirement community in Southfield. For our synod, she has worked as a support staff member; on the Companion Synod Task Force for the Mbulu Diocese in Tanzania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; on the Sexual Misconduct Task Force and the Bishop's Misconduct Response Team. In 2009, she served as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine/Israel (a program of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland) and continues to speak and advocate for peace and justice in the region. Pat loves to travel and even stayed in a hippy hostel in Romania.

When asked "what led her to become inspired to work for the Lord", she responded that she "has been richly blessed and would hope to be a blessing to others in some small way." It is her gentle and caring spirit and her acceptance of all people that made her our overwhelming choice of Woman of the Year.

We will be honoring Pat Ochodnicki on Sunday, March 6 during the service as well as with a luncheon following.



Emmanuel Crafters

A group of Emmanuel members and friends have gathered together for two months now, meeting during the fellowship hour, after the Sunday worship service. They are people young and old who are interested in many different kinds of crafts. Some bring the projects that they are already working on and other bring new crafts that they need help getting started with.

While LaDonn People our talented leader, has so far been teaching both knitting and crocheting, we are still in the planning stage and many new projects are being considered. So come and join in the fun, bring your ideas with you. Our next meeting is on Sunday, March 27th.



Everyone is working hard at their crafts.



Beryl Muckleroy is working on a fleece no-sew quilt with LaDonn People. Pat Hall and Brittnay Jones are in the background.



Karen Lemponen, Audrey Thompson and Sharon Hall are crocheting.



LaDonn shows Makayla how to crochet.

News From Our Seminarian

Greetings from Gettysburg! Katie and I have settled in for our final semester here on Seminary Ridge, and are doing very well. On Wednesday, February 23, the first stage of the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assignment process was completed, as Masters of Divinity seniors at all eight seminaries received their regional assignments. [The ELCA is divided into 9 geographical regions; Emmanuel is located in Region 6.] As a result of that assignment, Katie and I are happy to announce that we will be engaged in ministry in Region 4 of the ELCA, a region which contains six synods serving the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas! We will find out more this coming week, when our synodical assignment is announced. Until then, we ask you to continue to keep us in your prayers as we move into the future God has prepared for us in ministry to Christ's Church and the world God loves.

Andrew Vincent Chavanak
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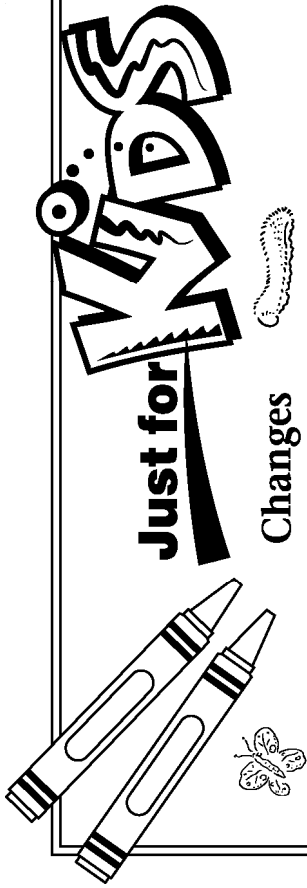
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 27 8 Epiphany Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	February 28 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. New Member Class 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm	1	2 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast at Stackers 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
6 Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	7 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	8 Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Ash Wednesday Service 12 noon Light Lunch 1 pm Service 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	10	11 Youth Night 6:30 pm	12 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
13 1 Lent Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	14 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	15	16 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	17 Lenten Service 7:30 pm	18	19 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
20 2 Lent Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	21 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	22	23 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	24 Lenten Service 7:30 pm	25	26 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
27 3 Lent Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Craft Class 12:30 pm Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	28 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	29	30 Prayer Meeting 7 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	31 Lenten Service 7:30 pm	April 1	April 2 Men's Breakfast at Stackers 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • March 2011

	March 6	March 9	March 13	March 20	March 27
Day	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ash Wednesday	1 Lent	2 Lent	3 Lent
Color	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
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	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	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 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
Presiding	Pastor Del Hudson				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Sharon Hall	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantor	Donna Page				
Ushers Roger Demorest	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols Alana Foster	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Sandra Bryant Comique People	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest
Greeters	Bob and Shirley Erickson	N/A	Toini Kesti Erick Kyro	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Ed Gilbert
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Alana Foster	N/A	Lisa Jones Lorpu Johnson	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Maria Wardell Rhionna Nichols
Altar Care	Holly Wendt Larry Nobles				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak Barb Klimkowski	N/A	Ann Dixon Barb Klimkowski	Christina Wardell Barb Klimkowski	Donna Page Darin Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Woman of the Year	N/A	CROP Hunger Walk Meal	Women of the ELCA	March Birthdays
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
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.



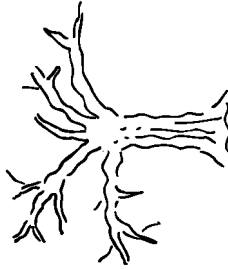
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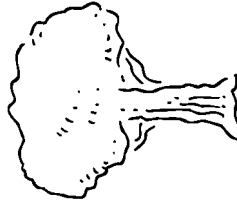
Everyone experiences changes in life.
 Sometimes they make us happy – sometimes not!
 What does the Bible say about this?



Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below.
 Change some letters – then read the verse.



- Change:**
 L's to T's
 J's to E's
 Q's to I's
 K's to S's
- W's to N's
 Z's to O's
 P's to H's
 X's to R's
 B's to A's



“ L P J X J Q S B
 L Q M J F Z X
 J V J X Y L P Q W G B W D
 B K J B K Z W F Z X
 J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y
 U W D J X P J B V J W ”

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

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Address Service Requested

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 Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday Evening Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.



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