

Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

There have been a few signs of it. A couple of warmer than usual days in February. News from the Emmanuel Community Garden that they are planning out the crop for this summer. The other day I signed the kids up for T-ball. Yes, there are signs of it, hope that spring is right around the corner!

Lent is a season of reflection and recommitment, but it is also a season of hope. It is a time of year when we can reflect on our brokenness and recommit ourselves to faithful living but we do it with an end in mind. It is a season that is marching slowly and steadily to the resurrection, to Easter morning when we proclaim with joy "He is Risen, He is Risen indeed." And that is our ultimate hope. Our hope that we will share in the resurrected life with our Savior. To share in God's heavenly kingdom. To share in the banquet feast. 1 John 3:2-3 says "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. WE know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

Did you catch that last part? Again it says "everyone-you, me, your spouse, your neighbor-who had this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." In other words, this hope is more than just an ideal we look forward to; it is a desire that shapes who we are in the here and now. When we truly grasp the hope we have in Christ we can't help but be transformed, to be slowly and steadily made more like Christ.

See you at the cross!

Pastor Jackie



News

The 31st Annual Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk will be hosted by First Baptist of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, on Sunday afternoon, April 28th.

In preparation for the Walk, there will be a Recruiters' Meeting, Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30, at First Baptist of Detroit, during which time pledge forms will be distributed.

CROP Hunger Walks were the very first fundraising walks to take place in the United States. The first one occurred October 17, 1969, when a thousand people in Bismarck, North Dakota, walked together and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. The first Michigan CROP Hunger Walk occurred in the communities of Marne and Coopersville in West Michigan in 1971. The first Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk occurred in 1982 and raised \$7,998. Reverend Terry W. Allen coordinated the Walk, working with the Michigan Director of Church World Service. Founded in 1946, Church World Service is the relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the United States. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS works worldwide to meet human needs and foster self-reliance for all whose way is hard.

Due to the passion and commitment of the Southfield/Lathrup community to fight

against hunger in the world, CROP Hunger Walk hasn't missed a beat. Since 1982, a Walk has occurred every single year and, to date, \$254,191.61 has been raised by our "walking with the world." 75% of the funds go to Church World Service for their use in helping the needy all over the world and always every year 25% stays in our local community. This year, the funds will be given to the Southfield Emergency Food Program, Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels.

One thing that differentiates CROP Hunger Walks from other charitable walks is that walkers can choose to have the funds they collect designated for sister U.S. international agencies, including Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran World Relief, Christian Reformed World Relief Committee and National Association of Evangelicals, W.R.C.

The Feinstein Foundation (www.feinsteinfoundation.org) is dividing \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies that raise funds during March and April. Last year, the Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk participated in this challenge and we will do so again this year.

We take significant steps toward helping the less fortunate members of our Human Family. For more information, please call First Baptist of Detroit at (248) 569-2972.

Sharon K. Hall, publicity volunteer for 2013 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

Working Together - Next Planning Meeting

Our SEMI Synod cluster churches are working together to bring our communities wonderful events - and we have been since 2010!

Are you able to help us continue to plan events for 2013? Learning, worship, fellowship events!

All of those who are interested in planning more cooperative events between our churches are invited to come to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
749 W. 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017
Saturday, March 2nd
9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Fun events for adults/kids, service-focused events, spiritual retreats, mission trips - whatever it is we plan - with our cluster churches working together we will be able to combine our strengths and make a bigger impact sharing the love of Christ.

Please RSVP, or if you have any questions, by contacting Christine Utter at christine.utter@yahoo.com or 248-990-1255 or talk to your pastor.



a Birthday!

March Birthdays

Birthday Sunday will be on March 24. If you have a March Birthday, please bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship Hour on March 24.

Samaritan Counseling Center Lay Caregiver Series

Workshop on Sunday, March 17, 2013

Discovering & Celebrating Life's Purpose – A Lay Caregiver's Guide

We are each unique beings in every way. We all see life through the lens of our own unique experiences, beliefs, and perspectives. We all wish to be seen for who we actually are. In order for this to happen, we must first take the time to know, honor, accept, and celebrate what makes us different from others. When someone recognizes and acknowledges our true essence, we feel seen and known on a deep level. If you don't embrace your uniqueness, you can spend your entire life striving to conform and comparing yourselves to others. By celebrating what makes you different rather than wasting time trying to be like others, you will discover your unique and special gifts. This discovery will lead you to Living Your Truth.

Lay caregivers are intimately involved with another's sense of self and life purpose. One's life purpose connects with one's spirituality— one's sense of what is meaningful and valuable in life. The core questions asked about life purpose often

lead to the individual's personal spiritual path and to the search for connection and meaning. In addressing life purpose, the lay caregiver can help the care receiver find himself/herself and experience hope.

Please join SCC staff counselor Linda Potter-Gallant, L.L.P., in exploring how to discover one's life purpose. Her presentation will cover the seven keys to living one's life purpose, spirituality as a means of embracing one's uniqueness, finding a blueprint to what limits one's ability to be purposeful, and sharing the assessment tools to discovering one's own Truth.

The workshop will be held:

Sunday, March 17, 2013

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 Mar. 14th if you plan to attend.

SCC website:

www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com

Email:

info@samaritancounselingmichigan.com

“A Walk through the Gospel of Luke” Sunday, March 10th, 1-3:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd

Why the Gospel of Luke? Why Now?

- The writer made a careful study of the events of Jesus' life among us and wrote an orderly account that the truth of our faith might be validated. Luke 1:3-4
- Our faith communities will be focused on the Gospel of Luke in worship into the fall of this year.
- The material unique to Luke includes songs, stories, sayings and events that have the capacity to startle, delight, challenge and inspire us.

In our time together we will be given a brief overview of the Third Gospel and then experience specific passages with song, guided meditation, art work, small group discussion, individual reflection and breaking bread together that our hearts might warm within us we might recognize the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst.

There is no cost but some canned goods would certainly be aligned with Luke's concern for the poor.

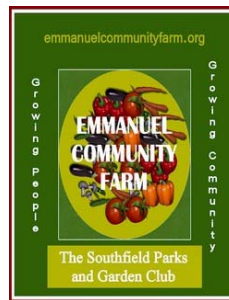
In order to prepare materials, it will be helpful to have an estimate of participants.

Please contact Good Shepherd (248) 548-3111 or gslcofroyaloak@yahoo.com.

Emmanuel Community Farm

Beverly Rose Hopper, rose expert and community advocate, says of community gardens, "Out of gardens grow fleeting flowers but lasting friendships." Five years ago, Jon Adams, leader of the Southfield Parks and Garden Club, together with Emmanuel, started the Emmanuel Community Farm. During these past five years, he has been teaching and mentoring the volunteers organic practices for growing vegetables, fruits and herbs. Our main focus is providing fresh nutritious food for the most needy in our community. All of the produce harvested at the Farm goes to Forgotten Harvest, an organization which distributes charitably food to food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless and domestic shelters, children's homes, senior centers and group homes throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area.

The wonderful thing that has happened is that the volunteers, from working side-by-side with each other in the field, being nurtured by Jon's teaching and also I believe because of being surrounded by the beauty, the fertility, the hopefulness, the generosity of the plants we are tending, have been at the same time growing very warm and friendly congenial relationships with each



other. It is now possible for a responsible team type of leadership to form, to maintain and sustain the viability of the Emmanuel Community Farm.

In mid-January, there was a planning meeting of volunteers in the Fellowship Hall and the Southfield local Cable TV Channel 15 came and filmed a spot for their news show. The producer also put the spot on the You-Tube:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERmwUq0jivw. The success of the Emmanuel Community Farm is inspirational. It has been a very good use of the land, it has been fighting hunger in our community, it has been growing community and it has been growing people and its future in continuing to do all of these things looks to be very, very good.

Sharon K. Hall, Farm volunteer

Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Maunder Thursday – March 28

Seder 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday – March 29

Services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – March 31

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

Breakfast 9:30 a.m.



**Jane Kemppainen
Emmanuel's Woman of
the Year 2013**

This is the 25th year that 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 in church ministries and activities.

It is with pleasure that we pay tribute to and also share some of the accomplishments of our 2013 Women of the Year, Jane Kemppainen.

Jane's contributions to our Emmanuel Church family are many. Most recently she has served as our Call Committee Chairperson - a job that she accepted but probably never thought that it would last for over 2 years. She has helped plan summer Vacation Bible School Crafts and has served as the Craft teacher for many years. Jane also is one of the leaders of Emmanuel's Crafters group that meets the fourth Sunday of each month with both young and old attending this group. She also comes up with many craft ideas that we have made for shut-ins in our congregation.

Jane knits, crochets and she does quilting and embroidery. She belongs to Quilting Guilds and Hand and Machine Embroidery Clubs.

Jane has co-chaired and planned many pasty sales. She has perfected the pasty making process and also does the buying of all ingredients and supplies needed.

For many years, Jane has been one of the coordinators of the Crop Walks in Southfield.

Jane has participated in Bible Study classes and Summer Movie Nights, bringing goodies to just about anything she attends. Pizza, popcorn, pop and candy, but she is best known for the delicious Chicken Salad that she brings to most church functions and funeral luncheons.

Jane is always willing to lend a helping hand when or wherever needed. So many, many of us have been recipients of her generosity.

Jane and Bill Jamison were recently married while on vacation at Disney World. We congratulate them and may the Good Lord grant them many years of good health and happiness together.

When asked, what inspired her to become so involved in serving the Lord, she answered, "The Lord picked me, I didn't pick Him. I just started attending church and seemed to get more and more involved as time went by."

Jane has endeared herself to us by her sunny disposition and Christian Spirit. We thank the Lord for giving her the talents and energy that she has needed to serve Him and His people at Emmanuel. Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

**Place Your
Orders for
Easter Lilies
by Sunday,
March 10**



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 \$9.00.



Jennifer Wardell
**Emmanuel's Young
 Woman of the Year 2013**

This year the Women of the ELCA once again voted to recognize and support the contributions of the younger women in our congregations. Emmanuel's choice this year was Jennifer Wardell, a junior at the University High School Academy in Southfield.

Jennifer has been a member at Emmanuel since birth, attending faithfully with her parents and older sister and her grandfather.

Here at church, she participates in the handbell choir, youth choir and the youth group, while also ushering, acolyting and greeting. She and Lisa Jones, accompanied by Barb Klimkowski, led the Vacation Bible School songs. Occasionally, she has also blessed us by playing her clarinet both during the service and at the Thanksgiving dinner.

Jennifer gives back to the community in many different ways through Girl Scouts, the Southfield Goodfellows, remarking trails for Southfield Parks and Recreation, and helping to teach younger girls at summer camps. She is also a tutor for her friends and enjoys babysitting. In 2012, she received the Southfield Youth Assistance Community Service Award.

At school, Jennifer maintains a grade point average of a 4.03 and class rank number 2, while being in National Honors Society, Student Congress, the Green Club, Running And Walking Club and Southfield-Lathrup's Tennis Team.

When asked what inspired her to become so involved in serving the Lord she modestly replied: "I grew up in the church and I just saw opportunities to help out and fun activities to join."



Both our Women of the Year were honored at the 25th Annual Katy York Honoring Women's Luncheon (see



picture above) on Saturday, February 16 and at Emmanuel the next day with a special reception. (see picture below)



Chili Challenge

Everyone enjoyed this year's Chili Challenge. There were eleven pots of chili covering two long tables this year at the event held during the Fellowship Hour on February 10. Some chilis were spicy and some were mild. There was vegetarian, turkey, chicken and beef chilis. One was even beanless. Toppings available included oyster crackers, shredded cheese and corn chips.

Cartoon Corner



Reception for Jane Kempainen and Bill Jameson

On February 2, a wedding reception was held during the Fellowship Hour for Jane Kempainen and Bill Jameson, who were wed on January 15 while vacationing in Florida. They were also presented with a photo album and a clock from our congregation.



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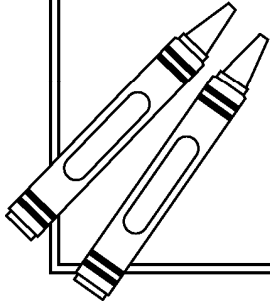
March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 24 2 Lent Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Handbell Rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>February 25 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>February 26</p>	<p>February 27 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. 6:30 pm Light Supper 7:30 pm Service Adult Choir 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>February 28</p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>March 2 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>3 3Lent Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. 6:30 pm Light Supper 7:30 pm Service Adult Choir 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Youth Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>10 4 Lent Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Girl Scout Sunday 12 noon Adult Handbell Choir 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. 6:30 pm Light Supper 7:30 pm Service Adult Choir 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>17 5 Lent Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Adult Handbell Choir 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. 6:30 pm Light Supper 7:30 pm Service Adult Choir 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Adult Handbell Choir 12:15 pm Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday Seder dinner 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>29 Good Friday Services at 12 noon and 7:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>
<p>31 Easter Service of Word and Sacrament 8:30 am Breakfast 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm</p>	<p>April 1 Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>April 2</p>	<p>April 3 Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm</p>	<p>April 4 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm</p>	<p>April 5</p>	<p>April 6 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm</p>

Sunday Servants • March 2013

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 28/29	March 31
Day	3 Lent	4 Lent	5 Lent	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday/Good Friday	Easter
Color	Purple	Red	White	White	Red / Stripped	White
Readings	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14—23:56 Luke 23:1-49 (Alternate)	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1—19:42	Acts 10:34-43 Isaiah 65:17-25 (Alternate) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Acts 10:34-43 (Alternate) Luke 24:1-12 John 20:1-18 (Alternate)
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau					
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Alfonzo Hill	Lisa Jones	Richard Chavanak	Michael Wright	<u>Maundy Thursday:</u> Pat Ochodnicky <u>Good Friday</u> 12 noon: Christina Wardell 7:30 pm: Sharon Hall	8:30 a.m.: Darin Page 10:30 a.m.: Maggie Vore
Director of Music	Valerie Felder					
Cantor	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	N/A	Richard Chavanak
Ushers Roger Demorest	Christina Wardell Ann Dixon Sandra Bryant Comique People	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	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnicky Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest
Greeters Barb Laho	Ed Gilbert	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Gerry Henze	Eddie and LaDonn People	N/A	Wardell Family
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Lisa Jones Brittnay Jones	Maria Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Volunteers Needed	8:30 am: Lisa and Brittnay Jones 10:30 am: Maria Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People, Margaret Davis, and Renee Pollard					
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Donna Page Darin Page	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki and Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	Young Adults	Young at Heart	WELCA	Birthday Sunday	N/A	Youth Group
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell					
Flowers Sharon Hall	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Easter Lilies
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.

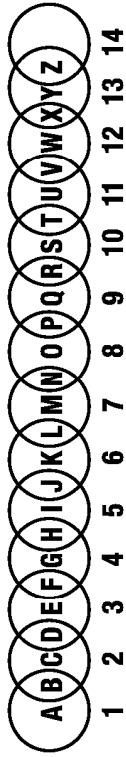


Just for KIDS

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

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Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

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Southfield, MI 48033

Address Service Requested

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting 9 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Dinner/Service 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Seder 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Services 7:30 p.m.

Easter Morning Services 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with

Easter Breakfast served at 9:30 a.m.

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