



# Emmanuel's Voice

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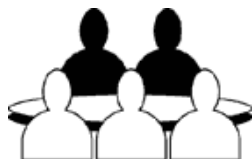
## From Our Pastor:

I have been preaching the lessons from Acts throughout this Easter season. I chose that because the book of Acts describes the growth of the early church, from days following Jesus Ascension to the day of Pentecost to the missionary journeys of Paul. It is tempting to think that the church we see in Acts had it all figured out; that they had a well-defined set of doctrine, a clear mission statement, a well-established way of doing worship right after Pentecost-in other words they clearly understood their identity and their mission. But let me assure you-they didn't. To quote the theme song for Aladdin, it was "A Whole New World." Their theology had been and was being radically transformed in light of the resurrection. Many of their well-established practices were being challenged and sometimes, rethought. And in story after story we see their sense of mission being challenged and stretched to places that they probably never imagined. I imagine the growing pains were intense at times; mild at others, but always present, as they realized God was prodding them out of the comfortable and familiar and helping them embrace what it really meant to take the gospel to all the ends of the world.

I believe this parallels our reality today. The Church universal and the ELCA are dealing with the fact that this is "A Whole New World." But we should be careful not to comfort ourselves in thinking this is a challenge for "them", for really it is a challenge for all of us as followers of Jesus and as the body of believers gathered here at Emmanuel. We are well aware that our identity here at Emmanuel has changed over time. We all recognize that we are no longer a primarily Finnish congregation, sharing a common heritage and nationality, but instead a body of believers who claim vastly different backgrounds. We are diverse group, and that is something we should lift up and celebrate. But what does that really mean for us? Who are we now, and where do we go? During our church council meetings, we have started studying our mission statement. We have been asking ourselves what are we doing well and what aren't we doing well in light of the five focus areas we lift up each week: worship, bible study, witness, service and fellowship. Another question I think we need to start asking ourselves is but haven't yet it what do those outside our doors think? What do those who live in Samaria, and Corinth, and Athens think? What do those who live in Southfield think? Is what we are doing relevant to them? Does it help them to meet the risen Christ? Does it help them connect to a community where the love of Christ is celebrated and practiced? It is, you know, "A Whole New World." I would invite each of to ponder our mission statement in light of this reality. Think about this over the next couple of months and feel free to share your thoughts with any of your Council members!

**Pastor Jackie**

## Council Highlights



**March 2, 2013**  
**10:21 a.m.**

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Jambres Maximore, Cindy Moilanen, and Darin Page.

Absent: Barb Laho, Harriet Demorest, Comique People, and Ed Kotajarvi.

### Opening

Meeting opened with prayer 10:21 a.m.

### Pastor's Report

- Pastor Rau is in the process of speaking to a few people regarding church membership;
- The Hearts, Hands and Voices group expressed interest in using the Church's facilities for a week in August

### Christian Education

- Question presented regarding the acceptable age for first communion. Pastor explained that the age is not set in stone and differs for each child based on their understanding of certain concepts.
- Looking to see if there are young adult/youth members interested in confirmation classes.
- Rally day is scheduled for September 15, 2013.

## Worship

- Question presented regarding a preference for a more somber Palm Sunday, as has been previously suggested, versus a festive celebration. The preference remains a festive celebration.
- The Annual Seder Dinner will be held on March 28 after the Maundy Thursday service.
- Service scheduled to begin at 10:00 am beginning June 9.
- Service scheduled to begin at 10:30 am beginning September 8.

## Property

- Family Heating and Cooling service to be contacted to look at the air conditioner in the pastor's office.
- Foundation experts are being contacted regarding cost of repairing the foundation of the parsonage.

## Unfinished Business

- Duties of officers are to be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Pastor has begun speaking to members for the Pastor Support Committee.

## New Business

2013 is Emmanuel Lutheran's 60<sup>th</sup> year as a parish. Consideration should begin for a celebration.

**Adjournment and prayer:** 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Jambres Maximore*

## Council Highlights



**April 06, 2013**  
**10:10 a.m.**

Present: Pastor Jackie Rau, Harriet Demorest, Comique People, Ed Kotajarvi, Jambres Maximore, Cindy Moilanen, and Darin Page.

Absent: Barb Laho

### Opening

Meeting opened with a prayer

### Treasurer

The financial report for the months of February and March 2013 were presented and approved, subject to audit.

### Pastor

- Pastor Rau has arranged vacation time for Jun 29 - Jul 7; August 19 - 25;
- Leo Lebron's memorial service is scheduled for April 20, 2013
- The Hearts, Hands and Voices group rescinded their interest to use the Church's facilities since we do not have enough individual rooms for their purposes;
- Pat Ochodnicky, Karen & Dean Lemponen are the three members of the pastor support committee;
- In May, Alfonso and Carl are going to be joining the Church.

## Education

The education committee will be meeting in April to begin planning for Vacation Bible School.

## Worship

- Approval of 10:00 a.m. worship beginning June 9.
- Approval of 10:30 a.m. worship beginning September 8.

## Property

- Air conditioner repair for pastor's office is still being investigated.
- Foundation experts are going to be contacted regarding cost of repairing the foundation of the parsonage after the weather breaks.
- Approval granted for Jon Adams of the community farm to be given a key to the shed/garage to store a piece of equipment.
- Twigs and leafs from the back of the Church have been mulched.
- Dry erase board, previously donated, is going to be hung in the nursery.

## Stewardship

- One more pledge has been received.
- Pledges now total \$83,563 for the General fund, \$6,114 for Benevolence fund and \$3,076 for the Capital Improvement Fund.
- A Cluster workshop is being held at Good Shepherd on April 20. Cost is \$25.

## Outreach

- The noisy offering was a success. A goat, a pig and chicks will be purchased to be sent to a third world community.
- Malaria day is April 25; the ELCA malaria campaign day is April 28
- The Southfield/Lathrup Crop Hunger Walk is scheduled for April 28.

## Unfinished Business

- The proposed changes and recommendations to the by-laws and constitution were discussed as presented by Pat Ochodnicki.
- There still are no volunteers for the Synod Assembly scheduled to be held all day from May 17 to May 18.

## New Business

- Wayne County Department of Human Services would like to use the Church's facilities on Saturday May 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Foster Parent Training. Motion made and passed to allow the organization to use the Church's facilities.
- Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2013.
- First Sunday in May is a taste of culture Sunday.
- First Sunday in June will begin 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Speakers.

- The Church is going to be tasked with looking into the possibility of a grant for obtaining an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) or purchase options.
- Motion passed to donate up to \$200 to the Community Farm.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Parish Day is in December.

## For the Good of the Church

Concern has been raised concerning the Church's information circulation resources (Newsletter, email list, etc.). The Church's policy regarding disseminating information to parishioners may need to be reviewed or established. Said policy to be researched and discussed at next council meeting.

## Adjournment and prayer at 1:29 p.m.



Jose Nallapu has moved to 13211 Arriba Greenfield Drive, Bowie, Maryland 20720. Cell Phone: (248) 979-0578. e-mail: Jose.Nallapu@yahoo.com.

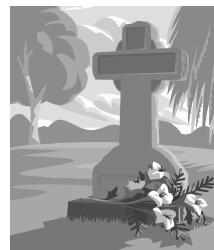
Pastor David Maddox II and his new wife, Charlotte, now live at: 259 W. Johnson Street, Apt. # M-3, Philadelphia, PA 19144. His e-mail is still revdmaddox2@earthlink.net.



**a Birthday!  
May Birthdays**

*Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on May 26, 2013. Anyone with a May Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.*

**Memorial Fund**



The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge a gift received in memory of

**Eleanor Manley** from: Arthur Jouppi and Julianne K. Jouppi, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barr, and Sharon and Jerry Hall; in memory of **Shirley Erickson** from Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barr; in memory of **John S. Crissman** from Jill and Dick Bergstrom and the Wardell Family; and in memory of **Leo LeBron IV** from the Wardell Family.

**Jill Bergstrom**  
Memorial Fund Committee

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

Yes, it is that time again! The date of our annual congregational meeting is set for Sunday, May 19, immediately following worship. During the meeting, we will be electing new members to Church Council.



**Thank You  
to our Youth Group**

On Saturday afternoon, March 30, the youth group spent 5 hours decorating hard-boiled eggs (provided by Christina Wardell) and decorating the church fellowship hall with Easter baskets, colorful tablecloths, streamers, and place settings. On Easter morning they, together with Richard Chavanak, made and served Easter breakfast and helped cleanup afterwards. Let's congratulate them on a job well done!

**Youth Night**

The next Youth/Young Adult Night is scheduled for Friday, May 10. We will meet at the church at 6:00 and go to the Sport N' Fun at 9 Mile Road and Grand River. Cost to participants is \$5.00 and includes one round of putt-putt, and one other activity. Any questions please talk to Pastor Jackie or Christina Wardell.



## Seder at Emmanuel!

This year as part of our Holy Week services, we were blessed to have Mrs. Janet Pont, a representative from Congregation Shaarey Zedek (a community synagogue located on Bell Rd just off 11 mile, between Lahser and Telegraph) to help us understand the Jewish Seder. We learned the answers to the four questions asked during the Seder; we learned the meanings of the symbols on Seder plate (haroset, karpas, maror, z'roah and baytzah); we learned some Hebrew; and we learned some fun songs. We learned a little more of our Old Testament background. This is a part of our heritage that often gets overlooked. Most importantly we learned how important it is to understand people of all faiths and backgrounds so that we can grow into the people Jesus meant for us to be.



## What's New in the Mustard Seed Library

Looking forward to Mother's Day this month, our newest book in the Mustard Seed Library is [A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband "Master"](#), published in 2012 by American Christian columnist, blogger and author, Rachel Held Evans. She recounts how she spent an entire year of living a Biblical lifestyle literally. There are so many voices coming at American women today--our grandmothers, mothers and we have all had to learn to try to make wise, faithful decisions in the midst of this cacophony of different ways of reading and hearing the Bible and now we watch as the younger generation grows up (Rachel was born June 8, 1981) and they are also trying to navigate the religious and cultural landscape. Rachel, through writing this book and sharing with us--her readers--gives us just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity to this whole topic of how to live God-pleasing

lives which are creative and loving and full, choosing between all the possibilities open to us. The chapter on fertility and the computer baby is a real hoot. Computer baby is one of those inventions where a doll operates on batteries and is programmed to make it possible for people to practice caring for an infant 24 hours a day seven days a week. This was in response to Genesis 1:28 "God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...' and Rachel's trying to come to grips with what the Bible and our culture really communicate about the importance of motherhood in today's world.

In my opinion, this book, in a gentle humorous way does a lot to reconcile the generations and is a great read and addition to the Mustard Seed Library. The call number is 261. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL.

**Sharon Hall**

Mustard Seed Library volunteer

## Labels, Box Tops and Stamp Collections

Thank you to everyone who have been collecting these items and putting them in the containers in the narthex. Many of you probably wonder what our church does these items.

Labels for Education are mailed to ACTION for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan who in turn mails them to the Kidzone at the Wayne County Family Center as well as to Lutheran Special Education Ministries.

Box Tops are dropped off at Birney K-8 School located at 11 Mile and Lahser Road, here in Southfield.

The postage stamps were mailed to "Stamps for the Wounded". This organization in Virginia gives these stamps to wounded veterans. It gives these hospital or wheelchair-bound vets something to do and something to look forward to. Trading duplicates also connect them with other veterans. They recommend that you leave a 1/2 inch border of envelope around each stamp. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope it is glued to. The veterans prefer to do that themselves. It's part of their fun.



## Golfers:

Mark Your Calendar for  
Samaritan Counseling

Center's  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 28, 2013.

We will hold this year's event at  
Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 Ten Mile  
Rd., Lyon Twp., MI 48178

There will be lots of fun for golfers and non-golfers  
alike. You can help make this a successful event by:

- Golfing (best ball scramble)
- Coming to the dinner at 6 p.m.
- Donating a raffle prize
- Advertise your business as a  
Hole Sponsor (\$130) or
- Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$250)
- Non-golfers attending afternoon  
activities and steak dinner

All proceeds benefit the Samaritan  
Counseling Center's Client Assistance Fund,  
which provides assistance for clients with  
inadequate or no health insurance who need  
help in obtaining counseling services.

Please contact SCC for more information at  
248-474-4701 or see their website:  
[www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com](http://www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com)

## Leo LeBron IV September 8, 1950 - April 2, 2013

Our prayers go out to the family of Leo T. LeBron IV, brother of Heidi Ross and father of Leo LeBron V. His Memorial service was held here at Emmanuel on April 20, 1 p.m. Those of us who knew Leo knew that despite the many challenges he faced in life, he demonstrated a strong spirit and deep faith in God. We will miss his presence in worship and fellowship!



## Celebrate Diversity!

We will be accepting new members on Sunday, May 5. All those who are interested in joining Emmanuel should let Pastor Jackie know.

At this same service we would like to celebrate our diversity. We would like to have "The peace of the Lord be with you always," said prior to the sharing of the peace, shared in several different languages. Please let Pastor Jackie know if you are willing to help with this.

We will also celebrate our diversity during the coffee hour that Sunday by bringing in items and dishes representing our many heritages. Please sign up on the sheet on the kitchen door or contact Christina Wardell at (248)357-1848.



## Vacation Bible School

The planning committee met on Sunday, April 21 and decided that the 2013 Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 12 - Friday, August 16. Our theme this year is "Jesus Family Reunion: The Remix".

Preschool student to adults are invited to take part in this fun-filled Bible program. There will be lots of crafts, games, snacks, and Bible training to inspire everyone to excel in everything they do! Please see LaDonn People to volunteer or for more information.

## Synod Convention

We thank Mary Chavanak, Richard Chavanak, and Alfonso Hill for agreeing to represent us at the Synod Convention, Friday May 17 - Saturday, May 18. If you are interested in also attending, please talk to Pastor Jackie. The cost is \$140.

## Cartoon Corner



"God gave Noah 100 years to build the ark.  
Can't I have at least a month to clean my room?"

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**May 2013**

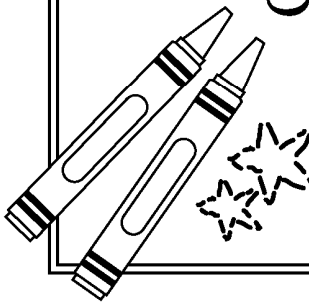
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>April 28</b> <span style="float: right;">5 Easter</span> <b>Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am</b> <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am</b> Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>April 29</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1</b> Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>2</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">6 Easter</span> <b>Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am</b> <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am</b> Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>6</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>9</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Youth Night 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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<b>19</b> <span style="float: right;">Day of Pentecost</span> <b>Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am</b> <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am</b> Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir / Youth Handbell Rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>20</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Prayer Meeting 9 am Bible Study 10 a.m. AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>23</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
<b>26</b> <span style="float: right;">The Holy Trinity</span> <b>Sunday School / Adult Forum 9:15 am</b> <b>Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am</b> Coffee/Tea Fellowship/Crafts 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Prayer Meeting 9 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	<b>30</b> Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b> Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Deli 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 10 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm



## Sunday Servants • May 2013

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Day</b>	6 Easter	7 Easter	Pentecost	The Holy Trinity
<b>Color</b>	White	White	Red	White
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22— 22:5 John 14:23-29 John 5:1-9 (Alternate)	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16- 17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Genesis 11:1-9 (Alternate) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 Acts 2:1-21 (Alternate) John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
<b>Presiding</b>	Pastor Jackie Rau			
<b>Assisting and Lector</b> Christina Wardell	Duma Jensen	Lisa Jones	Michael Wright	Pat Ochodnický
<b>Music Director</b>	Valerie Felder			
<b>Cantors</b>	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
<b>Ushers</b> Roger Demorest	<b>Barb Laho</b> Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnický Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	<b>Jerry Hall</b> Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	<b>Maria Wardell</b> Brittney Jones Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols Jennifer Wardell	<b>Christina Wardell</b> Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon
<b>Greeters</b> Barb Laho	Dolores Ward	Ed Gilbert Jack Klein	Barb Laho Renee Pollard	Dale Charneski
<b>Acolytes</b> Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Brittney Jones Maria Wardell	Jamie Maximore Mya Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols
<b>Sunday School</b> LaDonn People	Richard Chavanak Cindy Anderson	Ann Dixon Christina Wardell	Lisa Maximore	LaDonn People
<b>Altar Care</b> Donna Page	Maria Wardell and Lisa Jones			
<b>Tellers</b> Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Donna Page Darin Page	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest
<b>Fellowship Hour</b> Janet Kotajarvi	<b>Taste of Culture</b>	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	<b>May Birthdays</b>
<b>Flowers</b> Sharon Hall	Ed and Christina Wardell	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>	<b>Donations needed</b>
<b>Audio Recording</b>	Ed Wardell			
<b>Worship Folder and Bulletin</b>	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**

**God's Creation**

In the spring we see God's creation coming alive again!  
 Fill in the blanks below with the names of things that God created. Use the Scripture references to help if needed.

**G** \_\_\_\_\_ where vegetables grow  
*(Deuteronomy 11:10)*

**O** \_\_\_\_\_ a tree to rest under *(1 Kings 13:14)*

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ when Mary went to the tomb  
*(Matthew 28:1)*

**'S** \_\_\_\_\_ lights in the night sky *(Genesis 1:16)*

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ provided clothing for John the Baptist  
*(Matthew 3:4)*

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ flowing water *(Matthew 3:6)*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ name of a garden *(Genesis 2:8)*

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ the first man *(Genesis 2:20b)*

**T** \_\_\_\_\_ sound made by lightning *(Exodus 19:16)*

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ hopping, flying, crawling creatures  
*(Leviticus 11:20)*

**O** \_\_\_\_\_ a "wise" bird *(Psalm 102:6)*

**N** \_\_\_\_\_ begins at sunset *(Genesis 28:11)*

Answers: garden; oak; dawn; stars; camel; river; Eden; Adam; thunder; insects; owl; night.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

23425 Lahser Road  
 Southfield, MI 48033

Address Service Requested

**Sunday School/ Adult Forum 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**  
**Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon**

**Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Prayers 9 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.**



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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