



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!

“Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” (Deuteronomy 4:1,9).

Summer is almost over, and it is that time of year again when our children will be going back to school. I know many of you have seen the *Meijer* commercial with the kid on the beach looking perplexed as the waves crash in affording a ruler and notebook. And then lo and behold the tide brings in his teacher with a stern look on her face! Not very welcoming. I remember the *Staples* commercial with the parents rejoicing, dancing down the aisles to the Christmas song, “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” Severe torture.

Although some students may not want to go back to school, many others do. It is indeed a wonderful time to learn and grow, and nurture relationships. I tell children that their primary responsibility is getting an education, knowing that for some it is a challenging endeavor because of the many obstacles before them. One of those obstacles is hunger. We need to pray for all of our children. Pray for their safety. Pray they have love and support. Pray they get their needs met. Pray that they enjoy learning, and learn all they can. Pray they will get to know, and grow in their relationships with their peers.

Christian education is vitally important for our children too! Children need to know their faith in Jesus is paramount, and all other learning flows out of this. Pray they will learn more about Jesus and his love for them in Sunday school. Children need to know they are claimed and loved by God. They need to know they are embraced and valued through the power of the cross. They need to know they are forgiven and blessed. They need help in exploring the gifts God has entrusted to them. And they need to hear that old, old story of Jesus and his love repeatedly. They need to see Jesus’ love modeled by people who have authority over them. And, yet, those in authority need to learn Jesus’ love as demonstrated through the life of a child! Children are people too! They are of immeasurable value (Mark 10:13-16).

I pray and hope to see many children in Sunday school and church. I look forward to their continued growth and learning. It is an honor getting to know them and being in their presence. I thank those who will be teaching Sunday school this season. Please pray for them in their planning and instruction. Pray for the entire congregation in our faith formation! May we explore the bible together, and lean on those everlasting arms of Jesus that cannot fail.

My love is with you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David



In Memoriam

The Rev. John H.K. Schreiber, bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Southeast Michigan Synod, died suddenly August 16 in Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. He was 47.

A service of Christian burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on August 21 at St. Blase Roman Catholic Church, Sterling Heights, Mich.

"Bishop John Schreiber's ministry was centered in Jesus -- Jesus' love for John that began in Baptism and John's love for Jesus that led John into the ministry of Word and Sacrament," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop.

"John's Christ-centered life and ministry gave him a passion to proclaim the gospel and invite all to come and follow Jesus, together working for justice, peace and reconciliation. That commitment was reflected in Bishop Schreiber's tireless work for racial reconciliation, his advocacy for a lasting just peace in the Middle East and his deep desire that as a church we exemplify God's gift of unity in diversity," Hanson said.

"Bishop Schreiber's love for the people of the Southeast Michigan Synod was reflected in his attentive listening, his reaching out to all, and in his recognition that a community facing great economic challenges needs to hear the hope of the gospel," he said.

"I pledge this church's prayers and support for Colleen, Paul and Claire and the people of the Southeast Michigan Synod," Hanson said.

Born May 10, 1961, in Pittsburgh, Schreiber earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and a master of divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. Trinity is one of eight ELCA seminaries.

Ordained in 1987 in the former Lutheran Church in America, Schreiber served as pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church, Detroit, until 1993, when he became an assistant to the bishop of the ELCA Southeast Michigan Synod -- the Rev. J. Philip Wahl, who returned to parish ministry in 1998 and later retired, and Wahl's successor, the Rev. Robert A. Rimbo.

Rimbo resigned as bishop in 2005 to accept a call as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York. A special synod assembly Nov. 19, 2005, elected Schreiber to a six-year term as bishop. He was installed as bishop and assumed the office on Jan. 21, 2006.

"John Schreiber was the consummate pastor. He loved people and he loved God, and he demonstrated that in all that he did," said Rimbo, now bishop, ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod. "Even when dealing with the nuts and bolts of finance and administration, he always kept the mission of God central and called us to witness to Jesus Christ crucified and risen."

"He was there with people in their need, and he challenged us to respond to God's call to do justice for the sake of the world. He served as a parish pastor with distinction. He continued to carry that pastor's heart into everything he did. And he loved ministry as a bishop of this church," Rimbo said.

Schreiber is survived by his wife, the Rev. Colleen F.S. Kamke, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, Mich., and their children, Paul and Claire. He is survived also by his mother and sister.



Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge a gift in memory of Barbara Tiura and to the Church Newsletter from Arlene Moilanen.

Jill Bergstrom
Memorial Fund Committee

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Barb Laho will be moving back home on September 1.

September Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on September 28, 2008. Anyone with a September Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.



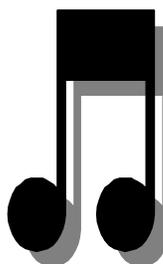
Rally Day

Mark your calendars for Rally Day. The first day of Sunday School is September 7th at 9:30 a.m.



Also beginning on September 7, Worship Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed immediately after by our usual Coffee/Tea Fellowship time beginning at approximately 12 pm.

Monday night Bible study will begin at 7 p.m., September 15 and Wednesday morning bible study will begin at 10 a.m., September 17. Thursday evening prayer meetings will continue at 7 p.m.



A Note from Our Music Director

As the summer comes to a close and we look ahead to our Fall Services, I would like to invite each of you to prayerfully consider joining our small but dedicated band of choir singers. There will be 13 mid-week rehearsals between now and Christmas. We normally meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. Even if you've never sung in a choir before, you are welcome. Consider joining us for the first few rehearsals to try it out. (You won't be drafted into it forever, I promise)!

This fall we will again be having both a children's chime choir and a youth choir. They will meet on alternating Sundays beginning on the 14 of September. Any teen or reading aged child is invited to join!

Also, those of you interested in cantoring for Sunday services should contact me (Jody Doktor) so that the Fall schedule can be worked out.

Thank you!

Jody Doktor

**ACTION for LSSM
75th Annual Convention
September 20, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
Lunch served by Ladies Guild of
Faith Lutheran Church**

Faith Lutheran Church
4515 Dobie Road Okemos, MI 48864

The focus of this year's convention is to acknowledge the importance of ACTION, revitalize our programs, and learn how we can support LSSM programs:

- ❖ Maurice Huey, LSSM Community Relations
- ❖ Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, LSSM Church Relations
- ❖ Leslie Simpson, Families First Services of LSSM

The time for action is now. The time to be part of ACTION is now. Hear how LSSM does what Jesus calls us to do in Matthew 25:37-40 and how we can help. Learn ideas from other churches about ways you can use your time, talents, and compassion to do on to the least of these.

Make BANANA JUICE

National Grandparents Day
is the first Sunday after
Labor Day each September.

Treat your grandparents
to a delicious and
nutritious treat that
you can make yourself.

What you need:

- 1 banana
- ice cream in your
favorite flavor
- 1 cup milk
- blender
- ice cream scoop
or large spoon
- tall glasses



How to make it:

1. Check with parents
before you start!
2. Peel the banana, break
it into 3 or 4 pieces.
3. Put the pieces in the
blender along with
a scoop of ice cream
and 1 cup of milk.
4. Be sure to put the lid
on the blender!
5. Blend it together and
pour it into a tall glass.
6. Serve it to your
grandparents!

First Sunday Fellowship Hour

Doris and Ernie Gaston will be hosting the Fellowship Hour on September 7th in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them, treasuring all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed on their family and all they have meant to each other and to all around them. In October, the First Sunday Fellowship Hour will resume again. Have you ever wondered what life was really like in the good old days? I mean the days when God was separating the sea so the Israelites could pass through to freedom and blessing them with other miracles.

In Bible study last year, we studied Exodus and pondered again the wonder of the manna that God provided for the nourishment of the Israelites as they wandered in the desert. Many people have tried to pin down what that manna was like. Is it still in the desert today? What does it taste like? Pastor Maddox shared with us that some learned people speculate that it might have been insect secretion (dung), which is still found in that area today, but that God caused the secretion to be available in miraculous amounts and with a timing that was also absolutely perfect for the Israelites' survival.

Some of us from our adult Bible studies have been sharing books with each other, and Ed Kotajarvi has loaned me "In the Steps of Jesus" by Peter Walker. There is a page describing the lives of the monks of the Judean Desert, the desert fathers (A.D. 250 - 356). They liked to live in the desert because that was where Jesus had prayed during his 40 days struggling with the devil. The desert fathers ate paxamatia, (a type of bread which could remain edible for several days), soup, olives, dates, lentils, figs, grapes and drank wine.

During our last church year, we tasted many recipes from Emmanuel's "Cooking With Grace" cookbook and also "Fine Finnish Foods" published by Penfield Press. The table prayer at the beginning of this quite interesting book says it all I think:

Sa, Herra, kaikki ravitset. Siis siunaa poydan antimet. (Translation: Lord, you nourish us all. Please bless the food on this table.)

God has faithfully nourished Adam and Eve, the Israelites, Jesus and all of us throughout time. This coming year, I propose to do some cooking from "What Would Jesus Eat?--the Ultimate Program for Eating Well, Feeling Great and Living Longer" by Don Colbert, M.D., "Daily Life at the Time of Jesus" by Miriam Feinberg Vamosh, "A Biblical Feast: Foods From the Holy Land" by Kitty Morse and "Food At the Time of the Bible: From Adam's Apple to the Last Supper" also by Miriam Feinberg Vamosh.

All the people who also contributed food for the first Sundays last year are deeply appreciated. Please keep it up. The plan for this upcoming year could be a bit whacky so please continue bringing your ideas for food on the table too and the Fellowship Hour will be enriched by the variety.

Sharon K. Hall

Cartoon Corner





**Southeast Michigan
Women of the Church**

Convention

Saturday, October 11, 2008
Faith Lutheran in Livonia

**The Rev. Stephen G. Marsh is the
Keynote Speaker**

Afghan "hands on project" - Crocheted or Knitted rectangles Attention crafters!! Knitted or Crocheted rectangles (7" x 9") in any stitch are needed.

At the convention a group of women will be sewing pre-made rectangles into afghans for the homeless and for nursing homes. Each afghan (42" x 54") requires 36 rectangles.

Also, **"IN KIND GIFTS"** are needed for distribution by Lutheran Social Service of Michigan to women and children in our area.

Heartline – LSSM home for women in transition from incarceration or disabling situations, and jobs/apartments of their own need:

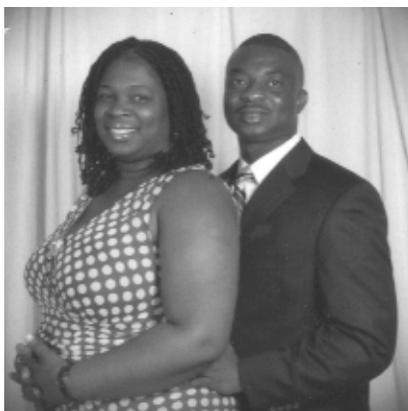
- Deodorant and sanitary feminine pads
- Pine Sol (or similar cleaning products)
- General cleaning supplies (sponges, Pledge, scouring power, rags)
- Laundry detergent (powder only)

Wayne County Family Center - LSSM sponsored shelter in Westland area for

women, children and single parent men without homes need:

- Alarm clocks (simple electric or battery type for residents who go to jobs)
- Room Air Fresheners (solid type – no plug-in or aerosols)
- Laundry detergent (powder or liquid)
- Pillows and sheet sets
- Shampoo (large bottles, not sample size)

Look for a box marked **"IN KIND GIFTS"** in Emmanuel's fellowship hall to place your donations. We will only be collecting items through October 5th as those attending the convention will be bringing these items to the convention.



**Yarma and Charles
Announce Engagement**

Genesis 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave unto his wife and they shall become one flesh in the body of Christ," shall soon become a reality in the lives of Miss. Yarma V. Beyan and Mr. Charles Crawford as the couple are faithfully and prayerfully awaiting their Holy matrimonial day-August 8, 2009. The ceremony is scheduled to be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELC) in Southfield, MI.

Yarma is a devoted Christian and a member of ELC. In June 2007, she proudly walked out of the walls of the Wayne State Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Currently, Yarma works as a full time Nurse at the William Beaumont Hospital and a part time Nurse at the Detroit Medical Center. Charles holds an Associate Degree in Journalism from the Catholic Don Bosco College in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. He's employed with the Speedway SuperAmerica as a full time Customer Service Representative/Cashier. He is a baptized believer in the Baptist Church.

In Honor of Labor Day, September 1 Occupational Hymns

Source Unknown

When you go to church over the holiday weekend, be sure to smile as you go through your hymnals!

- Dentist's Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns
- Weatherman's Hymn There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn ... There's a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn Standing on the Promises
- Optometrist's Hymn Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn ... Send The Light
- The Shopper's Hymn . Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor's Hymn I've Got A Mansion Just Over The Hilltop

- The Massage Therapist's Hymn ... He Touched Me

- The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folk. Happy Labor Day!

The Mayonnaise Jar & Two Cups of Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and two cups of coffee... A professor stood before his philosophy class when he picked up a very large empty mayo jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the class if the jar was full. They agreed it was!!

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He again asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was!!

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He once again asked the students if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "yes". The professor then poured two cups of coffee into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students

laughed. "Now", said the professor as the laugh subsided, I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions — and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else — the small stuff". "If you put the sand in the jar first", he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life!!"

"If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical(chiropractic) checkups. Take your spouse to dinner. Play another 18!! There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first — the things that really matter. Set priorities. The rest is just sand!"

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. The coffee just shows that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend!!"

Sunday Servants • September 2008

	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Day	17 Pentecost	Holy Cross Day	19 Pentecost	20 Pentecost
Color	Green	Red	Green	Green
Special				
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6
Readings	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-4 or Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 John 3:13-17	Jonah 3:10 – 4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Duma Jensen	Ed Kotajarvi	Joel Klimkowski	Kokulo Kaazaku
Director of Music	Jody Doktor			
Cantors	Jody Doktor	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Joyce Kesitalo Cindy Anderson	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Lyn Bodnar Shirley Pulley Irene Karna Dolores Ward Doris Gaston Barb Laho
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Gerry Henze	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Toini Kesti Erick Kyro	Jerry Hall Sharon Hall
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Brittnay Jones Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Jamie Maximore	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Jessica Moilanen Emily Moilanen
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Antoinette Stevens and Brianna Brewer			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Bruce Ricketts Sharon Ricketts Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen and Roger Demorest	Rudy and Vicki Perttunen and Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall Erick Kyro
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi Shirley Pulley	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	September Birthdays
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall			
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski		Barb Klimkowski Cindy Moilanen Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski Kristin Moilanen Cindy Anderson	Barb Klimkowski Ann Dixon Christina Wardell
Flowers Sharon Hall				
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.



Psalm 46:10

Sometimes our lives are so busy that we cannot seem to fit another thing into the day! But there is something very important that we need to do each day.

Find the answer using the code below.

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We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God."

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

23425 Lahser Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Address Service Requested

Beginning Rally Day, September 7:
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon

Monday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10 a.m.
Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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