



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

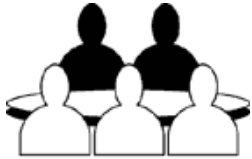
Paul starts his letter to the Colossians with “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven...” (Col 1:3-5). When I started to tell folks that I had accepted the call here at Emmanuel Lutheran in Southfield, I found out that we have some mutual friends. Friends of members, former members, and virtually all of those folks have had good things to say about this congregation. I’m sure you are not perfect, as I have heard it said, “There are no perfect congregations, and of course there is no perfect Pastor.” But, suffice it to say “I have heard of your faithfulness! I have heard of how hard you have worked to keep things going the last couple of years. And thank you, I feel blessed to have been called to be your Pastor.”

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks. Thank you for the gracious Fellowship Hour last Sunday, my first Sunday here. Having been on the other side of such efforts in the past, I realize the work that goes into putting together something like that. Thank you also to the Call Committee and the Church Council for working through all the “red tape” and the roadblocks that seemed to pop up continuously throughout the call process. Hopefully we have laid the groundwork for our working together through tough issues in the future. Thank you to Bishop Don Kreiss in allowing me to start as your Pastor prior to my ordination. From what I understand, that’s not the norm and I appreciate your flexibility. Thank you to Christina for all her help in my “learning the ropes” my first couple of days here. I look forward to leaning on you a lot in the upcoming months. And of course, I want to thank our Lord, Jesus Christ, for bringing us to this point. When I reentered the process for ordination 2 ½ years ago, I really had no idea where God would take it. The Synod Candidacy Committee had never dealt with someone in my situation, someone not coming directly out of Seminary, and they were honest in telling me they didn’t know what all it would require. When I started the process, the Synod Office told me there weren’t many openings in our Synod and that I might be waiting a long time. But in God’s time and God’s way, he opened the door here.

And I for one am looking forward to where God is taking us next.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Jackie
pastorjackierau@sbcglobal.net

Council Highlights



August 12, 2012
12:05 p.m.

Present: Darin Page,
Comique People, Barb
Laho, Harriet Demorest, Ed

Kotajarvi and Pastor Stan Eckermann

Absent: Jambres Maximore

Opening

Meeting opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report

Enjoyed his time at Emmanuel.

Parish Life

Rally day: No information has been presented yet on the Sunday school rally day or a start date.

Ideas are being gathered. Teachers and volunteers are still needed.

Property

Discussed air conditioning repair options for the Pastor and Secretary's office. Estimates to repair or replace the air conditioning will be explored. Motion made and approved to make needed repairs.

Outreach

Bible school was a success.

Unfinished Business

Pastor's compensation package discussed.

New Business

- Pastor Rau to start August 16, 2012. Motion made and approved.
- Pastor Rau installation date to be September 24 or later depending on the availability of the Bishop. The installation will take place during Sunday church service.
- New Council Officers:

Vice President: Darin Page

Treasurer: Harriet Demorest

Secretary: To be discussed at the next council meeting

Adjournment and prayer: 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Comique People

Beginning on Sunday, September 9, Worship Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed immediately by our



usual Coffee/Tea Fellowship time beginning at approximately 12 pm.

Monday night Bible study will begin at 7 p.m., September 10. Wednesday evening prayer meetings will continue at 7:30 p.m.



a Birthday! September Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on September 23, 2011. Anyone with a September Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.



What's New in the Mustard Seed Library

Janet Kotajarvi has contributed two books to the Mustard Seed Library.

One is The Yada Yada Prayer Group, a novel by Neta Jackson. The end of the novel is a nail biter. Basically, this novel is about Jodi choosing to attend a Christian Women's Conference and the prayer group that grows out of that experience. The women come from all sorts of backgrounds, and the reader gets to know each woman's personality and spirituality. This book is a good read and, to me, invites us to think about the intimacy of praying and how prayer strengthens us to work through all the discomforts in life.

If you've ever been in a situation where you've had to struggle, with your own doubts and insecurity, with getting to know other people, if you've struggled with being uncomfortable opening up even to God let alone another person; if you've ever been in a situation with another person, expecting to

pray together and you're feeling uncomfortable because you turn out to be the only person praying aloud; if you've ever been in a situation where you've been with people of totally different personalities, races, thinking, perspectives--praying in ways you've never even thought of or been raised with--and expressing concerns totally different from your experiences; if you've ever been in a situation where you've felt the need to grow into comfortableness praying with a pastor, with a very ill person or a person who is dying, then reading this novel can provide some points of reference, insights you might be able to relate to, and help you to be encouraged in your own spirituality, help you to grow in your own comfort level to be able to pray with others and to be more hopeful of authentic intimacy and trust with others through praying together, help you to imagine a deeper prayer life for yourself and also the community. You will find the book in the fiction section.

The other book Janet donated is the 1990 Yearbook Vuosikirja, from the Finnish (Suomi) Special Interest Conference. This is a collection of essays honoring 100 years of Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church organization heritage traditions in the United States and in Canada. Pastor Melvin E. Hagelberg, the first pastor at Emmanuel wrote a very interesting essay for this yearbook. The call number is 270.

Check out any of the books/DVDs/CDs in the Mustard Seed Library by filling out the card in the pocket and leaving the card in the box on the cabinet beside the door.

Happy growing in faith through reading,

Sharon K. Hall, tenderer of the Mustard Seed Library card catalog.

Crafters

There are 116 days before Christmas. How about making a special gift for someone special? The Crafters meet on the fourth Sunday of each month after Fellowship hour. Come out and join in the fun. Learn a craft or bring in some of your Christmas crafts or other crafts you have made to share. We also like ideas of crafts you would like to learn. Make this Christmas special with a handmade gift.

LaDonn People

Dealing with Life's Regrets—A Lay Caregiver's Guide Workshop

This workshop will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012 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. For more info, please call the SCC office at (248) 474-4701. You must register by September 13th if you plan to attend.

Sunday School

We are in the planning stage of reviving the Sunday School. Last month in the newsletter I asked for ideas and volunteers. Thank you to everyone that shared and volunteered. The target date to begin Sunday School will be late September. Check the bulletin for more information. Ideas and volunteers are still welcome. Please come to the planning meeting on Sunday, September 9 during the fellowship hour. Remember Sunday School is a vital part of Children and Adults growing in Christ and we must be committed to our Sunday School as a part of our Christian Education.

LaDonn People

From Our Music Director

A warm invitation is extended to new and former voices to join us for rehearsal. There are no auditions, all that is required is a willingness and enthusiasm. All are welcomed to be a part of Emmanuel's Music Ministry. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 6.

Rehearsal times are:

- Adult Handbells
Thursday 6:00pm-6:55pm
- Adult Choir
Thursday 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Youth Choir
Sunday (2nd – 5th) 12:30pm

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation". (Psalm 95:1)



Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

Matthew 25:37, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink."

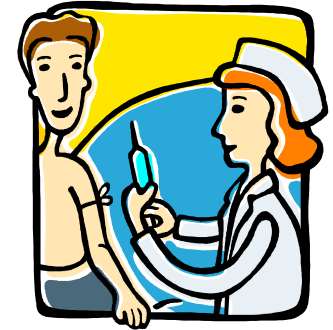
Unless we refuse to have television or newspapers in our homes, we can hardly keep from seeing the hungry and thirsty people of the world. Church World Service responds to that reality in our lives. When we walk in the CROP Hunger Walk in our community of Southfield/Lathrup, and raise funds to alleviate poverty and hunger in our world, 75% goes to programs Church World Services does all over the world and 25% stays right here in our own community to feed and help poor and hungry and thirsty people whom we see around us every day.

This year nine local churches participated in the CROP Hunger Walk, raising a total of \$10,240. Emmanuel raised \$3,282.50 of which Eddie, LaDonn and Comique People gathered the most money, \$807, with Mr. Alan Feinstein's matching funds of \$266.61 for a grand total of \$10,506.61 raised among all nine churches. Well done, people of Emmanuel!!!

Sharon K. Hall, CROP Hunger Walk volunteer. Soon First Baptist of Detroit, here in Southfield, will call a fall organizing meeting and all interested people will be invited to attend. Speak to Jane Kempainen, Eddie People, Harriet Demorest, Jerry Hall, or myself, if you would like to attend this meeting and help out at next spring's CROP Hunger Walk.

Sharon K. Hall

Flu Shots



Flu season is approaching. To help our community stay health we are offering the flu shot clinic at our church on Sept. 30th 2012 from noon to 2 p.m.

Most insurances are excepted with little or no co-pay. The cost for non-covered persons is very affordable. So bring your family, friends and loved ones to the clinic and help keep them healthy. It's a great opportunity for everyone to get vaccinated.

Upon completion of the shot the CVS Pharmacist will give you a coupon for 20% off your next (non-sale/non-prescription) purchase at your local CVS Store.



Ethlyn Estelle Deo

Ethlyn Estelle (Ranta) Deo, member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church since 1955 passed away on August 10, 2012. Her three daughters Denise, Marsha

and Carol were by her side at the time of her death. She was 90 years old. A Memorial Service will be held for Ethlyn at Emmanuel on Saturday, September 1st at 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

Ethlyn was born on March 25, 1922 on her family's farm in Brantwood, Wisconsin. She lived in Wisconsin and Minnesota but most of her younger years were spent in Wakefield, Michigan with her parents, Ralph and Juliana Ranta (also Emmanuel members) and her younger brother, Ray who passed away in 2007.

After graduating from Wakefield High School in 1939, she attended Price County Normal to become a teacher but after one year decided to pursue the Nursing career that she always wanted. Ethlyn received her Nursing Education at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Ashland, Wisconsin where she graduated and became a Registered Nurse in 1943. After graduating, she moved to Detroit, Michigan to begin working as an RN at Florence Crittenton Hospital. It was here in Detroit where she met her husband, James Deo. They were married 25 years until James' death in 1977. They have three daughters: Denise Harrison (Kirk), Marsha Norris (Dave), and Carol Maurer (Bob). Ethlyn also has 9 grandchildren: Marie, (John) Audrey, Claire, (Keelan), Ashley, Michael, Jeffrey, Chelsea, Dana

and James, one step-grandson Ryan and 3 great-grandchildren: Harrison, Scarlett and Lou.

Ethlyn also has one sister-in-law Kathy, who lives in New Jersey and two nephews Kirk (Carol) and Brad, and one niece, Janel (Charlie) all who live in Lexington, Kentucky.

Ethlyn was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for 57 years. She was the original accompanist for the Children's Choir at Emmanuel under Gertie Mayry and later became the Director of the Children's Choir. She also was a member of Emmanuel's Adult Choir along with her daughters for many years.

Ethlyn lived a very rich and full Christian life. She was extremely proud of and cared immensely for each of her family members. She was a role model to her three daughters not only as a mother and grandmother but also in her 40 year career as a Registered Nurse. She will be missed deeply by her family but they are so very grateful for her life of 90 years.



Colleen "Grace" Nayback (August 10, 1927 - August 14, 2012)

Grace Nayback, who had a long-time association with Emmanuel, passed away on August 14. She was married to

Ruben Nayback for 62 years and is the mother of Jill, Mark and Laurie, and grandmother of Jon.

Her Funeral was held on Monday, August 20th at 11:00 a.m at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Pastor Stanley Eckermann presiding.

Contributions may be made to the Finnish Center Association or Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southfield.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church**(248) 357-1848****September 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 26 13 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	August 27 	August 28 	August 29 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	August 30 	August 31 	1 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
2 14 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	3 Labor Day Office Closed No Bible Study	4 	5 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	6 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	7 	8 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
9 15 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	10 Monday Night Bible Study 7pm	11 	12 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	13 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	14 Youth Night 6:30 pm	15 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
16 16 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	17 Monday Night Bible Study 7pm	18 	19 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	20 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	21 	22 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
23 17 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Crafts 12:30 pm Ordination of Jackie Rau at Emmanuel in Livonia, 4 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	24 Monday Night Bible Study 7pm	25 	26 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	27 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	28 	29 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
30 18 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Flu Clinic 12 noon Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	October 1 Monday Night Bible Study 7pm	October 2 	October 3 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	October 4 Adult Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	October 5 	October 6 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • September 2012

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Day	14 Pentecost	15 Pentecost	16 Pentecost	17 Pentecost	18 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Readings	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
Presiding	Pastor Jackie Rau				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Pat Ochodnický	Sharon Hall	Darin Page	Volunteer Needed	Richard Chavanak
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak
Ushers Roger Demorest	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols Jennifer Wardell	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein
Greeters Barb Laho	Eddie and LaDonn People	Wardell Family	Barb Laho Jack Klein	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Maria Wardell Mya Maximore	Brittney Jones Troiana Childrey	Morgan Jones Jennifer Wardell	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People, Margaret Davis, and Renee Pollard				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Donna Page Darin Page	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	September Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	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.