

Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Grace and peace to you from Almighty God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

“God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us” (Ephesians 1:5-8).

There is a song that goes, “If it wasn’t for the Lord, where would I be?” It is mighty good news to know that God has a purpose and plan for our lives. And the writer of Ephesians informs us that purpose and plan should be celebrated with thanksgiving and praise. Throughout chapter one, we hear a refrain “to the praise of his glory.” No matter what we are going through we can thank God that we have been claimed, forgiven and marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus. Knowing this does not make light of the obstacles or difficulties we face, but it surely provides us living hope and a blessed assurance that cannot be stripped away from us. God’s love and grace abide.

Because of those promises we can celebrate. Through the praise of God’s glory (the spirit of thanksgiving) our lives can be so radically different! Living, in praise for what God has done in our lives sets us free to proclaim the Good News in and out of season. Living in the praise of God’s glory opens us up to give and receive; to hear testimonies of God’s grace and be changed by them, to witness in love and truth and be opened through them, to give of our talents and resources and be encouraged affording them.

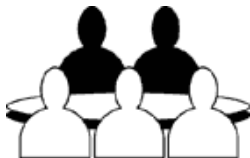
The abundant life in Christ Jesus is ours to claim and celebrate! Sisters and brothers, that’s mighty good news.

Have a joyous Thanksgiving Day!

My love is with you in Christ Jesus,

Pastor David

Council Highlights



September 8, 2009, 7:09 p.m.

Present: Present: Pastor Maddox, Ed Kotajarvi, Richard Bergstrom, Harriet

Demorest., Pat Ochodnicki, Darin Page, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: Cindy Moilanen and Kokulo Kaazaku.

Opening Prayer

Bible Study from Acts 15

Pastor

- Report on pastoral acts for August.
- Pastor David will be on vacation from Friday, October 2nd through Saturday, October 10th.
- The supply pastor for Sunday, October 4th is yet to be named.

Vice President

No report: position unfilled.

Christian Education

- Sunday School-“Sparks” curriculum to begin-each bible story with be taught over a three week period using rotating workshops. Ed Wardell will do Adult Forum again.
- Confirmation Classes-Pastor David will be starting a new first year confirmation class with four students.
- Adult Bible study-Study will be on Ephesians this year

Worship and Music

- Discussion on a new sound system-more investigation needed. Would individual head-sets work; would they be actually used by those in need of them? Individual volume control for the different microphones may help.

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- Sharing the Peace-should it be done during flu season? We will continue to do so, but Pastor David will address the issue Sunday. Those who are hesitant should feel free to refrain if they are concerned for their health.

Outreach

- Pat will make an announcement Sunday, September 13th to start our missionary fundraiser for the next year. (\$1 per day for each missionary - October, 2009 through September, 2010-\$730 total).
- WELCA will host a presentation breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd concerning Pat’s time spent in the Holy Land earlier this year. A power-point presentation of Christian help in the “Ministry of Presence” with the Palestinians will be shown.

Property

- Repair of door to the Pastor’s Office from a break-in. Entry gained by breaking the window after door could not be forced. We will price various options, such as glass, polycarbonate glass or bars.
- We need a new internet service for the church office. A new faster service will be chosen.

New Business

“Simply Giving” program will have a fee of twenty cents per transaction.

Adjournment and Prayer: 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Chavanak, Council Secretary

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 26

Emmanuel members and friends, please join us for Thanksgiving Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 3 p.m. Bring yourself, friends, family and a dish to



share. Let Christina Wardell (248-352-4558) know if you will be coming and what you wish to bring. Christina will be bringing the turkey.

The Lutheran Magazine

The Lutheran is a publication of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#). Each month, *The Lutheran* focuses on bringing some 10,300 ELCA congregations together through a shared vision for ministry. Challenging feature articles help equip individuals, families as well as their pastors for effective ministry in their congregations and communities.



The Lutheran explores issues that make a difference in readers' lives by telling stories about religious experiences, congregations, and world perspectives of members of the ELCA. The magazine also covers news of the ELCA's ministry churchwide—locally, nationally and globally.

As the ELCA continues to define its role and mission, *The Lutheran* remains an integral part of its identity and its communication strategy.

The Lutheran serves as a strong voice for the ELCA reaching its individual members and congregations with timely and consistent articles enabling its readers to be engaged in their church locally and globally.

Anyone who would like to subscribe to The Lutheran Magazine for 2010 should speak with Harriet Demorest as soon as possible.

Flu / Pneumonia Clinic Coming Sunday, November 8



Flu and pneumonia shots will be available during the fellowship hour on Sunday, November 8 from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Flu shots are \$25 per person. Pneumonia shots are \$50 per person. VNA accepts: Medicare part B, HAP, and Priority Health. Cash or checks are also accepted.

Obituary

Pastor Melvin Hagelberg passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Mel served as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran church in Southfield, MI. (1951-1964). He was most recently living in Wisconsin near his daughter Hope. He served His Lord and His church well and he will be missed. The funeral was in Kaleva, Michigan. Visitation at Terwilliger's Funeral Home in Kaleva was on Wednesday, October 28. The funeral was at Bethany Lutheran Church in Kaleva Thursday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. followed with interment and a gathering.



November Birthdays

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on November 29, 2009. Anyone with a November Birthday are asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.

News

The 1.02 billion undernourished people in the world live in different places and have different faces. One characteristic they share, though, is their extreme vulnerability in the face of high food prices, a struggling global economy, the challenge of adjusting to climate change and public policies that harm rather than help them.

<http://www.churchworldservice.org>

Let's get together and get organized to make a difference.

A planning meeting for the 2010 CROP Hunger Walk will be held in Emmanuel's Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bob Barnhart will be with us to tell us the latest news of where the pledges we raise on our Hunger Walk are going and who the money is helping.

Separately, we can feel kind of ineffective; together we are a force strengthening and giving hope in our own community and all over the world.

Hope to see you next Tuesday.

God bless,

Sharon K. Hall, last year's CROP Hunger Walk co-coordinator
Questions? Call me at (248) 304-2018

9th Annual Alternative Christmas Fair

Enrich your life and change the world at the same time! Join us Saturday, November 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for an Alternative Christmas Fair. Hosted by Hope Lutheran Church on West 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, the 9th annual Christmas Fair has a unique twist - all proceeds go directly to the charity from which the gift is purchased. Some new and a larger number of non-profit charities are expected to gather under a single roof to raise money and increase awareness of their activities. Some of the gift giving opportunities range from Christmas decorations and cards, jewelry, books, candles, toys, food products, apparel, handmade items, olive wood sculptures and pet treats to life-sustaining gifts in honor of an individual.

A sampling of the groups participating this year include Band of Angels, Detroit Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Kids 4 Afghan Kids, Canticle Café, Alternatives for Girls, Grace Centers of Hope, Haven, and Lutheran Child and Family Services. The Fair will be different from last year but your old favorites will also be attending.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Christmas by giving gifts that share a lasting blessing with others. For more information call 248-553-7170.

Pastie Particulars



Yes, there will be another Pastie Bake. We need to know that there will be enough workers to make it happen. The dates are November 13th (for preparation) and 14th for making and baking. As always, the sign up sheet is on the kitchen door. Jane Kemppainen and Barb Klimkowski are teaming up again to head up the event.

Monies raised will go toward shipping and other expenses for the Liberian clothing drive.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service here at Emmanuel at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25.



6:30 p.m.

Advent Services

We will again hold the mid-week Advent services beginning on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a light supper at



Mustard Seed Library News

I didn't know this, but on page 1523 of the new Lutheran Study Bible, NRSV, published by Augsburg Fortress this year, it says "That the New Testament finally took written form is, for Luther, evidence of "a serious decline and a lack of the Spirit which necessity forced upon us..." It says on that same page that Luther taught that the word of God is essentially oral in character: it is a "living voice." That must be why we are so diligent to read so much scripture aloud each Sunday during worship.

I did have sort of a feeling, and was interested to see my feeling confirmed on page 1542 of the Lutheran Study Bible, that "Lutherans say that the interpretation of Scripture is a public act rather than a private one. Through the Bible, God speaks to Israel and to the church. God does not speak directly or privately to individuals. What God says to Israel and to the church may have specific application for individual lives, but the meaning of Scripture for individuals is to be in harmony with its universal meaning for the community of faith."

If you would like to examine the Lutheran Study Bible published this year, we now have a copy in the Mustard Seed Library.

We also have a copy of a book entitled "How to Pray for Spiritual Growth: A Practical Handbook of Inner Healing" by Theodore E. Dobson. Joyce Keskitalo has contributed this book to the Mustard Seed Library. Rev. Dobson describes ten different ways to

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pray to foster spiritual growth. When Pastor Troike was with us, some of us participated in a contemplative and centering prayer group he led and we found the practice very meaningful and have continued with it. This book calls centering prayer the "prayer of quiet" but it is essentially the same as what Pastor Troike led us in. Journaling and other ways to pray are also explained. It is a very helpful book for guidance in deepening prayer life and pursuing growth and freedom of our inner lives through Jesus Christ.

Another new book in the Mustard Seed Library is "A Friend From Galilee" by Dandi Daley Machall. With lots of examples from children's lives--sitting on your mother's lap, making funny faces, catching a cold, singing, wading in a muddy stream barefoot, walking and playing with a friend, missing your dad--this book uses rhyming, read-together verses to help children realize Jesus was also human just like them and longs for their friendship as we all, young and old alike long for his.

The other new book is "Noah, Build Your Boat: Old Testament Stories & Pictures by Kids," edited by Jeff Kunkel. If you didn't think kids, ages 5-12 years old, could be theologians, you've got a real surprise in store when you read and look at the pictures in this book. Mr. Kunkel took a bunch of kids, read them a juicy story, tossed in a tableful of art supplies, invited a free response, allowed to simmer for at least thirty minutes and what came out was an amazing and thought-provoking children's translation of Old Testament stories.

You are invited to take a look, explore the Mustard Seed Library. There may be something there you will find helpful for you and your family's spiritual growth.

Peace,
Sharon

Cartoon Corner



Emmanuel Lutheran Church**(248) 357-1848****November 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saint's Day Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 2 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	2 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	3 CROP Hunger Walk meeting 7:00 pm	4 Bible Study 10 am Multi-Generational Bell Choir 5:30 pm Contemporary Choir 6:30 pm Traditional Adult Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	5 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm	6	7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
8 23 Pentecost Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	9 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m.	10 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	11 Bible Study 10 am Multi-Generational Bell Choir 5:30 pm Contemporary Choir 6:30 pm Traditional Adult Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	12 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	13 Pastie Bake 9 am – 4 pm Youth Night 6:30 pm	14 Pastie Bake 8:30 am – 4 pm Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
15 24 Pentecost Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	16 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	17	18 Bible Study 10 am Multi-Generational Bell Choir 5:30 pm Contemporary Choir 6:30 pm Traditional Adult Choir 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	19 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	20	21 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
22 Christ the King Adult Forum and Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Potluck 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	23 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	24	25 Bible Study 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	26 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Dinner 3 p.m.	27	28 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
29 1 Advent No Sunday School Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Confirmation 4 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	30 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 pm	December 1 Advent Supper 6:30 pm Advent Service 7:00 pm	December 2 Bible Study 10 am AA Meeting 8:30 pm	December 3 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am Prayer Meeting 7 pm	December 4	December 5 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

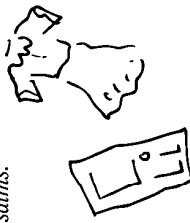
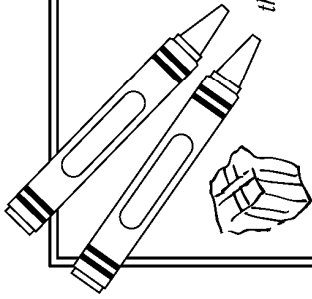
	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Day	All Saints Day	23 Pentecost	24 Pentecost	Christ the King	1 Advent
Color	White	Green	Green	White	Blue
Special					Healing Service
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3
Readings	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelations 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9-10 Psalm 93 Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Joel Klimkowski	Volunteer Needed	Ed Kotajarvi	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Director of Music	Jody Doktor				
Cantor Jody Doktor	Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page	Joel Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Cindy Anderson	Don Thompson Erick Kyro Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Irene Karna Doris Gaston Barb Laho	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Gerry Henze	Tracee Robinson	Earl Lampi	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Toini Kesti and Erick Kyro
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Maria Wardell Lorpu Johnson	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds	Brittney Jones Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Sharon Hall and Maria Wardell				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page	Tracee Robinson Darin Page Donna Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	November Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak Barb Klimkowski	Barb Klimkowski Jody Demorest Christina Wardell	Barb Klimkowski Ann Dixon	Barb Klimkowski Darin Page Donna Page	No Sunday School
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell				
Flowers Sharon Hall	Darin and Donna Page	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.

Just for KIDS

Psalm 107:1

Fill in the blanks with words that match the descriptions. Transfer the letters to the boxes below. Read the verse from Psalms.



- Shape that symbolizes "love" 31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present 1 32 20 11 Something a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30 To take a long walk 14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42
- Equipment used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4 Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

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36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
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Answers: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fewer, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

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Southfield, MI 48033

Address Service Requested

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 p.m.



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