



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!

“Many are asking, ‘Who can show us any good?’ Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:6-8).

We live in troubled and anxious times. The economic forecast is topsy-turvy, and there are a whole lot of folk speculating on which way our nation and world should be going. Depending upon where you are, you may have heard of unspeakable and heinous crimes committed out of anger and desperation. It is enough to cause us to wonder. As a faith community we may be challenged to “go at life another way” as these forces press in upon us. We may ask ourselves, “Is there security in our faith?” Might our response to what we see and hear, necessitate a shift in how we live our lives?

The psalmist in the fourth Psalm encourages us to “hold on.” The psalmist looks to God anew to relieve her/him from distress and trouble. We are reminded that we are set apart for God’s purpose, and the psalmist has confidence that God will answer. In verses four and five, the psalmist directs the faithful to stay the course and live your life in such a way that is pleasing to God. Live your life in such a way that does no harm to neighbor and brings honor and glory to the One whose got the whole world in hand. Can we not hear Jesus say, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored (Matthew 5:13)? Can we not hear the Master say, “I am the light of the world; Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12)?

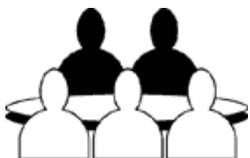
The glory of God is Christ Jesus our Lord. In him are the fullness and light of life. This is joy everlasting. The stuff in our lives cannot provide it. Charting our own course cannot secure it. Faith sustains. Faith in Jesus claims, gathers and sends for blessing and promise.

Times are tough. And the way can be awfully rough. But there is resurrection joy being centered in Christ. Life is renewed, replenished and inspired. “I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety” (Psalm 4:6-8).

Have a blessed Resurrection Day!

My love be with you in Christ Jesus, **Pastor David**

Council Highlights



February 10, 2009
7:12 p.m.

Present: Pastor Maddox, Harriet Demorest, Cindy

Moilanen, Barbara Klimkowski, Darin Page, and Richard Chavanak.

Absent: Kokulo Kaazaku and Pat Ochodnicky.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study from Acts 9:1-31.

Vice President's Report

Barbara and Kokulo will start on the plans for the clothing drive for Liberia. An October first shipping date likely for Kokulo's December trip.

Pastor's Report

Single report for December & January presented. Spoke of the hardships many urban congregations are facing. Discussion on merging congregations-sharing buildings with other congregations-sharing pastors-often survival takes precedent over congregation mission.

Parish Life

Girl Scout Sunday on March 8th: want permission to sell cookies after church in Fellowship Hall. Motion to allow a table to sell from with a display of the volunteer acts they perform. Motion made to accept-seconded-passed.

Christian Education

List with lesson and teacher schedule coming soon.

Worship and Music

Meeting will be scheduled soon.

Outreach

- Missionary support-information to council members on Sunday, February 15th -

- information will later be shared with the congregation.
- Sign-up list for help at the Fountain still needed.

Support

Property committee will be focusing on roofer and our roofing.

Unfinished Business

Building Policy and Procedures - move to accept along with the pricing schedule - seconded - passed.

New Business

- Donna Page will assemble-need photographer.
- Discussion of the need for church address, phone number and E-mail address to be printed on the weekly bulletin.
- Ed Wardell is keeping website up to date.

Adjournment and prayer 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Chabanak

Council Secretary

Please note that this month's Birthday Sunday will be on April 26, 2009. Anyone with an April Birthday is asked to bring snacks for the Coffee/Tea Fellowship hour that day.



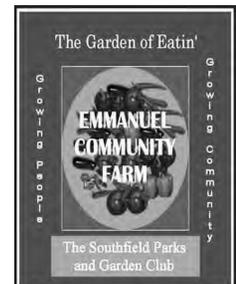
CROP Hunger Walk News

The CROP Hunger Walk committee members have been diligently working on this year's Walk. The Walk will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 26th, starting and ending at Emmanuel. Harriet Demorest, the CROP Hunger Walk treasurer is handing out pledge forms to all persons interested in walking either the mile route or the 5.6 mile route. Barb Klimkowski is preparing the fliers which will be distributed in the neighborhood and also doing publicity. Jerry Hall is gathering his volunteers to put out the signs and mark the route on Walk day. Sharon Hall has been calling, e-mailing and sending out information to local churches and organizations. Since the Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk started in 1982, a group of passionate and dedicated workers from local churches/organizations has developed and it is our privilege to count ourselves among these community people and to work together with them responsibly to do what we can to alleviate hunger, both in the world and in our own city. Many wonderful relationships of friendship with our Southfield/Lathrup neighbors have resulted from our participation on the annual CROP Hunger Walk.



We are thankful and proud that the congregation at Emmanuel has seen fit over so many years to participate in the CROP Hunger Walk in Southfield/Lathrup. We are especially thankful that we have always had strong pastoral encouragement and support. Pastor Maddox generously takes time to attend every meeting and gives his ideas and suggestions.

There are different ways people can participate in the CROP Hunger Walk--through prayer, providing



refreshments on Walk day, through walking and pledging. We trust with full confidence that, with all this going for us, the 2009 CROP Hunger Walk will be a great success!!!

A forever gift

The Little Lutheran builds faith in children 6 and younger. Great for gifts or as educational or evangelism resources, baptismal gifts, worship bags, preschools and more. Assures children that Jesus is their savior and friend and that God loves them. One year \$24.95; two years \$45; three years \$59.

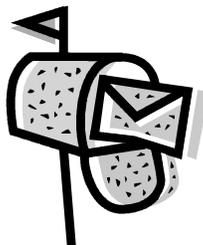
Visit www.thelittlelutheran.org. Order six or more for group rate of \$12.95 call 800-328-4648. Also available under the title *The Little Christian*.

Emmanuel Community Farm

As you may remember, the Emmanuel Community Farm ground-breaking and dedication took place on Thursday, March 27 of last year. This year, work began on Tuesday, March 24. The first month will be heavy shoveling, and some direct seeding, most plantings won't start until about April 14.

If you would like to help with the Emmanuel Community Farm, Jon Adams and the Southfield Garden Club will be there Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Some days may be canceled or cut short because of the weather early in the season. If you have any questions, call Jon at (248) 763-5229.

Youth between the ages of 9 and 15 must be accompanied by an adult, one for each 4 children. Of course those 16 and older may help as well.



Mail

To Our Emmanuel Family and Friends:

By now you will have heard from Karen and Dean that both of us are doing well. It's been a difficult few months. I am healing well and as Dean and

Karen probably shared with you, we are finally about to move into our home.

We thank God and all of you for your prayers and each of you who sent all the cards and letters. We appreciate it and you so much. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

Take care of yourselves, continue to pray for us as we do for you and know that we miss you and that you will always be in our hearts.

Love,
Bill and Shirley Pulley

Youth Group News

The Youth Group will not meet on Friday, April 10. Instead they will meet on Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. in order to decorate the church and Easter eggs for the Easter Breakfast. The Youth Group will also help prepare Easter breakfast.

Meditation on Fellowship

From page 360 in our hymnal:

*Love consecrates the humblest act and
haloes mercy's deeds; it sheds a benediction
sweet and hallows human needs.*

If Jesus would have invited himself to our household, we would have been so excited!!! Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-25; Luke 22:7-38; John 4:7-42 "Give me a drink." We would have cleaned the guest dining room so thoroughly. We would have hastened to set up chairs for him and all of his disciples. We would have put our prettiest centerpieces and cloths on the table. We would have looked in our scriptures/Emmanuel's "Cooking With Grace", all of our stash of cookbooks, for recipes of foods for his/their enjoyment. We would have remembered our most precious food traditions and delighted him with our sharing of them. We would have purchased the choicest of ingredients and done our absolute best to serve him and his disciples a bountiful and delicious meal.

We know Jesus wants a close connection with us. He is not one bit embarrassed to be our friend, while we may be hesitating over whether or not we should even speak to him. Daily, weekly, yearly, he comes even now, inviting himself home for dinner. Let us receive him warmly.

Sharon and Jerry Hall and the First Sunday Fellowship Group

Announcing: Two Town Hall Meetings On Health Care

Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. &
Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.

at
Peace Lutheran Church
17027 W. 13 Mile Road
Southfield, MI

April 19th: "The Problems with Health Care" Bring your story on paper and send it to Washington. Share your story in person with State & Federal Government Officials. Listen to experts in the field.

April 26th: "Approaches & Possibilities For Health Care Reform" Offer, consider, & discuss alternatives to our present health care system. ASK QUESTIONS. SPEAK UP. GET ACTIVE. Let's push for quality health care changes so that all may benefit.

This Is To Be A Non-Partisan Event.

Come Prepared To Contribute Your Views On Health Care Reform. Take Advantage Of The Opportunity To Listen & Learn.

Sponsored by "The 12th Congressional District Health Care For All Committee"

RSVP Recommended (not required):
healthcareforall@sbcglobal.net or 248-642-7047

Fesibu or Bust

In 1993, Kokulo Kaazaku, at great personal risk, made it through the killing fields of Liberia to Southfield, Michigan to join his family who are members of our church. Many of them had also made similar perilous journeys.

Peace has returned to Liberia -- and this December Kokulo will be returning for the first time to visit his hometown of Fesibu, Liberia. Although they have begun to rebuild, the war has left people in great need. Kokulo is requesting that we collect clothing for his townsfolk. The cut off date for the Clothing Drive is September 15th because we want the shipment to arrive before Kokulo does. Below is a list of items for the trip. Because of the great expense for shipping we are limiting what we collect.

Boxes for collecting the clothing and shoes are set up in the narthex and labeled as to contents.

For more information concerning the clothing drive contact:

Kokulo Kaazaku @ 313-532-4763 or Barb Klimkowski @248-910-0810

Fesibu Liberia Clothing List

The weather is tropical in Liberia. All clothes need to be appropriate for late Spring and Summer weather. Also, although they can be used, they need to be durable and in good condition. Money donations will be especially appreciated because the greatest expense will be the cost of shipping overseas. Make checks payable to "Emmanuel Lutheran Church" earmarked "Fesibu Clothing Drive".

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MEN & BOYS UP TO SIZE 18:

Short sleeve cotton shirts (for dress and casual)
T-shirts
Blue jeans
Summer dress pants, both short and long
Tennis shoes

WOMEN AND GIRLS UP TO SIZE 18:

Short Sleeve blouses
Summer skirts
Summer dresses
Tennis shoes

Nardin Park United Methodist Church Presents Ken Medema in Concert

Sunday, May 3, 2009 - 2:00 PM

A native of Grand Rapids, Ken Medema is a blind pianist-singer who has an uncanny ability to respond almost instantly to a situation with an off-the-cuff song that mixes melody, comedy, and a bit of an edge to hammer home the previously spoken words. In his thirty-five of musical experience, Kern has used creative insight to entertain and touch millions of people all over the world. His original songs are often heard through his frequent appearances on the nationally televised "Hour of Power" services from the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California.

Nardin Park is easily reached via the Interstate Highway System Exiting south from 1-696 at the Orchard Lake Road Exit The church is between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Roads at 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Ticket Information:

- \$ 5.00 Pre-sale Tickets through Sunday. April 5
- \$10.00 Tickets from Monday. April 6 through May 3
- Tickets available from the Church Office (Address Above) Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Tickets available by Mail: (Prior to April 26) Att: Judy Hood, Music Secretary Checks made payable to Nardin Park UMC and note "Medema" on check. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Seating and pre-concert Reception will start at 1:15pm. Early Arrival is encouraged.

Shifting Gears

by Pat Ochodnicky

We've now begun our third and final month here and are noticing subtle changes in our mood and focus. We've completed the revision and update of the 'astonishingly detailed Handover Report' that I spoke of in one of my earliest postings, and this will be sent to Yanoun Team 31.



We've been trying to figure out if there is a way to make the three-day "Taste of Yanoun" less overwhelming for them, but suspect that it's just the 'nature of the beast'. And we find, to our delight, that we *do* feel comfortable and confident in our roles. We remain committed to our tasks here, but are now beginning to think about how we will best tell of our experiences when we get home. And we know that saying our goodbyes will be difficult.

These people have taken us into their hearts and their homes unconditionally and it has been such a privilege to share this small window of time in their and our lives. Last

week we were honored to be invited to the engagement party of our young shepherd friend in Nabi Nun whom we visit three times a week. We dressed in our best (cleanest) jeans and shirts, scraped the worst of the sheep dung from our shoes, and began walking to Aqraba where the party was to be held. We hadn't gone more than a couple of kilometers when we were offered a ride. The driver spoke no English, but we managed to convey that we were going to Ahmed's engagement party. Upon arrival in Aqraba, a town of approximately 10,000 people, the driver stopped several times to ask where the party was being held. Very quickly he deposited us triumphantly and with characteristic genuine pleasure at having been able to help, directly at the doorstep.

We were greeted with a great deal of excitement and ushered into the house, Peter to the men's room and Rachel, Birgitta and I to the women's room. The room was small, crowded, noisy and hot with the older women seated in chairs against the walls and the younger women dancing in the center. We were given soft drinks and joined in the dancing until the arrival of Ahmed and Fatan.



We scarcely recognized Ahmed since we are accustomed to seeing him on the hillside, in rough work clothes, with his sheep and goats. He is a handsome young man at any time, but in his suit with a fresh shave and haircut he was absolutely 'kwayyes, kwayyes'! His fiancée is 17, a cousin, and just lovely. I was told that this is one of the two times that she will appear in 'public' with her hair uncovered, the second time being her wedding day. (Unfortunately, pictures were not permitted).

Poor Ahmed was clearly embarrassed by being the center of attention and we realized that he probably hadn't been in a women's room since he was a young child (children move freely between the two rooms). The couple was greeted and congratulated by each of the women present (kisses on each cheek). The engagement ceremony consisted of Ahmed's presenting her with gold jewelry (in case the marriage should not work out she will not be left without resources), the exchange of rings (which are worn on their right hand until they are

married, at which time they will switch them to the left), and a drink with linked arms, each drinking from the other's goblet. This was followed by another round of congratulations. The music resumed with Fatan dancing for Ahmed in the center of a circle of women, and Ahmed joining that outer circle for just a brief bit. Conversation flowed easily, especially with the high school aged girls who were eager to practice their English. And the schools in Aqraba must be using the same textbooks that our young friend in Burin had purchased for herself, since I heard the phrase "Your eyes are enchanting" more than once! Unfortunately, we had to be back in Yanoun by dark so we missed the rest of the party and the meal which, judging from the aromas floating in from the kitchen, promised to be delicious.



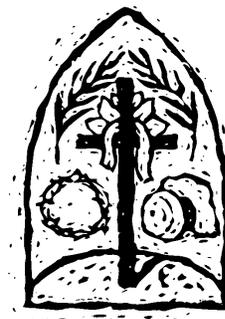
When we next visited Ahmed in Nabi Nun, we found him more relaxed and happy than we have ever seen him. In our usual patchwork combination of English, Arabic and sign language he expressed his pleasure that we had come to the party and joked

about his discomfort there.



After tea and coffee, he was clearly reluctant to have our visit end and walked a part of the way back with us, naming in Arabic some of the new spring flowers that have appeared and quizzing us to be sure we had the pronunciation correct. I repeat...we know that saying our goodbyes will be difficult.

For more articles on Pat Ochodnický's adventures in the Middle East, please go to her blog at www.pochod.wordpress.com.



Worship Schedule for Lent & Holy Week

A Season of Strengthening Prayer and Ministry

Wednesdays in Lent April 1

Light Supper 6:30 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 9

Footwashing & Communion
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 10

12 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Easter – April 12

Communion 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

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April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 5 Lent Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	30	31 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	1 Bible Study 10 am Light Supper 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	2 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	3	4 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
5 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	6 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. No Bible Study	7 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	8 No Bible Study AA Meeting 8:30 pm	9 Maundy Thursday Foot washing & Communion 7:30 pm	10 Good Friday Service 12 noon Service 7:30 pm	11 Youth Group 1 pm Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
12 Easter Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 am Breakfast 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	13 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm	14 Church Council 7 pm	15 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	16 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	17	18 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
19 2 Easter Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Youth Choir practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	20 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm	21 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	22 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	23 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	24	25 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
26 3 Easter Sunday School 9:30 am Service of Word and Sacrament 10:30 am Birthday Sunday Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12:00 noon Handchime practice 12:15 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	27 Clergy Meeting 10 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 pm	28 Prayer Meeting 7 pm	29 Bible Study 10 am Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	30 Clergy Cluster Meetings 9:30 am	May 1	May 2 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz 8:30 am Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • April 2009

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Day	Palm Sunday	Easter	2 Easter	2 Easter
Color	Red	White	White	White
Special				Children's Sermon
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 6
Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 or Mark 15:1-39[40-47] Mark 14:1-15:47	Acts:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35] Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
Presiding	Pastor David O. Maddox II			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Ed Kotajarvi Thursday, April 9: Volunteer Needed Friday, April 10: Sharon Hall - noon, Volunteer Needed – 7:30 pm	8:00 am: Donna Page 10:30 am: Margaret Vore	Sharon Hall	Charles Crawford
Director of Music	Jody Doktor			
Cantors	Jody Doktor	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak	Donna Page
Ushers Roger Demorest	Christina Wardell Geraldine Henze Joyce Keskitalo 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
Greeters Tracee Robinson	Toini Kesti and Erick Kyro	Dolores Ward	Bob and Shirley Erickson	Ed and Helen Gilbert
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Jessica Moilanen Emily Moilanen Thursday, March 20: Maria Wardell and Lorpu Johnson	8:00 am: Aryelle and Lyndsay Edmonds 10:30 am: Brittney and Morgan Jones	Jennifer Wardell Lisa Jones	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore
Altar Care Tracee Robinson	Tracee Robinson and Morgan Jones			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Richard Chavanak Jerry Hall and Erick Kyro	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Ernie and Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Tracee Robinson Darin and Donna Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi Shirley Pulley	First Sunday Group	Youth Group Easter Breakfast	Women of the ELCA	April Birthdays
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall			
Sunday School Barb Klimkowski	Barb Klimkowski Cindy Moilanen Richard Chavanak	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	Barb Klimkowski Donna Page Darin Page
Flowers Sharon Hall	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi's 50 th Anniversary	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.

