



Emmanuel's Voice

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From Our Pastor:

Members of Emmanuel met on May 20 for the annual meeting of the congregation. I gave a verbal report which I will repeat in this article because some members were unable to attend.

As a pastor who is at Emmanuel on a "temporary" basis it has been gratifying to experience how prepared you are for worship on Sundays. The acolytes, cantors, assisting ministers, ushers, greeters, and musicians are all prepared for their roles. On some occasions when I arrive at a church as a supply pastor folks are trying to determine who is doing what. The consistency you demonstrated is an important ingredient to doing worship well.

That preparation and consistency is important when you call your next pastor. That pastor won't have to expend time and energy on those worship details. Yes, they might want to do some things differently but they won't have to start from scratch to find and train people for those tasks.

As the people of Emmanuel move forward in mission and ministry in this community there are several things to keep in mind:

- Hospitality, i.e., how do we welcome people who walk through our doors? How do we invite and welcome people in the community? Are we open to everyone?
- Facilities: How do we maintain our grounds as well as the building so we are an inviting presence? What needs updating? Do people even notice Emmanuel when they drive by?

The congregation does a great job of welcoming during the sharing of the peace as well as the fellowship time. However, we always need to be vigilant that everyone is included.

As the congregation moves forward it will need to be creative in how it does ministry. There is a whole new "church/religious/spiritual" world out there and congregations need to expand their horizons so they can be equipped to do mission.

Emmanuel congregation has a good spirit which will enable it to move into the future in confidence with the nurturing of the Holy Spirit.

See you in worship!

Pastor Eckermann



**Shirley Erickson
January 12, 1926 –
April 30, 2012**

Shirley Erickson was a loving wife to Bob for 60 years, mother of 4 children, Millie, Ron, Jim and Len. She was a cherished grandmother to 7 grandchildren - Evan, David, Scott, Laura, Krista, Amy, and Ryan, and recently, a great-grandmother to Audra.

Shirley was very active at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with her faith, service, and volunteering. She willingly supported many church activities and fund raisers, such as pasty bake sales. Shirley and Bob participated in the adult bible study group for many years. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shirley was the secretary for several years, and in 2008, she was named "Woman of the Year."



June

a Birthday!

Birthdays

Please note that June's Birthday Sunday will be on June 24, 2012. If you have a birthday in June, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.

July Birthdays

Please note that July's Birthday Sunday will be on July 22, 2012. If you have a birthday in July, please bring snacks for the Coffee and Tea Fellowship Hour that day.



**Volunteers
Wanted**

Praise the Lord with your voice / instrument and make a difference to the spiritual lives of others this summer by sharing your musical gifts, (voice, piano, flute, guitar, baritone, etc.) during the worship service. To schedule a Sunday please contact Valerie Felder.

June/July 2012

Memorial Fund

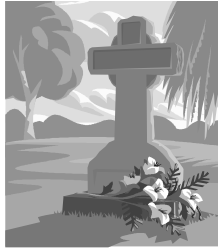
The Memorial Fund Committee graciously wishes to acknowledge a gift received in memory of **AUDREY J.**

THOMPSON from Eunice Gould and Jane Kemppainen, designated to the good of the Church.

The Memorial Fund Committee also graciously wishes to acknowledge gifts received in memory of **SHIRLEY ERICKSON** from: Erick Kyro, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rajala, Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi, Kenneth Wern, the Wardell Family, Michael Zopf, Fred and Dee Aebersold, Irma Leppala, Ed and Janet Kotajarvi, Ann Dixon, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarala, Charlotte Lytikainen, George Putkela, Nacy Mortz, Lois McGonnell, Cindy Johnson, Kay Simo, Donald Thompson, Harrier and Roger Demorest, John and Cindy Moilanen, Bob LaCourt and Family, Ruben and Grace Nayback, and Janice Olson.

Jill Bergstrom

Memorial Fund Committee



2012 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk

The 2012 Southfield/Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk, hosted by First Baptist Church of Detroit, took place May 6th. Emmanuel had 23 walkers. Last year, we raised, \$1,830.50 plus \$886.00 on-line for a total of \$2,716.50. This year, Harrier Demorest, CROP Hunger Walk treasurer, reports that, as of May 22, we have raised \$2,012.50 plus \$1,070 on-line for a preliminary amount of \$3,082.50. This is a gain of \$366. 75% goes to Church World Service to be used for projects fighting hunger and poverty all over the world and 25% stays in our own community, going to the Southfield Emergency Food Program, Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels, fighting hunger and poverty here at home. To see a slideshow on-line of the Walk, set to the music of Martha Reeves and the Vandellas' "Dancing in the Street", go to Emmanuel's website www.emmanueluthersouthfield.org and click on "photo galleries."

Monday Night at the Movies Bible Study



For the past year, the adult Monday night Bible study has been using the lectionary help from Sundays and Seasons. The May 20th help included the following: "The movie Vantage Point (Columbia, 2008) follows a single event through the vantage point of several people. Each person sees the same event, but each sees it from a different angle. Only one thing happens, yet each has experienced it differently". Specifically, the movie is about a U.S. president who arrives in Spain for a

landmark antiterrorism summit and is immediately shot. The 15 minutes leading up to the shooting are rehashed from the perspective of various onlookers: two Secret Service agents (Dennis Quad and Matthew Fox), a TV reporter (Sigourney Weaver) and a tourist (Forest Whitaker). Our Sundays and Seasons lectionary help was using this movie to illustrate how, when we are trying to understand the complexity of a story, of the Bible, we need not a single authoritative witness but rather the points of view of many disciples and witnesses.

Vantage Point will be shown in the Fellowship Hall of Emmanuel, Monday, June 11, 7:00 to 9:00, and that evening we will also discuss a movie schedule for the rest of June and July and people can suggest more movies. The movie is PG-13 and 1 1/2 hours long. At the end, there will be opportunity for discussion and sharing. Please join us for an entertaining and thought-provoking evening of movie watching and discussion from a faith perspective.

What's New in the Mustard Seed Library



The family of Bob and Shirley Erickson have donated My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers. This is a devotional book. The introduction states "This book is not the Bible--it is intended to point you to the Bible." It is intended to be a help in meditating on God's Word, and as a help in applying it to your life. Remembering Bob and Shirley's devotion to attending Bible study and the examples of their lives, it is wonderful to be able to add this book to our Mustard Seed Library.



Beginning on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, our worship service will begin at 10 a.m.



Join the Samaritan Counseling Center for Its 11th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 22, 2012

A New Location— A New Course to Play:
Moose Ridge Golf Course
11801 Doane Rd., South Lyon, MI 48178

The Cost is \$130 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, driving range, lunch, a steak dinner, and prizes. Call the SCC office at 248-474-4701 or visit our website at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com for more information. All proceeds will benefit the Client Aid Fund.

It will be a special fun-filled day.

Youth Night News

Our youth night coordinators, Ed and Christina Wardell and most of our youth have other plans on Friday, June 8. Therefore, the youth will not meet on the second Friday in June. Youth nights will continue the second Friday in July (July 13th).

A Couple of Impressions of the 2012 Southeast and North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly

Hello Emmanuel,

It was a distinct privilege to represent our church at the 2012 Southeast and Lower North/West Joint Assembly held in Lansing May 17-19. From first gavel to the final, the assembly was packed with exciting news about each synod.

We were able to visit with Senators and Representatives as well as Lt. Governor, Brian Cally. Individuals were able to question these elected officials directly on important issues. We examined the church's position on Criminal Justice and the Concealed Weapons Act.

Worship, built on John 1:1 Word of God, Word of Life was spirited, inspirational, and fulfilling. Our workshops covered a wide range of subjects from Social issues, Ministries of the Lutheran Churches in Jordan and the Holy Land, Honduras, and Bible studies.

Discussions were held on the purposed merger of the two synods. The consensus of these discussions was "not at this time!" We will continue to grow and prayerfully continue to consider this issue.

Impressions (continued)

Thank you again for allowing me to represent Emmanuel.

Pat Hall

The Synod Assembly had as its theme "Word of God, Word of Life." On Friday morning and again in the afternoon, Bishop James Mauney, from Virginia, presented a

two-part Bible study on this theme. Friday afternoon, I attended a workshop presented by Pastor Rick McKenzie titled, "The Scriptures: Accepting Ancient Texts as Authoritative in Today's World." I heard that the pitfalls of Bible study are, at one extreme, literalism and, at the other extreme, interpreting individualistically so that instead of God standing over us we try to stand over ourselves. Somewhere also, during the Synod Assembly, I heard that all of us in our congregations are about helping the Synod achieve its full potential and that the Synod is about helping us in our congregations realize our full potential. Word of God, Word of Life is most important and I'm glad the worship times, Bible study times and workshop times lifted this up for us to focus on. I thank the congregation at Emmanuel and also our Synod for making it possible for me to participate and learn more about Word of God, Word of Life.

Sharon Hall

ELCA Malaria Campaign



Dear friend,

You did it! Your overwhelming generosity to the ELCA Malaria Campaign in the week after World Malaria Day exceeded our hopes and our expectations. Together, you gave over \$203,000 -- enough to launch the work of the ELCA Malaria Campaign in Liberia!

The Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, newly elected Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, expresses his gratitude for your gifts:

In Liberia, there is no city or village that is safe from the malaria parasite. The whole country is at risk. So the anti-malaria work of the Lutheran Church in Liberia is of utmost importance. **Through your gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign, you have made that anti-malaria work possible.**

I bring a message from your Lutheran brothers and sisters in Liberia: thank you! Thank you for walking with us as we faced civil war, disease, displacement and unemployment. Thank you for walking with us as partners in the gospel we share. And thank you for making possible the work that our church is doing to prevent, treat and educate about malaria in Liberia.

We have been working hard to get ready for these malaria programs. Our experts have studied trends and treatments of malaria.

We've identified the needs in our communities and how the church, through our health care ministries, can fill them. We're ready to mobilize -- all we needed was the funding to get started. **Thanks to you, our programming work can now begin. As we walk hand in hand, God will work through us to save lives.**

Because of your generous gifts, Lutherans in Liberia will continue their long legacy of meeting the health care needs in their communities. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. You have brought us all one step closer to our goal of making malaria history. Thank you!

In Christ,

Jessica Nipp
Coordinator, ELCA Malaria Campaign

P.S. Our work in Liberia is just one example of the amazing things our church can accomplish together through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, and our work has just begun. We have a goal of raising \$15 million by 2015 to support the work of our partners and companions in 12 countries in Africa. Your gifts of any size, at any time, make a difference.

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June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 27 Day of Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	May 28	May 29	May 30 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	May 31	1	2 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
3 Holy Trinity Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon VBS Planning Meeting 12:15pm Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	4	5	6 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	7	8	9 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
10 2 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	11 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	12	13 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	14	15	16 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
17 (Summer Schedule Begins) 3 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	18 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	19 Church Council Meeting 9:30 am	20 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	21	22	23 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
24 John the Baptist Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	25 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	26	27 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	28	29	30 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

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July 2012

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1 5 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	2 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	3	4 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
8 6 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	9 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	10	11 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	12	13 Youth Night 6:30 pm	14 Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm
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29 9 Pentecost Service of Worship and Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee/Tea Fellowship 11:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 pm	30 Movie Bible Study 7 pm	31	August 1 Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting 8:30 pm	August 2	August 3	August 4 Men's Breakfast at Stackerz Ministry at The Fountains 2 pm

Sunday Servants • June 2012

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Day	Holy Trinity	2 Pentecost	3 Pentecost	John the Baptist
Color	White	Green	Green	White
Liturgy	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3	Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 3
Readings	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 141 Acts 13:13-26 Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]
Presiding	Pastor Stanley Eckermann			
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Christina Wardell	Pat Ochodnicky	Renee Pollard	Darin Page
Music Director	Valerie Felder			
Cantors	Jennifer Wardell	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barbara Klimkowski
Ushers Roger Demorest	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnicky Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Jennifer Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Christina Wardell Sandra Bryant Comique People Ann Dixon
Greeters Barb Laho	Gerry Henze	Eddie and LaDonn People	Wardell Family	Jerry and Sharon Hall
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Maria Wardell Mya Maximore	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Brittney Jones Troiana Childrey
Altar Care Donna Page	Comique People and Donna Page			
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Doris Gaston Dean Lemponen Ed Kotajarvi	Donna Page Darin Page	Donna Page Darin Page
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	June Birthdays
Flowers Sharon Hall	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed	Donations needed
Audio Recording	Ed Wardell			
Worship Folder and Bulletin	Christina Wardell			

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	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Day	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost	8 Pentecost	9 Pentecost
Color	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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	Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Presiding	Pastor Stanley Eckermann				
Assisting and Lector Christina Wardell	Volunteer Needed	Sharon Hall	Richard Chavanak	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Director of Music	Valerie Felder				
Cantors	Youth Choir	Donna Page	Richard Chavanak	Barb Klimkowski	Richard Chavanak
Ushers Roger Demorest	Don Thompson Ed Kotajarvi Bill Leppala Roger Demorest	Dean Lemponen Ed Gilbert Paul Zetye Jack Klein	Barb Laho Doris Gaston Pat Ochodnick Beryl Muckleroy LaDonn People	Jerry Hall Bruce Ricketts Michael Wright Roger Demorest	Maria Wardell Morgan Jones Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols Jennifer Wardell
Greeters Barb Laho	Janet and Ed Kotajarvi	Barb Laho and Jack Klein	Jerry and Sharon Hall	Ed Gilbert	Renee Pollard Troiana Childrey Kadrian Brown
Acolytes Christina Wardell	Morgan Jones Mia Maximore	Jennifer Wardell	Michael Wright Jamie Maximore	Lisa Jones Rhionna Nichols	Morgan Jones Maria Wardell
Altar Care Donna Page	Darin Page, Morgan Jones and Maria Wardell				
Tellers Harriet Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Sharon Ricketts Bruce Ricketts Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Vicki Perttunen Rudy Perttunen Roger Demorest	Richard Chavanak Erick Kyro Jerry Hall
Fellowship Hour Janet Kotajarvi	First Sunday Group	Young at Heart	Women of the ELCA	July Birthdays	Volunteers Needed
Audio Recording	Jerry Hall	Ed Wardell			
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