

Emmaus Visitor

January, 2009



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: December 7, 2008 Ayden David Borger	Ayden is the son of Vanessa Kossack and Steven Borger. His sponsors are Selina Rodriguez and Keith Lancour.
December 14, 2008 Andrew Daniel Babington	Andrew is the son of Dana and Eric Babington. His sponsors are Robyn Swaab and Mauricio Martinez.
December 14, 2008 Dylan James Commodore	Dylan is the son of Dana Babington and Anthony Commodore. His sponsors are Nicolas and Robyn Swaab.
December 14, 2008 Jaydan Xavier Ponder	Jaydan is the son of Jennifer Baker and Horace Ponder. His sponsors are Tammy Mentch, Nicole Peterson and Anthony Wooden.
Funeral: December 29, 2008 Carole Pearce Wildenberg, née Blackard	Carole and Wayne Wildenberg were married on July 11, 2001. Carole passed away December 26. She was a retired paralegal, past director of Racine Fair Housing, and a published poet. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Shairyl I. Pearce, and is survived by seven children and two step-children: Kelsey S. Pearce-Jones, Steven L. (Janis) Pearce, Kerry L. (Jerry) Milkie, Kathy A. (Todd) Veto, Christopher W. Pearce, Cheryl J. Bruce, Jason T. Pearce, Dawn Wildenberg, and Shelly (Dwight) Karrow; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.
Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on January 1.
The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the February VISITOR is January 15.
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Thank You to Our Christmas Elves!

Several happy and enthusiastic folks showed up on Saturday, December 6 to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. With many hands, the work went quickly and the church looks festive.



Thanks to Cheryl Dexter for providing treats which we enjoyed in the warmth of the Fireside Room. Many thanks to Marjorie Zielke, Missy Porcaro, Lynn and Jeff McCray, Diane Melander, Olga Wilson, Lee Woodward, Janice and Larry Nielsen, Grace Falaschi, Cheryl Dexter, Pat and Ron Jensen, Sarah and Sam Albright, Chris and Caren Lamberton, Rich Christensen and Bety Mares for their help.

Thanks also to Jhon Freddy and his helpers who brought the

trees and decorations into the sanctuary. You all deserve a star in your crown!

If you are able to take down Emmaus' Christmas decorations at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 10, please contact Kathy Christensen (886-2151) or call the church office for details.

What's Ahead for January Worship?

January 3 & 4: Epiphany: Follow the Star!

January 10 & 11: Celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord

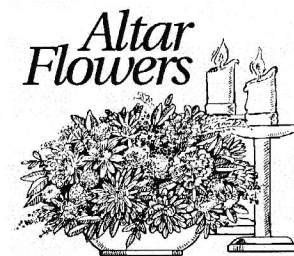
January 18: Chicago Folk Service

January 24 & 25: Celebration of Christian Unity with Jhon Freddy Correa preaching and music led by Praise Team on Sunday.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2009 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, and a number of Sundays are still open.

We offer the opportunity for two households to sponsor either one of the two altar



arrangements each Sunday. The cost is now \$20.00 per arrangement.

During the week before the Sunday you've signed up for, the church secretary will call you to ask how you want the altar flower dedication to be printed in the bulletin.

Mark Your Calendar for Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation is set for Sunday, February 1 immediately following the morning worship service. As we look to the future, be sure to attend this important meeting.

Copies of the



Annual Church Meeting

annual report will be available the weekend of January 24 and 25. Council members and program coordinators are asked to turn their reports in to the church office by January 15.

Evening Book Group Meets January 12

The evening book group reinvents itself as the "Fireside Exchange" Monday, January 12. The January selection is *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide* by Immaculée Ilibagiza. This book is a sequel to *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*.

In 1994, Ilibagiza was a young university student who was caught up in the most vicious and bloody



genocide. Most of her family, many friends and a million of her fellow citizens lost their lives. This book is an account of her faith journey which she credits for her survival.

The morning Emmaus book club will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 15; contact Marge Jensen at 634-8754 if you have questions.

Scrip Sales Continue in New Year

by Cathy Meyer

Thank you to all who have participated in the Scrip fund raising program by purchasing gift cards to various businesses. We will continue to sell Scrip after services in the Sunset Room throughout the year.

In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand, we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards and we can order those cards for you. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer.



Pancakes and Planning Meeting Set at Redeemer for Mission Trip

Youth from Emmaus and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will travel to Yakima, Washington next summer. Plans for the mission trip are taking shape, and the youth from both congregations will attend their first joint planning meeting on January 10 at 9:00 a.m.



The meeting will take place on the lower level at Redeemer, located at the corner of Drexel and Gilson, two blocks east of Taylor Avenue, where Redeemer youth and parents will serve a pancake breakfast to the group.

Youth to Meet at New Day and Time

Due to the change in Jhon Freddy's seminary schedule, the last Wednesday youth gathering will be January 7.

Beginning January 17, the

group will meet every Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All 6th to 12th graders are enthusiastically invited.

Consider Working with Member Care

by Cathy Meyer

Have you wanted to get more involved with activities at Emmaus but were afraid you don't have enough time? Consider helping with Member Care. We have no monthly meetings, you can volunteer a small amount of time, and you don't even need to leave home to do it.

We need people to



make phone calls, write cards or notes, pray for those in need, visit shut-ins, knit or crochet, deliver flowers or other items – the list goes on and on. But even the smallest gesture is so appreciated by the recipients.

Make 2009 the year you take that extra step to get involved. Call Cathy Meyer (321-0050) to find out where you fit in.

Emmaus to Serve Meal February 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 5. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide a casserole, jello, or dessert. 9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off

the Sunset Room.

Whether you bring your own container or borrow a pan from church, please tape your name to it so that it gets returned.

Northside Food Pantry Receives Thanksgiving Offering

An upbeat Thanksgiving Eve service, with music by the Adult and Kids' Choirs, had gratitude as the central theme. As a part of our response to the many blessings which have been bestowed on us, an offering of money and non-perishable food was received. The food was used to help fill the Christmas baskets the youth would then distribute.

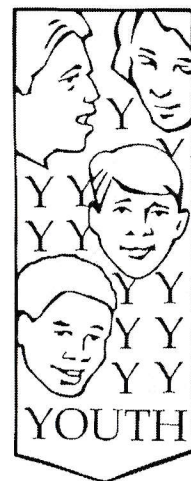
The Northside Food Pantry has received a gift of \$546.00, the

amount contributed at the Thanksgiving Eve service. The food pantry is in dire need of food, and all donations brought to the church will be brought there to help fill the shelves.

Let's be sure to remember our hungry neighbors after Christmas, too. The new year promises to be a challenge to many who are faced with unemployment or underemployment.

United Way Grant Awarded to Emmaus Youth

"Yes, we can!" was the theme of the grant proposal made by the Emmaus youth to the board of Youth As Resources (YAR) of the



United Way. The proposal included plans to prepare two to three Thanksgiving food baskets and an additional nine baskets for Christmas. A portion of the funds were also designated to pay for food for the December 17

Wednesday night Christmas dinner.

Not only did needs of families exceed expectations, but the additional donations of food and money were also more than expected. The \$800 grant, together with the generous donations from

Emmaus members, made it possible to prepare more than double the baskets planned – a total of 27!

Sandy Strini and Jhon Freddy coordinated the youth project, filling the large plastic totes with a wide variety of non-perishable goods, topped off with potatoes and a ham or turkey for each family. The outpouring was far more than anticipated, bringing both food and hope to families in great need.

Thank you to everyone for your gifts!

Youth Birthdays

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| Jan. 1 | Patrick Austin, 11 |
| Jan. 8 | Dylan Commodore, 11 |
| Jan. 11 | Frank Williams, 18 |
| Jan. 26 | Leah Talbott, 1 |
| Jan. 28 | Kaitlyn Sodke, 9 |
| Jan. 29 | Zach Robinson, 17 |
| Jan. 31 | Brad Johnson, 11 |
| Jan. 31 | Carlisle Bonillo, 12 |

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Adult Choir:

In memory of Nancy Brown: \$20.00

Designated for Giving Tree:

In honor of the Eschmanns' grandchildren, Anna, Alaina, Alyssa and Elizabeth: \$200.00



Volunteers Sought to Help with January 14 Supper

Are you able to mix up a batch of sloppy joes or provide veggies or buns for our Wednesday evening dinner on January 14? If

you can lend a hand, call the church office or sign up in the narthex. The sloppy joe recipe is next to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 1

We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help.

Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised roughly \$50 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving.

Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put God's love into action through the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can help them feel

the significance of caring for others.

At the Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1 worship services, drop a dollar in a soup pot as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to the Northside Food

Pantry right here in our community. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

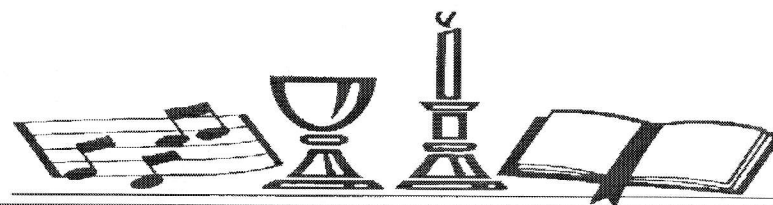


Outreach for Hope Grants Awarded

The Outreach for Hope Fund, an arm of the Greater Milwaukee Synod that reaches out to the poor through various ministries, has made allocations for 2009. Once again, Emmaus and Racine Neighborhood Camp have been recipients of generous grants.

The Emmaus Outreach

ministry, which coordinates our mentoring, after school and Wednesday night programs, has been granted \$27,000 for salaries and program expenses, and Neighborhood Camp will receive \$17,000 toward the total expenses for the eight ELCA camp sites in Racine.



January Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jan. 3 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 4 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Karen Sedgwick	Brenda Gieszler	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 11 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Gregg Albright Randy Sanders	Amy Haman	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Jan. 17 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 18 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Claranna Vytlacil	Ron Jensen	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Jan. 24 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 25 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Diane Melander Kylee Albright	Claranna Vytlacil	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Jan. 31 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 1 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Shirley Velzka	Lyle Christensen	Team 1 Harold Miller

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	January Candle Care: Pat Jensen
Jan. 4	Tosleks TBA	TBA	
Jan. 11	Joy Lippmann TBA	C. Vytlacil P. Jensen	
Jan. 18	TBA TBA	M.&A. Zielke M. Porcaro	
Jan. 25	TBA TBA	Celia Bagley	
Feb. 1	TBA TBA	TBA	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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4 2 ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 9:15 am Worship service <i>ELW</i> setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	5 TWELFTH NIGHT 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.	6 EPIPHANY 2:30 pm EASY 5:15 pm TOPS 	7 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 5:30 pm Youth group 6:00 pm Adult study groups 7:00 pm Worship service	8 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	9	10 9:00 am Youth mission trip meeting at LC of Redeemer 9:30 am Unhanging the greens 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
11 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	12 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm "Fireside Exchange"	13 ST. KNUT 2:30 pm EASY 5:15 pm TOPS 	14 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult study groups 7:00 pm Worship service	15 <i>Feb. Visitor articles, annual reports needed in church office</i> 10:00 am Morning book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	16	17 4:00 pm Youth group (to 6:00) 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
18 CONFESSION OF ST. PETER; WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	19 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:30 am Keenagers 5:15 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	21 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult study groups 7:00 pm Worship service	22 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 	23	24 ST. TIMOTHY 4:00 pm Youth group 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
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Keenagers in January



Seniors' Gathering

Keenagers in January will meet for a holiday brunch on Tuesday, January 20. At 10:30 a.m., Lila Berge will present a slide show about her visit this fall to the "Four Corners" area of the American southwest.

Please come and join us. It promises to be a delightful morning!

January Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2704 James Blvd.	53403
Jan. 11	Oscar Haugsby	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402
Jan. 29	Jan Bertram	1830 Polaris Ave.	53404

Congratulations, Randy and Laura!

The congregation extends blessings and best wishes to Randy Sanders and Laura Busch, who will be married January 2 at St. Rita's Catholic Church.

Lydia Circle Meets January 7

All women of the church are invited to attend a time of study and hospitality at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7. Lydia Circle meets in the Sunset Room on the first Wednesday of the month.

Member Care Offers Rides to Church

Seniors: would you like to continue attending worship services, but are unsure of driving in winter weather? Emmaus volunteers would be happy to transport you to and from the

Saturday or Sunday service.

Please call Paul in the church office (634-5515) and give him your name and number. A driver will contact you to arrange the transportation.

Jhon Freddy Completes Semester at LSTC

A big sigh of relief came from Jhon Freddy when he successfully completed a very busy semester at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He is currently enjoying a well deserved three week respite from papers, exams and the commute to Chicago twice each week.

Jhon Freddy will resume classes on January 12 when he will take two intensive courses at LSTC

February 2, he will begin the second during the January term. On semester and will be in Chicago attending classes Monday through Wednesday each week.

It is yet to be determined whether Jhon Freddy will be a part of the Internship program or the Residency program offered by LSTC. Those decisions will be made following the ELCA endorsement process which will take place in the next couple of months.

Technology Moves into 21st Century

Special designated gifts have made possible two upgrades in technology for Emmaus.

A new telephone system, adding nine new phones, has recently been installed. For the first time since the "new addition" to the building was completed, there will be phone service on the second floor. Emmaus phones will now have caller ID and voice mail, two features which are long overdue. When the last phone system was installed in the 1980's, neither of those features was an option.

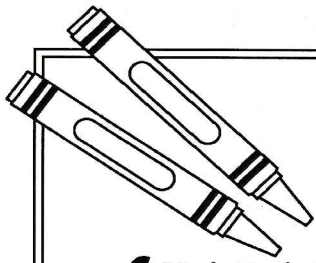
If you call the church and the party to whom you wish to speak is not available, you may leave a voice mail for that person. To leave a message for Pastor Mary, dial "11";

for Valerie Crehan, dial "12"; for Nancy Smith, dial "15"; and for Claranna Vytlačil, dial "16".

To leave a message for the church office or anyone else, dial "10." (You can also hear the complete directory by dialing "8.")

The second gift has made possible the purchase of two "rock star mics" (Pastor Mary's description), which allow for more flexibility and movement when using those microphones. A third headset has been installed on an existing system, increasing possibilities for both drama and worship in the sanctuary.

Thank you to the generous donors whose gifts expand our ability to communicate.



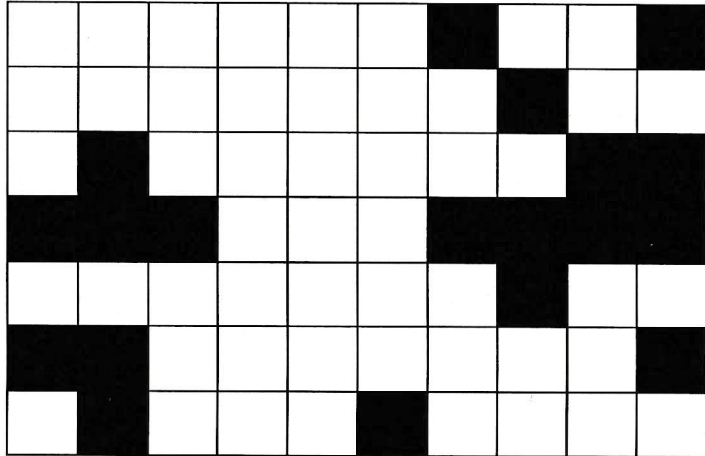
Just for **KIDS**

CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

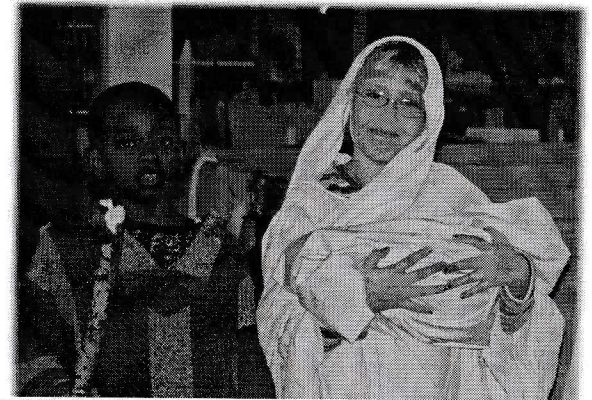
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1 Cor. 11:1
Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Matt & Lucy's Version Birth's Photo Album

Our Wednesday evening kids presented their Christmas pageant during the worship service on December 21.



Lutheran Choir Presents Spring Concerts

The Wittenberg University Choir, a non-profit group based at a Lutheran school, will perform two concerts in our area this spring. Under the direction of Dr. Donald Busarow, this fifty-two voice choir offers a repertoire from renaissance to contemporary religious music and includes selections in Latin, Russian, German, and English.



located in Springfield, Ohio, is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Spring concerts in our area: Sunday, March 8, 2009: 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), 2065 Geneva St.,

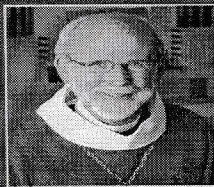
Racine; and Monday, March 9, 2009: 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Lutheran, 12012 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa.

Wittenberg University,



Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 • 4 p.m.
WE THE PEOPLE: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Featuring Ralston H. Deffenbaugh, Jr. President, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)
Free and open to the public



Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 • 3 p.m.
CALLING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE TOGETHER

Featuring The Rev. Mark S. Hanson Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

For more information and to register for the event, visit www.ecsw.org/resourcecenter/Jan09event



Both events will be held at Carthage in Kenosha, Wisconsin

Carthage College is a Lutheran school affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a not-for-profit organization.

Cultural Awareness Retreat Offered

Greetings Everyone,

I know that you are all rushing to prepare for the Holidays, but I wanted to send out one more reminder about the Cultural Awareness retreat in February. (Don't forget that I would like you all to have 2-3 names to give me at the January network meeting.)

These should be youth who are justice minded and have a true interest in gaining an understanding of others' and their cultures.

You can find the registration form, a covenant/permission slip, and a packing list on the CIS website: www.campindiansands.org. The due date for registration forms is January 26. (I know that

there have been other dates floating around, but we will stick with this date.)

Merry Christmas and Blessings for the New Year!

Erin Walton

CIS Office Manager



Newsletter Deadline

January 15



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

In Whose Hands?

I write this Christmas morning at the very time I expected to be checking in for my flight to North Dakota. Instead of being in a gate area waiting for boarding, however, I am sitting in my living room sipping coffee and listening to Christmas music.

I've just talked with my mom explaining that I learned at 1:30 a.m. this morning (as I was at my computer trying to pre-check-in and get boarding passes) that the afternoon flight from Minneapolis to Minot had been canceled. That led to a phone conversation with an airlines agent and to my rebooking the flight from Milwaukee to Minneapolis. I now have most of this day at home, something I had never anticipated!

This is but a reminder to me that there is a whole lot out of my control – and that is at all levels. Whether it's the airline schedule or the depth of the latest snowfall or the economy or the health of a loved one or the phone ringing at dinnertime, I realize these are only some of the things over which I have no control, even though I think I might like to.

I look back to midnight last

night when I gave Jhon Freddy a Christmas gift. It was a brightly painted wooden plaque from El Salvador. The plaque included a variety of faces, representing a broad spectrum of people. Below the people is a large set of hands, cupped and holding not only the people, but a large dove.



This plaque represents how we are all being held by God's hands and God's Spirit – even when we are faced

with minor interruptions of flight plans or major setbacks that may come with loss of health or loss of employment.

As we look ahead to the new year, we must plan and strategize and vision. All of that is important, as it gives direction and purpose. Just as I needed to make plans to travel to Minot so that I could visit my mom, we as individuals and as a community of faith do the best we can to look ahead.

What will 2009 look like for Emmaus? Where will God's Spirit lead us next? What surprises are in store? Will Emmaus and Redeemer partner in new ways, inviting our

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Pastor Mary's Column

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Latino neighbors to Spanish-speaking services led by Jhon Freddy under my supervision and that of Pastor Molly? Will our youth group expand and grow, not only in numbers, but spiritually as well?

Will we take even more seriously our call to reach out to all peoples, including those who are challenged due to diminished mobility or hearing? Will we creatively and responsibly use audiovisual technology and engage our younger people with relevancy in Word and music?

This mission to which we have been called is daunting and the

possibilities are endless. Undergirded by prayer and knowing that we are being held by God and led by the Spirit, we look to the new year with confidence and hope.

I'm grateful to be a traveling partner with you (even when there are detours, interruptions or surprises along the way!). We are in great hands as we move forward together!

Blessings in the New Year!

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Crunching the Numbers

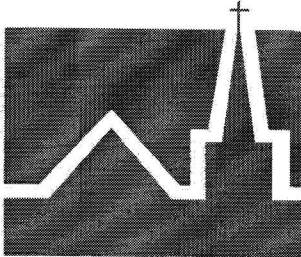
Weekly worship attendance:		2006		2007		2008	
Nov. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	175	114	153	101	154	95
Thanksgiving Eve		61		42		105	
Dec. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	164	110	137	93	172	99
Christmas Eve: Early		94	76	102	77	100	61
		2007		2008			
Jan. averages		152	105	169	123		
Financial Figures		Total for Nov.		Year to date		Campaign to date	
General fund offerings		\$20,497.63		\$168,713.24			
Holiday+Gift of Love+AJLC inc.		\$768.00					
Mortgage retirem't offerings		\$300.00		\$ 4,395.00		\$59,040.62	
Mortgage payments in Nov. '08		Princ. \$646.29		Principal balance as of 11/14/2008:		\$68,007.54	
		Int. \$345.71					
		Total \$992.00					



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Come to 'Shrove Wednesday' Pancake Supper

Join Emmaus family and friends on Wednesday, February 18 for a pancake supper served in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. In a slight variation on



traditional Shrove Tuesday / Mardi Gras celebrations typical of the eve of Ash Wednesday, Emmaus will join in food and festivities a full week before Lent begins.

Wednesday Activities Take Winter Break

The first two Wednesdays in February, there will be no Wednesday Camp, evening meal or worship. Regular Wednesday evening activities will resume February 18.

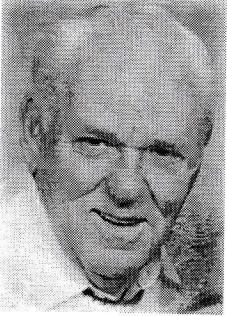
Pastor Walter's adult Bible study on the Gospel of Mark will meet February 4 and 11, however. Pastor Walter's Bible study meets from 6:00 to 7:00 in the Fireside Room. Newcomers are invited!

Inside: Annual Congregational Meeting February 1 →

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Jacari Zervon Wilson January 11, 2009	Jacari is the son of Erin Tussler and Walter Wilson and the grandson of Joyce and Roger Kaiser. His sponsors are Sondra Fuerstenau and Phillip Carrion.
Lauren Marie Geiger January 18, 2009	Lauren is the daughter of Rachel and Ryan Geiger and the great-granddaughter of Ella Nielsen. Her sponsors are Kevin Geiger and Lisa Angel.
Memorial: Robert D. Christensen January 19, 2009 	Bob Christensen passed away January 13. He was retired from WE Energies. He was a former head of the usher teams at Emmaus. As a member of the Marine Corps League, he was on the first Iwo Jima float in Racine's July 4 parade. His survivors include children Linda (Dave) Fox, Cheryl Betchkal, Gary (Kim) Reitsma, Cindy (Frank) Bodnar, and Jeffrey (Julie) Reitsma; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Schuppe) Christensen, and son Robert Christensen Jr.

Annual Congregational Meeting Slated February 1

The regular annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 1.

The agenda includes the election of the 2009 church council members, and approval of the 2008 budget.

Copies of the 2008 annual report are available at church.



Annual Meeting

Salary Freeze Proposed

In a time of worldwide extreme economic difficulty, the Emmaus church council is proposing a hold on any increase in spending within our regular budget. The recommendation made at the February 1 annual meeting is that there be no salary increases at this time. It is also recommended that the overall budget be re-evaluated by the congregation within six months.

Lent Begins February 25

Ash Wednesday, February 25, will begin the Lenten season at Emmaus with worship services at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. Both services will offer the



imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Mark March 11 on your calendar for a special mime presentation of the passion. (See page 4.)

Youth Collect 'Noisy Offering' on Souper Bowl Sunday

The Souper Bowl of Caring, led by youth of Emmaus and from churches all over the nation, is planned to help put God's love in action, providing care for those who are hungry and hurting.

Bring your change for a "noisy offering" on January 31 and February 1. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup kettle will go toward relief

efforts for world hunger. All contributions will go to the Northside Food Pantry.

Youth Birthdays

- Feb. 5 Jordan Gallagher, 10
- Feb. 6 Trista Meteyard, 3
- Feb. 7 Stephanie DeCubellis, 13
- Feb. 10 Kira LeRoux-Sodke, 7
- Feb. 18 Angelica Salinas, 7
- Feb. 18 Raigen Spaulding, 7
- Feb. 24 Tyler Offield, 9
- Feb. 25 Abbygail Maranger, 15
- Feb. 25 Cameron Olle, 10
- Feb. 27 Alex Maryland, 14



Youth Group Meeting Moves to Thursdays

Effective Thursday, February 5, the youth group will meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The group will meet on the main floor of the church, using the sanctuary, Sunset and Fireside Rooms,

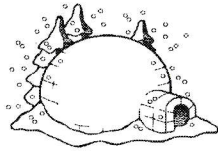
depending on the plans for the day.

The group of 6th-12th graders is led by Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandy Strini.

EASY Kids Keep Chillin'

by Claranna Vytlacil

EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) students have been busy in January learning about winter. They have learned about Snowflake Bentley and had an opportunity to see the book of his photos of snowflakes. They then grew their own crystals.



We are currently reading the novel *Mr. Popper's Penguins* and expect to learn some interesting facts about Antarctica and also make penguins and marshmallow igloos. We'd love for you to come downstairs to see some of the children's paintings of winter!

Wednesday Camp to Highlight Communities of Peace

Come join the circle: during the month of January and February, the Wednesday kids have been learning about the importance of community and how that relates to peace. How can each of us make the choice to live a life of shalom? Through a variety

of activities, the kids will begin to understand what a peaceful community feels like.

Wednesday Camp will take a winter break on February 4 and 11. Camp, supper and evening worship resume on February 18.

Mime Troupe to Present Passion Story

The youth mime troupe from Ascension Lutheran Church of Waukesha will perform at Emmaus' Wednesday evening worship on March 11.

For fourteen years, the Ascension Lutheran Church Youth of Waukesha have shared the passion story of Christ. After six weeks of rehearsal, they share it with a different church each Wednesday

and Sunday during Lent. The entire cast is made up youth in grades 9 through 12.



The presentation tells the story of Christ's passion through music, mime and some narration. It is a powerful journey from the Upper Room to the cross and beyond.

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Help Plan the Future of Greater Milwaukee Synod

by Pastor Walter

Leaders of Lutheran (ELCA) churches from Racine and Kenosha are going to meet on Saturday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Racine. They will be led by Kelly Fryer of A Renewal Enterprise.

The meeting will consist of worship, prayer, and exercises to assist us in considering questions such as: "What is God's mission in the world?" "What is breaking God's heart?" and "How are we called to engage more deeply in this mission?"

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Council and key leaders from throughout our synod participated in a similar process at a retreat with Kelly Fryer in December. It

was a time of prayer, laughter, creativity, and community. Please join other leaders from our cluster for this time of sharing and discernment. In preparation for this event, each participant is asked to read the Acts of the Apostles, the foundational scripture reading for this time together.

I think this synod process may present some difficulties for those of us in Racine, since we are engaged in our own similar discussions. Hopefully they will complement, not compete with each other. I'll ask you for numbers some time in early February. You may want to invite a high school youth or two to participate as well.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan p.m. Ash Wednesday services are at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Seminarian: Jhon Freddy Correa February 25.
Organist: Brenda Trumbauer Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday
Adult Choir Dir.: Becky Smurawa through Friday.
Secretary: Paul Berge The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.
Custodian: Abelino Mares The deadline for the March VISITOR is February 13.
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Book Groups Select Titles

by Cathy Meyer

The Fireside Exchange will continue to meet in the Fireside Room on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

The following dates and books have been chosen for the months ahead:

February 9: *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

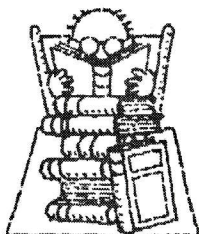
March 9: *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez

April 13: *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci

May 11: *Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnsen

June 8: *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give a talk titled "The Last Lecture," he didn't have to



imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave, and his subsequent book, wasn't about dying.

It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment. It was about living.

Emmaus to Host Gifted Student Course

by Cindi Larsen

Emmaus Lutheran Church will host three face to face meetings for approximately sixty Racine Unified middle school students from Gilmore, Starbuck, Walden, and McKinley on February 3, February 24, and March 24. Students from the Shorewood School District will join the classes as well.

The Racine Unified School District through the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) will offer four online courses for these gifted and talented/high achieving students.

A part of the coursework includes the opportunity to meet together with their instructors and their classmates in face to face meetings.

Cindi Larsen, Gifted and Talented Coordinator for RUSD, has worked with David Metzger at McKinley and the other middle school counselors to arrange the classes for this year. RUSD would like to express its thanks for the cooperation of Emmaus in permitting us the use of the church facility. The face to face meetings will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Camp Fall Campaign Surpasses 2007

Thanks to the Emmaus community and friends and family of said members, the results of the fall campaign were an inspirational affirmation of the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp outreach ministry. Contributions were also given by members and friends from other participating churches.

To date, \$6,104 has been received, up from \$4,220 in 2007. As reported in 2008, 14% of the camp budget is comprised of

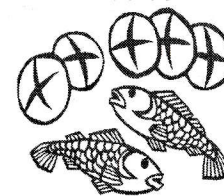
individual donations. The remainder comes from grants, churches, and in-kind volunteer support. Individual donors do make a difference.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated honorarium in honor of Lauren Geiger on her baptism: \$30.00

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at Saint Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 5. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide



a casserole, jello, or dessert. 9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off the Sunset Room.

Whether you bring your own container or borrow a pan from church, please tape your name to it so that it gets returned.

Racine Green Teams Meet at St. Edwards

Saturday, February 7, Green Team members from a number of Racine congregations will gather at St. Edward Catholic Church, 1430 Grove Avenue, to discuss what we are doing to promote recycling and use of recycled products. For

information, contact Betty Brenneman at 637-3119.

All Emmaus members who would like to know more about the work of the "green congregations" in our community are invited to attend the 8:30 a.m. meeting.

Lydia Circle Meets February 4

Pastor Walter will lead the February gathering of the Lydia Circle. All interested women are invited to Pastor Walter's presentation of "Expect Grace." You may have read the article in



the *Journal Times* about Pastor Walter's journey of discovery about how God speaks to us in times of trial and adversity.

The time of study and hospitality is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 4. The group meets in the Sunset Room.

Cards and Letters

Thanks from HALO

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation in the amount of \$500.00 from check number 17197 dated December 22, 2008 to The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, HALO, Inc.

Families and individuals in our Racine community go without proper food, shelter and essential medical care everyday due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, disabilities, mental illness, domestic violence or drugs and alcohol. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, many women, men, children and even some senior citizens are at risk. These individuals make up the participants we serve.

With your generous support HALO is able to help many of

these participants gain access to additional needed resources, understand the steps of self-sufficiency, meet essential daily needs, as well as obtain employment and ultimately permanent housing. Your continued support will help us make a difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community.

If you have any questions about HALO, would like a tour or want to volunteer, please visit our website at www.haloinc.org or contact us as 262 633-3235 ext. 142.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Buckley, Executive Director




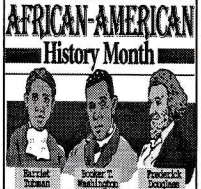


In the Mailbag



February Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat Jan. 31 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 1 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Shirley Velzka	Carol Eschmann	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Feb. 7 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 8 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Nancy Smith Carol Eschmann	Valerie Crehan	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Feb. 14 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 15 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Cindi Larsen	Lee Woodward	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Feb. 21 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 22 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlačil Valerie Crehan	Kathy Christensen Olga Wilson	Nancy Smith	Team 4 John Cook
Wed. Feb. 25 Noon, 7:00	TBA	7:00: Kylee Albright	—	7 pm Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Feb. 28 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 1 9:15 am	TBA	Chris Lamberton	Lyle Christensen	Team 1 Harold Miller

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	February Candle Care: Cheryl Dexter
Feb. 1	TBA TBA	Stan & Betty Breiwick	
Feb. 8	Carol & Dennis Eschmann; TBA	Dan & Carolyn Wooster	
Feb. 15	Ron & Pat Jensen TBA	Loren & Cindi Larsen	
Feb. 22	Ruth Copeland TBA	TBA	
Mar. 1	Al Svendsen Boots LeRoux	TBA	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	3 ST. ANSGAR 8:30 am WCATY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Adult Bible study (no other Wednesday evening activities)	5 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 4:30 pm Youth group 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:30 pm ESL class	6 	7 8:00 am Stampin' Up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in February



Seniors' Gathering

Keenagers in February will meet on Tuesday, February 17. At 10:30 a.m., a speaker from the Racine Heritage Museum will tell us about the Underground Railroad.

For our March 17 program, local beekeeper Tim Fulton will give us the buzz about bees. A mysterious die-off in the bee population is threatening America's \$15 billion crops, from carrots and cucumbers to almonds and melons.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, and stay for a delicious meal at noon.

February Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Feb. 1	Carol Saylor	4511 Harvest Lane	53402
Feb. 2	Pat Torine	2621 Donna Avenue	53404
Feb. 2	Hedy Wagner	4508 N. Green Bay Rd.	53404
Feb. 10	Alfred Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd. Woodlawn, TN	37191
Feb. 14	Bea Holding	3709 Candle Ct. #6	53402
Feb. 20	John Demant	14132 56 th Rd., Sturtevant	53177
Feb. 21	Connie Bertermann	1100 Fountain Hills 103A	53406

Member Care Offers Rides to Church

Seniors: would you like to continue attending worship services, but are unsure of driving in winter weather? Emmaus volunteers would be happy to transport you to and from the



the transportation.

Saturday or Sunday service.

Please call Paul in the church office (634-5515) and give him your name and number. A driver will contact you to arrange

Emmaus Fulfills 2008 Benevolence Commitment

As a result of strong year-end giving by members and friends of Emmaus, we were able to pay all our bills and the remainder of our 2008 commitment of \$10,000 to the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

In addition, funds borrowed from a number of designated funds have been repaid. Our deficit, which had reached nearly

\$20,000 last fall, has been lowered to under \$6,000.

Cold temperatures continue to put a stress on the cost of utilities – our most recent payment to WE Energies exceeded \$3,500!

Thank you to each and every one for your on-going gifts and generosity during a time of economic challenge for so many.

Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

Our offering envelopes for February through May were ordered in December and should arrive at members' homes by February 1. All confirmed, active members are assigned an offering envelope number.

The database of our membership was sent to the envelope company in early December with addresses we had on file at that time. If you have not received your envelopes, please call the church office at 634-5515.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance:		2006		2007		2008	
Dec. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	164	110	137	93	172	99
		2007		2008		2009*	
Jan. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	152	105	169	123	123	96
Feb. averages Sat.-Wed	Sat. & Sun. only	147	91	112	80		

*Attendance figures calculated through January 21, 2009

Financial Figures	Total for Dec.	Year to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings in Dec.	\$14,759.02	\$188,415.26	
Holiday+Gift of Love+AJLC inc.	\$4,943.00		
Gen'l fund offerings in Dec. for '09	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$405.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$59,445.62
Mortgage payments in Dec. '08	Princ. \$649.58 Int. \$342.42 Total \$992.00	Principal balance as of 12/12/2008: \$67,361.25	

ELCA, ELCIC Bishops Convene in Holy Land

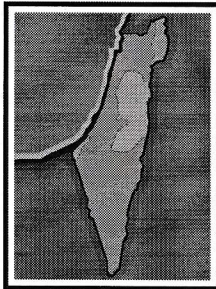
CHICAGO, January 23 (ELCA) — Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) released "Report and Reflections from the Bishops' Academy Visit to the Holy Land," an account of their recent visit to the Middle East. The Jan. 22 report was signed by the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, and the Rev. Susan C. Johnson, ELCIC national bishop, on behalf of academy participants.

Bishops from both churches visited Israel and the West Bank Jan. 6-13, and a few visited Jordan Jan. 3-6. The 44 bishops met with religious, political and community leaders in the region, and visited sacred sites. The visit focused on supporting the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), learning about what life is like for Israelis and Palestinians, and advocating for peace and justice for all people there.

In their report, the Lutheran leaders noted that the war in Gaza between Hamas and Israel started shortly before the trip began, but the group decided to continue with their visit as planned. (Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul

Stumme-Diers canceled plans to attend after the outbreak of hostilities.)

"Throughout our time in the Holy Land, the situation in Gaza was a dramatic backdrop to our travels and for our conversations with people from different faiths and viewpoints who endure fear and bear oppression in ways that we have never known," Hanson and Johnson wrote.



The report recounts much of what the bishops experienced during their Holy Land visit. They concluded the report by pledging to continue to "accompany" the ELCJHL, to learn more about the situation in the Middle East and how to change it, "and to advocate in every way possible for the justice that will lead to the security and shared homeland that is the only foundation for lasting peace."

"We will be faithful in ongoing visitation to our Palestinian brothers and sisters, determined in our call to be a public church, and communicate with our governments for their intervention in the Middle East," the Lutheran bishops wrote. They added they will be "persistent in our efforts to build bridges with inter-religious partners, and courageous in telling the truth of the 'facts on the ground' in the Holy Land."

Emmaus to Host Stampin' Up

Emmaus will host "Stampin' Up" in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 7. Participants will make stamped cards and gift items. Hand-crafted items will be available for purchase.

If you know for sure that you'd like to participate, please pre-register by calling or emailing Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren @ yahoo .com.

Scrip Available After Services

by Cathy Meyer

We will continue to sell Scrip gift cards after weekend worship services. In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand,

we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards. We can order those cards for you if we are out of them. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer (321-0050).

Emmaus Worship Leaders to Attend Living Liturgy Workshop

Pastor Mary, Claranna Vytlačil, Nancy Smith, Caren Lambertson and Brenda Trumbauer will attend a Living Liturgy workshop at St. Mary's Lutheran Church in Kenosha Thursday, February 19 through Saturday, February 21.

Presenters Mary Preus, Tom Witt, Ben Stewart, Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl conceived the Living Liturgy weekend as an opportunity for Lutheran worship leaders to experience and study and reflect on ways to help their communities pray with power,



integrity and meaning. The goal is for worship to be faithful to a living tradition, welcoming and inviting to the unchurched, vibrant and spirit-filled while simultaneously bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ into a real and prophetic engagement with the larger world.

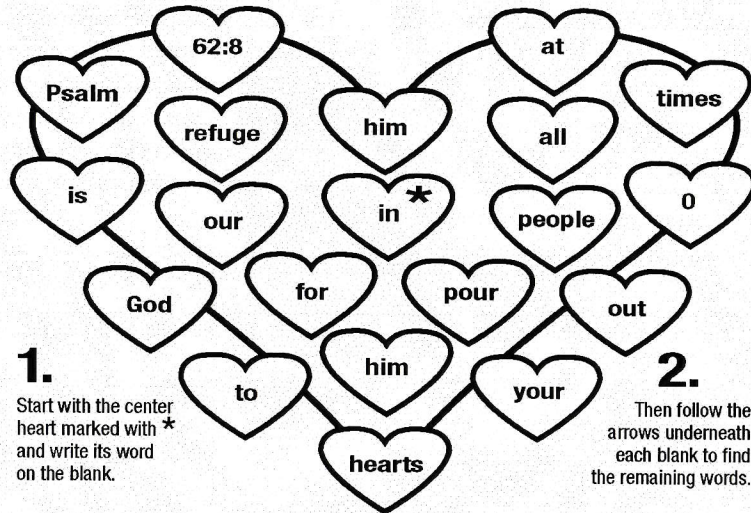
The bulletin deadline for February 21-22 will be moved up to Wednesday, because our secretary will also attend this workshop in his capacity as organist for Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.



Just for KIDS

OUR HEARTS

This special Bible verse from the NIV describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.

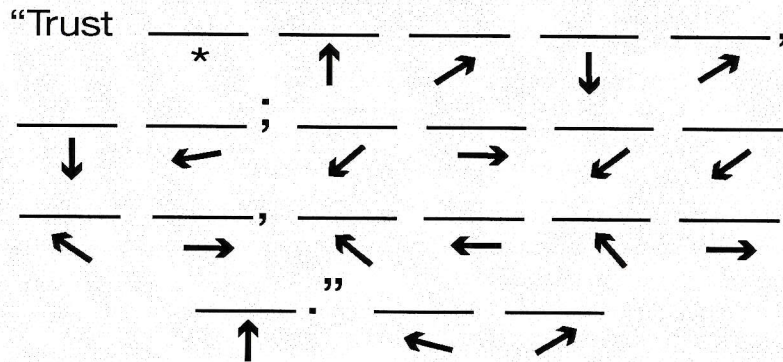


1.

Start with the center heart marked with * and write its word on the blank.

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Then follow the arrows underneath each blank to find the remaining words.



Answer: "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." Psalm 62:8

Elsewhere in Our Area

RUSD Announces Kindergarten Registration, Magnet Enrollment

Racine Unified School District asks parents of children eligible for kindergarten in September of 2009 to register their children on Wednesday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Register at the school your child will attend in September. To find out which school that is, you can call 631-7063.

Children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2009.

You will need to bring your child's birth certificate or baptismal papers, proof of address, and immunization records with you. You do not need to bring your child.

Emmaus does not keep copies of baptismal certificates, but can provide you with a photocopy of the congregational records page on which your child's baptism is recorded.

Magnet Enrollment

To be eligible for the lottery/waiting list at one of Racine's magnet schools, parents or guardians must attend that school's orientation program. Application forms will be distributed at the completion of the orientation program. There is a choice at each magnet school of a 7:00 p.m. program or 9:30 a.m. program.

program.

Jefferson School, 1722 W. Sixth Street, offers orientation at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12 or 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 13. Call 664-6900.

Bull Fine Arts, 815 DeKoven Avenue, offers orientation at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 9, or 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 10. Call 664-6800.

Red Apple, 914 St. Patrick Street, offers orientation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 5, or 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 6. Call 619-4500.

Orientation meetings are for parents and legal guardians only. Child care is not provided.

St. John's Kindergarten Holds Open House

St. John's Lutheran School, 510 Kewaunee Street, will have an open house on Wednesday, February 4 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Their school has preschool through eighth grade with child care and extended care options. If you are unable to attend the open house, but would like a tour of the school, call the school office at 633-2758.

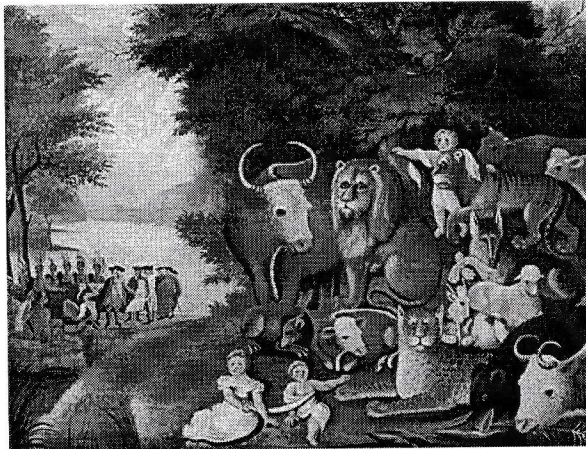
One Body, Many Parts

As a part of the celebration of Christian Unity Week, we heard a portion of 1 Corinthians 12 read in our worship service. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit ... If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." (1 Cor. 12:12, 13, 26)

We are reminded that every single part of the body is important. We are stronger and more whole when we show genuine care for one another. Those people who are a part of our prayer chain ministry lift up in prayer those who are ill or suffering, acknowledging the value of those who may be vulnerable because of health issues.

There are others in our congregation who are part of the Member Care group, taking time to visit or call those who are isolated or homebound or alone ... "If one member is honored, all rejoice together."

There are still others whose heart goes out to those who are hungry or homeless in our community as they volunteer at the Community Meal or the food pantry or support the homeless shelter. Still others reach out to the child who is not only struggling academically, but who is starving



for love, attention and encouragement... "If one member is honored, all rejoice together."

In our brokenness, we realize we can't go it alone. God has given us one another for mutual love and support. To live into wholeness and shalom is a challenge. Not only to we need to identify our own gifts and those of the other, but without jealousy or resentment, we need to honor and respect all peoples, all communities and all nations for

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Pastor Mary's Column

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communities and all nations for their God-given talents.

On Wednesday nights we have been focusing on communities of peace. Kids are being reminded that each and every person has value and that God's great desire is that we love one another - even our enemies.

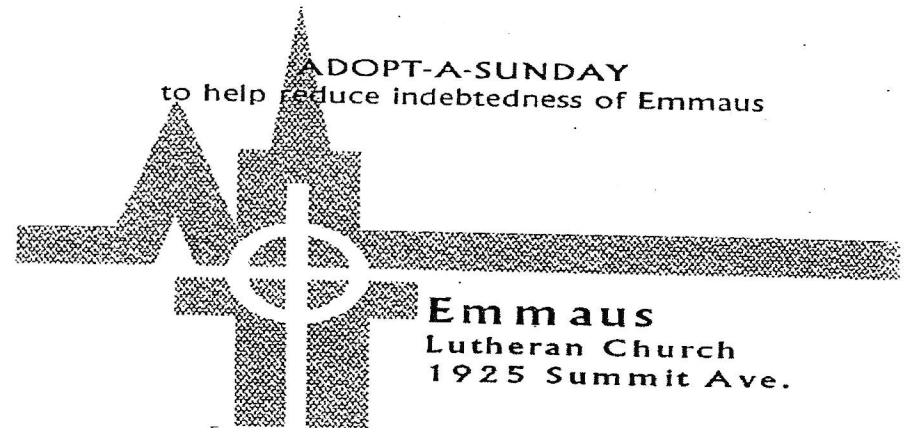
The images in Edward Hick's painting, The Peaceable Kingdom, where the lamb lies down with the lion, show us what mutual respect

and love can look like. How does that begin? Reaching out in Christlike love to all members of the Body of Christ, bringing honor and respect to all we meet - that's our call. As the familiar song goes, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Shalom,

Pastor Mary
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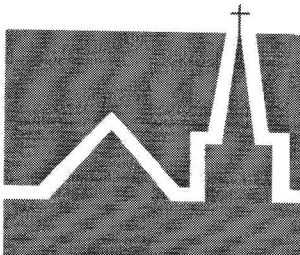
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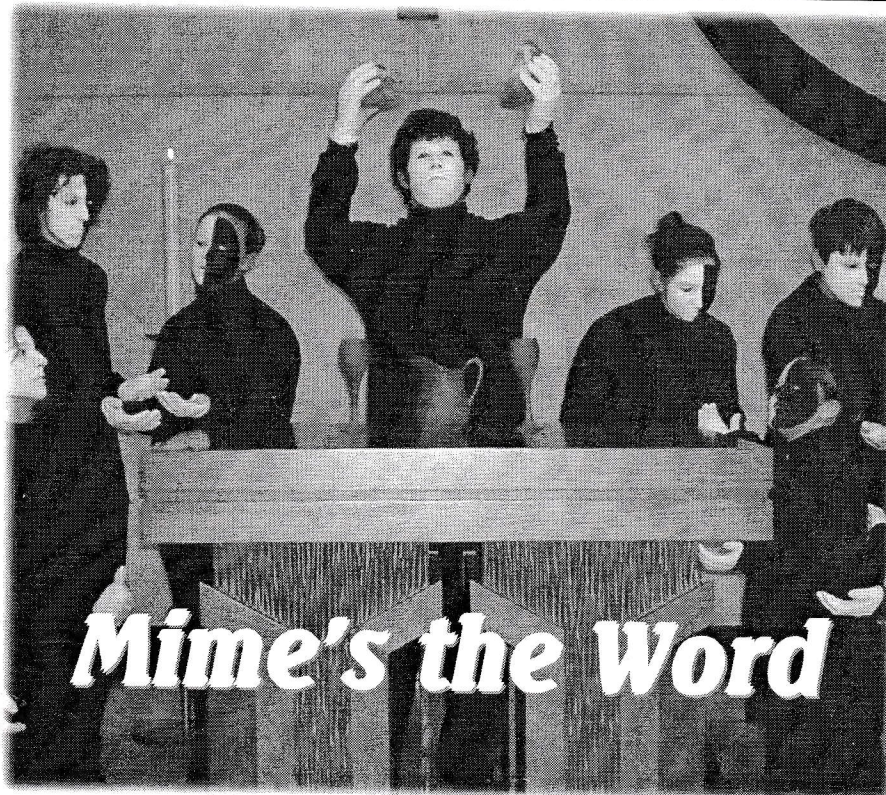
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The youth mime troupe from Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha will visit Emmaus Wednesday evening, March 11.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

McKenna Rae Burns
February 22, 2009

McKenna is the infant daughter of Joseph and Amanda Burns. Her sponsors are Brittani Schanstine and Victor Thompson.

Annual Meeting

Congregation Adopts Feed Racine Project

At the Congregational meeting on February 1, the members of Emmaus voted to adopt the Feed Racine project.

We ask that members bring one box or one can to church each week to be gathered during the collection of the offering.



Kristi Mueller, a member of Holy Communion, proposed this idea in hopes that if the churches of Racine participate, we can supply the food pantries of Racine. Celia Bagley has offered to coordinate the program at Emmaus, and Cindi Larsen will provide information as to what food products are needed at the Northside Food Pantry.

Food Bank items needed:

Feb 28 & March 1: Toilet paper
March 7 & 8: Canned ravioli, bar soap
March 14 & 15: Pancake syrup, canned baked beans

March 21 & 22: Chunk-style soup, instant mashed potatoes

March 28 & 29: Canned spaghetti with meat

We hope those who are able will participate and help our brothers and sisters who need our love and caring.

Church Council

The members of the church council elected at the annual meeting of the congregation are:

President: Randy Sanders

Vice President: Chris Lamberton

Secretary: Missy Porcaro

Treasurer: Carolyn Wooster

Financial Secretary: Michele

Kreimer

Building & Grounds: Loren

Larsen

Congregational Fellowship: Celia

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Worship & Music: Caren

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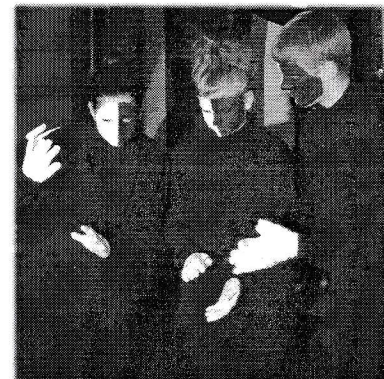
Youth Ministry: Sandy Strini

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Mime Troupe to Present Passion Story

The youth mime troupe from Ascension Lutheran Church of Waukesha will perform at Emmaus' Wednesday evening worship on March 11.

For fourteen years, the Ascension Lutheran Church Youth of Waukesha have shared the passion story of Christ. After six weeks of rehearsal, they share it with a different church each



Wednesday and Sunday during Lent. The entire cast is made up of youth in grades 9 through 12.

The presentation tells the story of Christ's passion through music, mime and some narration.

It is a powerful journey from the Upper Room to the cross and beyond.

Lydia Circle Meets March 4

Lydia Circle invites any women interested in Bible study to join them in the Sunset Room Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle meets on the first

Wednesday of each month from September to May.

This month's hostess is Betty Breiwick. April's hostess is Judy Berndt.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.

The deadline for the March VISITOR is February 13.

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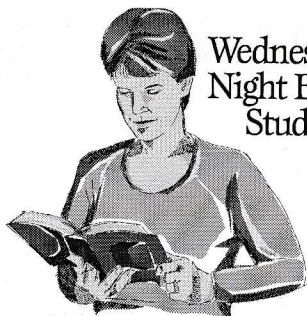
Adult Bible Study Compares Passion Stories

by Pastor Walter

Passion, Crucifixion, Resurrection: five views from the Bible.

I'll be leading a Bible study as we look at the last days of Jesus' life. No experience is necessary! I'll even loan you a Bible if you don't have one.

Each week we'll look at a different



Wednesday
Night Bible
Study

account of "the Passion" in the Bible. Each week we will challenge ourselves to let the story of Jesus' love change our lives!

Wednesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

March 4: Matthew

March 11: Mark

March 18: Luke

March 25: John

April 1: St. Paul

Visitation Ministry Keeps in Touch

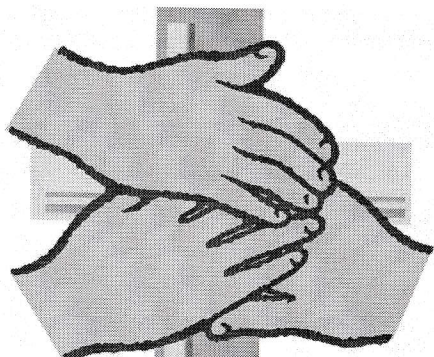
by Cathy Meyer

Each month in the *Visitor*, I will highlight a ministry of Member Care. The Visitation Ministry is one of the main goals of

this committee. By visiting seniors or shut-ins at their home or place of residence, talking to them by phone, sending a greeting by mail or even by e-mail, we stay connected to Emmaus members who appreciate the contact.

If you know of someone who would like a visit from an Emmaus Member Care volunteer or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050.

If you have visited someone who has been ill, homebound or living in an assisted care facility, please feel free to fill out one of the member care logs, located in the narthex or by the church office, so that we can keep track of our contacts. Together we can share God's love with others.



Member Care

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Souper Bowl of Caring Tops \$8 Million

As of February 17, over \$8,561,376 has been reported through the 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring. Emmaus raised \$276.13 through a "noisy offering" on January 31 and

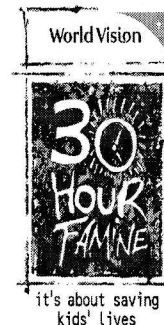


February 1. The money collected at Emmaus has been donated to the Northside Food Pantry.

Youth Meet Sunday Mornings

Youth group meetings are now on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30. All 6th to 12th graders are enthusiastically invited.

Upcoming events: A 30-hour Famine and lock in will be held March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Future March events: more fund raising for the Yakama Mission Trip and a bowling outing.



The Youth extend another big hug to the congregation for their generous support with the Valentine Rose fund raiser.

Youth Birthdays

Paul Velasquez Jr.	March 6	10
Marilena Velasquez	March 7	11
Jackson Tepley	March 12	5
Katie Maranger	March 15	10
Stephanie Johnson	March 16	9
Logan Geiger	March 17	2
Lukas Burns	March 23	4
Andrew Jaskulske	March 25	14

Help Prepare for Fiesta Mexicana

Mark your calendars for this year's Fiesta Mexicana, to be held Sunday, May 3.

If you have a little time, we sure could use some help in several areas: silent auction, super raffle, dinner planning, decorations, raffle prizes and

more. Most jobs will be small and we'll take any help we can get! New items (not used, please) are needed for the raffle and silent auction.

Contact Sandy Strini or Jhon Freddy if you can lend a hand! Thanks!

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EASY Topics Range from Pet Care to Ocean Creatures

by Claranna Vytlacil A.I.M.

During the month of February we had a guest from Countryside Humane Society come and talk about pets and their care. She also brought her dog Heidi for us to pet. We then painted our favorite pet or pets.

For the week of Valentines Day, we wrote our own verses and decorated Valentine cards to give

to family, teachers and friends. We ended the week with a party and Valentine Bingo.

Oceans were also a topic of discussion. We learned the names of the oceans and where they are in the world. We also saw some underwater pictures of some of the creatures that live there — even some strange underwater creatures that looked like Claranna and her family!

We have an exciting March to look forward to with talk of the Iditarod, exploring musical instruments and health care including personal hygiene. Come visit us any time. We'd love to share what we are learning!

At left: Pastor Walter visited Wednesday Camp as the prophet Isaiah. No lamb was on hand to lie down with the lion, so he brought a rabbit to lie down with the snake.



Surveys, Workshop Examine Mission of Racine Congregations

To help inform leaders of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of what the laity senses God's mission to be in our synod and beyond, a number of surveys were completed by local congregations in February. How do we as a community of faith reflect God's passion and mission in the world? What is breaking God's heart?

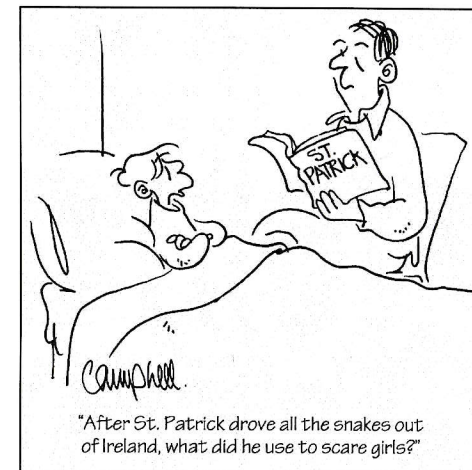
Results of completed surveys from congregations throughout the synod are being compiled by Kelly Fryer and her colleagues from A Renewal Enterprise. Fryer and a synod team led a morning workshop February 28 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Racine as a part of the process to determine mission and direction for the synod.

Several Racine congregations (Emmaus, Redeemer, St. Paul's, Emmanuel, St. Andrew, Holy Communion, Our Savior's, Bethania, Zion and Atonement) have also participated in interviews led by a team from North Star Consultants. A report of those interviews with clergy, rostered leaders and church council presidents surfaced three areas of need for ministry

emphasis in Racine: 1.) Feeding the hungry, 2.) Latino ministry and 3.) youth and children ministry.

How "Fresh Expressions" (the events led by Kelly Fryer throughout the synod) and the North Star process (held only in Racine) will connect and inform us remains to be seen. It is the prayer that these tools will lead to conversation, listening, dreaming and creativity as we take seriously God's call to be people committed to God's mission in the world.

As results of these workshops and interviews are received, they will be shared with Emmaus members. Questions regarding these processes can be directed to Pastor Mary, Pastor Walter, Randy Sanders or Chris Lamberton.



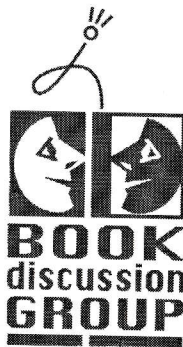
Fireside Exchange Reads *Musician's Story*

by Cathy Meyer

The Fireside Exchange will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome.

The following dates and books have been chosen for the months ahead:

- March 9, *The Soloist*, by Steve Lopez
- April 13, *Wish You Well*, by David Baldacci
- May 11, *Tree of Smoke*, by Denis Johnsen
- June 8, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski



When *Los Angeles Times* reporter Steve Lopez finds Nathaniel Ayers playing his heart out on a two-string violin on Los Angeles' Skid Row, he envisions this "Violin Man" as the topic of his next column for the newspaper, only to unearth an even more extraordinary story about the mysterious street musician. Through Ayer's music, the two men form a bond which changes both of their lives.

The morning book club plans to meet Thursday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Mortenson to Discuss Son's Work in Pakistan

by Cindi Larsen

The American Association of University Women (AAUW, a not-for-profit 501-c.3 and 501-c.4 organization) will present "Three Cups of Tea: A Mother's View" with Jerene Mortenson, the mother of the best selling author, Greg Mortenson, talking about building a girls' schools in Pakistan. The date is Tuesday, April 7.

Emmaus' book clubs read *Three Cups of Tea* last year.


Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the UW-Parkside Union Hall, Grand


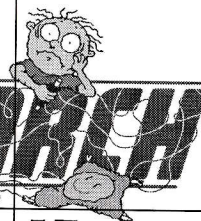

Ballroom. The program is sponsored by AAUW-Racine, AAUW-Kenosha, and UW-Parkside's K12 Education Outreach Office. Donations to the Central Asia Institute will be accepted.

Your \$20 check is your dinner reservation. Mail your name to AAUW to attend the free program. Reservations are required for both the dinner and free program. Deadline is March 30. Send to: AAUW- Racine, P. O. Box 085239, Racine, WI 53408. For more information, contact Peggy Crane at crane@uwp.edu/ or 262.633.7033.

March Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Feb. 28 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 1 9:15 am	A. Villalobos Bev Hansen	Chris Lamberton	Sandy Strini	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Mar. 7 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 8 9:15 am	Marlyn Christensen	Karen Sedgwick Pat Jensen	Jhon Freddy Correa	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Mar. 14 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 15 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Nancy Smith	Celia Bagley	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Mar. 21 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 22 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Gregg Albright Randy Sanders	Lyle Christensen	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Mar. 28 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 29 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Claranna Vytlacil	Jen Haman	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Apr. 4 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 5 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Cindi Larsen Shirley Velzka	Gregg Albright	Team 1 Harold Miller

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care:
Mar. 1	Al Svendsen Boots LeRoux	Claranna Vytlacil Marge Jensen	March: Boots LeRoux 
Mar. 8	Shirley Velzka	TBA	
Mar. 15	Joy Lippmann	Lynn McCray Grace Falaschi	
Mar. 22	Jim & Judy Yorgan	TBA	
Mar. 29	TBA	TBA	
Apr. 5	Jeff & Linda Clinton; Rick & Amy Haman	TBA	April: Marge Jensen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Keenagers in March



Seniors' Gathering

Keenagers will meet on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. At 10:30 a.m., local beekeeper Tim Fulton will give us the buzz about bees. A mysterious die-off in the bee population is threatening \$15 billion in American crops, from carrots and cucumbers to almonds and melons.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, and stay for a delicious meal at noon.

March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Mar. 2	O.E. Wilson	115 Westminster Sq. #2-C	53402
Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	130 23rd Avenue, Kenosha	53140
Mar. 16	Ginny Haugsby	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402
Mar. 19	Bonnie French	2301 Summit Avenue	53404
Mar. 24	Stan Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Dr. #102	53406

ELCA Task Force Makes Recommendation on Ministry Policies

CHICAGO (ELCA) — The 15-member Task Force for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Studies on Sexuality released February 19 a "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies" for the professional leadership of the church.

On the basis of study and "listening to this church," members of the task force developed a report and recommendation for the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly -- the church's chief



legislative body -- to consider as regards the church's current policy.

For Lutheran pastors and other professional leaders in the ELCA, the church requires that sexual intimacy "be within the context of marriage." The church understands marriage as between a man and a woman. Gay and lesbian Lutherans serve as ordained ministers in the ELCA but are expected to abstain from engaging in same-gender sexual intimacy.

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Holy Week Services Recall Jesus' Passion and Death

The worship service on Passion Sunday, April 5, will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms.

Maunder Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maunday Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. April 9. The Last Supper is the focal point of this worship service, which concludes



with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

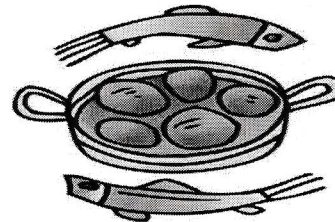
Good Friday

You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at 12:00 p.m. or at the Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10.

The Adult choir will sing at the evening service.

Emmaus Serves April 2 St. Patrick's Community Meal

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 2. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who can help by preparing a casserole, jello, or dessert and for those who can help serve the food.



Recipes for the casseroles are near the sign-up sheet, and also on the Social Concerns page of our

web site, www.emmaus-racine.org/SociConc.html.

9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Please tape your name to the pans (whether they are yours or were borrowed from the church) so they can be returned.

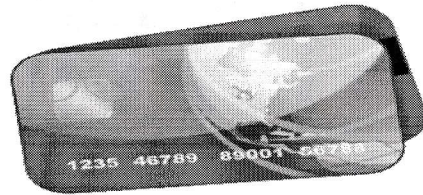
Visitor Articles Due

Articles for the April *Visitor* are needed in the church office Friday, March 13.

Scrip Sales Continue

by Cathy Meyer

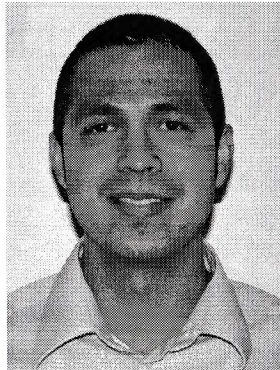
We will continue to sell Scrip gift cards after weekend worship services. In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand, we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards and we can order those cards



for you. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer.

Jhon Freddy Prepares for Endorsement Interviews

As a part of the ELCA process leading to ordination as a Lutheran pastor, Jhon Freddy Correa is now writing an essay in preparation for an interview March 28 by the Candidacy Committee in Milwaukee. After completing this semester in May, Jhon Freddy will have only five courses for a Master of Divinity degree at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.



Currently, Jhon Freddy and his wife live in the Redeemer parsonage, and he receives a \$1,000 monthly stipend for living expenses. Financial support for the stipends and seminary expenses has come from a variety of sources, including grants, scholarships,

private donors and several congregations.

In addition to support from Redeemer and Emmaus, the following congregations have participated in Jhon Freddy's support: Holy Cross (Menomonee Falls), Holy Communion, Bethania, Atonement and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Churches.

Most recently, a generous \$6,000 gift from the Greater Milwaukee Synod was received. The leap of faith taken by the Emmaus church council a year ago is bearing fruit at many levels.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Bob Christensen:
\$20.00

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'Forgive Us Our Trash Baskets'

by John Berge

As I walked and drove on errands after Christmas, I saw the tremendous piles of trash placed out for collection and dumping into the landfill, "Mount Trashmore." I was reminded of one of the first articles I wrote for the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church newsletter. It was about a young child overheard praying the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trash baskets."

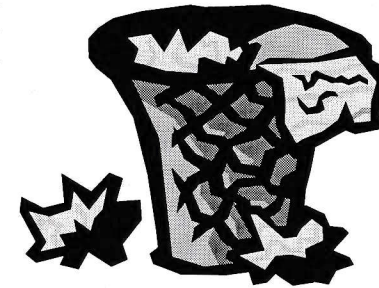
While the child obviously had misheard and misspoke, there is much truth in the error. A walk around the neighborhood on any trash collection day shows us the tremendous amount of material we throw out every week.

How much of that material should never have been bought? How much is typical of an extravagant and affluent lifestyle?

How much has good use left in it and should have been saved for the church's rummage sale or a resale shop? How much should have been recycled? These questions apply to

the church as an organization and as individuals. Trash costs us and the environment much too much to continue this life style.

Why not start an informal competition in your neighborhood to see who can put out the least trash? Pray that God will forgive us our trash baskets.



Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance:		2007		2008		2009*	
Jan. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	152	105	169	123	123	93
Feb. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	147	91	112	80	88	88
Mar. averages Sat.-Wed.	Sat. & Sun. only	151	96	182	130		
Ash Wednesday attendance, noon + 7 pm		13+122=135		(canceled)			

*Attendance figures calculated through February 18, 2009

Financial Figures		Year to date		Campaign to date	
General fund offerings in Jan.	\$15,870.00	\$21,955.00			
Initial+Holiday+Gift of Love	\$85.00				
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$200.00	\$ 200.00		\$59,645.62	
Mortgage payments in Jan. '09:	Princ. \$652.88	Principal balance as of 2/13/2009:			
	Int. \$339.12				\$66,058.79
	Total \$992.00				

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ELCA Task Force

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The report highlights areas of disagreement and agreement among ELCA members regarding current policy. Some members of the ELCA support continuation of the policy, and some members advocate for change. Lutherans have asserted "their positions with varying degrees of certainty," the report said.

The task force acknowledged that there is neither "a general agreement — nor any emerging consensus" either within the ELCA or within other faith communities in North America, according to its report. The task force stated that ELCA members "must seek a common way to live and serve in the midst of disagreements."

"Our hope is that a way can be found to live in the unity of the gospel amidst our differences," said the Rev. Peter Strommen, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minn., and task force chair.

The task force proposed four steps to be taken consecutively. If the churchwide assembly agrees to the first, then the second, third and fourth would be considered only if the preceding steps have been approved.

The first step asks the assembly whether it is committed "to finding ways to allow congregations and synods that

choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships," said the report.

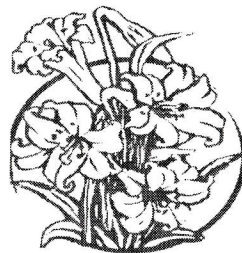
The second step asks the assembly whether it is committed to finding a way for Lutherans in committed, same-gender relationships to serve as ELCA professional leaders — clergy, associates in ministry, diaconal ministers and deaconesses.

If steps one and two are accepted, step three asks the assembly to commit to implementing steps one and two "in such a way that all this church bear the burdens of the other, love the neighbor, and respect the bound conscience of any with whom they disagree.... Decisions about policy that serve only the interests of one or another group will not be acceptable."

The documents are open to review by the ELCA Church Council — the church's board of directors — when it meets in Chicago March 27-30, and they will be considered by the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, August 17-23, in Minneapolis.

The task force's "Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies" is available at <http://www.ELCA.org/faithfuljourney> on the ELCA web site.

Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We offer a wide variety to choose from again this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 12.



Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by March 29.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$9.25
_____	7" cineraria	\$9.75
_____	6½" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	6½" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	6½" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	7" regal geranium	\$9.75
_____	7" azalea	\$15.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$15.00
<i>Total enclosed</i>		_____

Your name(s): _____ *Phone* _____

Given in *memory* *honor of:* _____

I will take my plant home. Please give my plant to a shut-in

Counters mark if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

North Cape Lutheran Women Host Craft Fair

The women of the North Cape Lutheran Church (a not-for-profit agency) will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, March 28. The craft and bake sale will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and feature a display "Collage of Collectibles."



They will offer an all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring chicken salad and shrimp salad,

fruit and vegetable salads, and an array of other main dishes. The price of the luncheon is \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for age 4-12) and includes a beverage and dessert. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the church office at 262-835-2206.

This annual event is made possible solely with the dedication of time and talent by the women of the congregation. North Cape Lutheran Church is located on Highway 45 just south of 5 Mile Road.

Daylight Saving Springs Way Ahead

Daylight Saving Time springs back onto our clocks at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 7, and brace yourself for a few more dark winter mornings.

While you ponder how Daylight Saving Time is supposed to cut down on energy usage by making us stumble out of bed before dawn, here are some random Daylight Savings facts.

This is the earliest date Daylight Saving Time can start under the current U.S. law. DST will also end on the earliest



possible date this year, November 1.

Arizona (except some Indian Reservations), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa do not observe Daylight Saving Time.

European countries observe "European Summer Time," with the exception of Iceland. European Summer Time starts this year on March 29 and ends on October 25.

In 2005, Kyrgyzstan voted to spring ahead for once and for all. The former Soviet republic has stayed ahead that one hour ever since.

The Sacred in the Silence

Worship at the Living Liturgy Conference several of us recently attended included something I wasn't really anticipating: the intentional use of silence and pauses.

How often we feel compelled to fill moments of silence with words and more words! How often are our walks in nature filled with iPods or cell phones at our ears, making us completely oblivious to the sound of the nearby cardinal or the honking geese overhead or the breeze through the trees. During one of the times of planned silences as we worshiped in Kenosha, we all heard the unwelcome ringtone of a cell phone!

During this Lenten season, maybe what we need to "give up" is an excess of words and noise and busy-ness. What if our prayer time included just as much listening as speaking time with God? What if we actually scheduled some quiet time even in



our busiest days? What if we provided more sacred pauses during our worship services?

During Lent, we omit the "alleluias" in our worship. Maybe during this six week period, we can replace those alleluias with more silence, more reflection, more listening.

I invite you to join with me this Lenten season, taking time to savor the mystery and the depth of the quietness and the depth of silence. It is a place where God dwells and moves and connects.

Shalom in the silence,

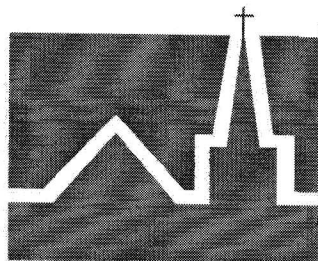
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Holy Week at Emmaus

Palm Sunday

The Passion According to St. Mark, with Holy Communion

Saturday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 at 9:15 a.m.

No Wednesday activities



Maundy Thursday

Chili dump supper at 6:00 p.m.

Worship service with Washing of Feet and Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

Good Friday

Service of Word and Song at noon

Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10

No Saturday worship service



Easter Sunday

Sunrise worship service with Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m.

Continental breakfast at 8:15 a.m.

Festival worship service with Holy Communion at 9:15 a.m.

The music of the Brass Nickel and Adult Choir

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Pastoral Acts

Wedding: March 15, 2009 Jennifer Bayer & Kevin Bazan	Jennifer is the daughter of Peter and Susan Bayer. The couple lives in Chicago, where Kevin is an art teacher.
Funeral: March 2, 2009 Joyce Andersen King-Dawson	Joyce King-Dawson, a sister of the late Jim Andersen, passed away in Largo, Florida, where she had lived for the past 15 years. Retired from Getty's Manufacturing, she was a member of the Harbor Lite Yacht Club and the Moose Club. Survivors include her husband, Charles Dawson, and her four children, Debra (Mark) Kunz, Sandra (Chuck) Schovain, Barbara (John) Brahm, and Michael (Terri) King, as well as ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

We Extend Condolences to Hermanns Family

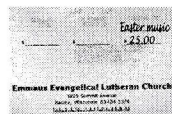
We extend our condolences to the family of Pastor Walter's mother, Claire Hermanns, who passed away March 22, 2009 in Wantagh, New York. She is survived by her husband, Edward, their children: Peter, Nancy Clancy, Janet Smith, Walter and Sally Hatt; and twelve

grandchildren. Her funeral was March 25 at Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh.

The family has requested memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Long Island Chapter, 200 Parkway Drive South, Suite 101, Hauppauge, NY 11788.

Would You Like to Help Sponsor Easter Brass?

The Brass Nickel will provide special music for our Festival Easter services at both services on Easter Sunday. Donations to help defray the cost can be earmarked "Easter Music" on your offering envelope.



Just note the amount on the blank on the right side of your offering envelope and note "Easter music" above it, or include that notation on your check if you do not use your offering envelope.

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Palm Sunday Services Lead from Hosannas to Calvary

The worship service on Passion Sunday, April 5, will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms, led by the children singing "Pave the Way With Branches." Our Worship & Music team has put together a



new Passion Sunday service which we think you will find inspiring and meaningful.

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing Recalls Christ's Humility

by Claranna Vytlacil

As you might know, before the last Passover supper Jesus celebrated with his disciples, he washed their feet. During the time of Jesus, it was a common practice that as you entered a home, a servant would wash the feet of the guests. This took place because the roads were dusty and the people wore sandals so their feet were dirty when they entered the house. This Passover washing had probably already taken place by the servant of the home before the disciples entered the Upper Room.

As the disciples arrived upstairs, Jesus took the role of the servant when he washed their feet

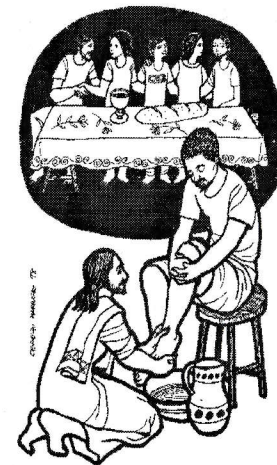
— not an act of cleaning, but an act of humble service to others.

When the foot washing takes place here during the service on Maundy Thursday it reminds us of the act of humility and service to others. It becomes a partial reminder of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

So, come on Maundy Thursday and observe this act. I guarantee it will be an experience you won't forget!

Emmaus will observe Maundy Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

April 9. The Last Supper is the focal point of this worship service, which concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.



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Two Services Offered on Good Friday

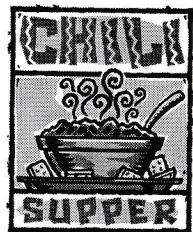
You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at 12:00 p.m. or at the Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10.

The Adult choir will sing at the evening service.

There will be no Saturday worship service on April 11. Saturday worship services will resume on April 18.



Chili Dump Dinner Set for Maundy Thursday



Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex and sign up to contribute to a congregational chili supper at

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Bring some chili or trimmings for the meal together that evening in Fellowship Hall. The dinner is free and open to all; free will donations will be accepted. Invite a friend and join us for worship at 7:00 p.m.

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. During Holy Week, services will be held Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; Good Friday at noon and 7:00 p.m.; and Easter Sunday at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m.; there will not be a Wednesday or Saturday evening service that week.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed April 13).

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Celebrate Our Risen Lord on Easter

We celebrate the empty tomb at the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 12 with festive floral decorations, music by the Adult Choir and the Brass Nickel, and the proclamation of the Easter message.

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at both festival services.

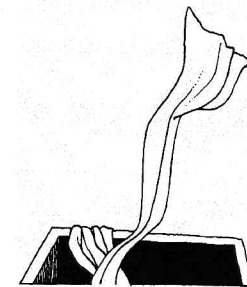
We hope you will join us on this journey from the palms and hosannas of Passion Sunday to the

Good News of the resurrection on Easter.

Easter Breakfast

A breakfast of fruit, pastries, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms between worship services on Easter Sunday, April 12. A free-will offering will

be taken to support our youth going to the Yakama Reservation of Washington State this summer.



Easter Display Help Is Welcome

How would you like to help arrange our Easter garden? Pat Jensen welcomes anyone who

would like to help Saturday morning, April 11 at 9:30. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

'Organ Crawl' Starts at Emmaus

The Organ Historical Society of Wisconsin will visit Emmaus on Friday, April 17 for a brief recital and demonstration on our organ. Anyone interested in hearing the recital is invited for their 9:00 a.m. visit.

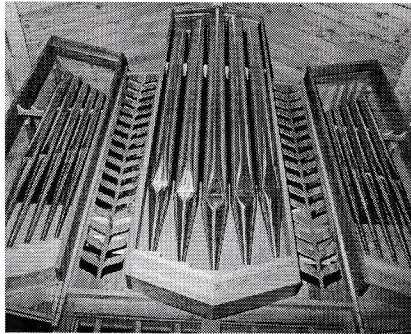
The recitalist is Mark Edwards, a music instructor at Wheaton College in Illinois.

The event is part of the society's annual "Organ Crawl." From Emmaus, the group will proceed on to hear seven more organs in our area, finishing up around 8:00 p.m.

Emmaus' organ was built in 1982 in the style of J.S. Bach's time by Hammes-Foxe Organs of Butler, Wisconsin. It is a tracker pipe

organ with 15 stops and 19 ranks; in addition to two working manuals (keyboards) and a full set of pedals, a third manual was provided to allow possible future expansion.

The other stops (no pun intended) on the



2009 Organ Crawl are:
 St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9:45 a.m.
 St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church, 10:30 a.m.
 Trinity Methodist Church, 11:15 a.m.
 St. Mary by the Lake Church, 1:00 p.m.
 Fred Hermes residence, 2:00 p.m.
 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3:30 p.m.
 St. Rita Catholic Church, 7:00 p.m.

WCATY Sends Thanks for Our Hospitality

by Cindi Larsen

The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth, the participating students, and the school districts of Shorewood, Union Grove, Greendale, and Racine Unified as well as St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in

Somers would like to express their thanks to Emmaus for hosting the three face to face meetings of the four online courses that were held here. The instructors and students felt that the church site welcomed them and met their needs at these face to face meetings.

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New Stove Installed in Main Kitchen

With our 50+ year old commercial stove on its last legs, the need for a replacement has been "on the front burner" for well over a year. The cost of a new stove and hood seemed prohibitive, and a number of Emmaus members have been keeping their eyes open for an alternative.

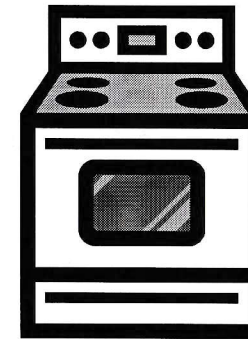
Marty and Kathryn Aiken spotted a next-to-new commercial stove at a bed and breakfast that had recently gone out of business near their home. Further investigation and a second visit to see the stove, coupled with the generous offer of a \$3,000.00 gift from one of our members, got the ball rolling.

Three additional gifts totaling \$1,320.00 were made, making the purchase and installation of the three-year-old Viking range a possibility. What

would have been the cost of a new stainless steel hood alone was the asking price \$3,500.00 for the used stove and hood.

Loren Larsen, chair of our Building & Grounds Committee, coordinated the installation of the new stove and removal of the old one. At press time, the new stove is hooked up, although some installation work remains.

Kudos and thanks to all who have made this new stove a reality. There are many happy cooks who will find feeding hungry mouths much more enjoyable now that the broken-down stove has been replaced. We are truly blessed through the generosity of all involved!

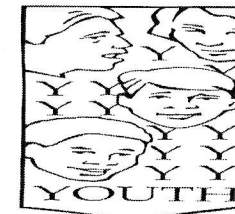


Designated Gifts

Designated gifts for Kitchen: \$4,320.00

Youth Invited to Deaf Church Service

The youth group has been invited to a worship service at the Faith Community Deaf Church, 215 Newman Road, on Saturday, April 4 at 5:30. If you can help with transportation to this



service, please contact Sandy Strini at 639-3755 or Jhon Freddy Correa at 414-881-1403.

Thank you.

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Celebrate Our Fiesta Mexicana May 3

The tenth annual Fiesta Mexicana will be held on Sunday, May 3. Just like in years past, there will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction. Each year the Fiesta raises money for our youth trips and a portion is donated back to the church to support our Neighborhood Camp outreach program during the summer.

We will apply for \$1,250 in matching funds again this year from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The menu for the evening includes tacos, enchiladas, chips and salsa, dessert and beverages. Dinner tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. Raffle tickets are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Teen Intern Applications for Neighborhood Camp Now Available

Neighborhood Camp teen intern applications are now available in the church office. You must be 16 years old to apply. The camp season runs from June 22 to July 30.

There are required training days scheduled the week of June 15. Positions are available for four or five weeks depending on the site.

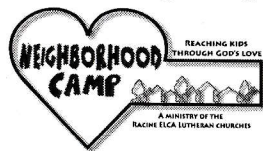
If you are energetic, have a positive attitude, like kids, and are

Do you or friends who own a business or service have items to donate to the raffle or silent auction? Check the narthex for more details or call the church office and speak with Jhon Freddy.

Our youth will set up for the fiesta at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2. Anyone wishing to help out is welcome.

Youth Birthdays

Chris Krug	April 1	7
Jennifer Haman	April 7	15
Mitchell Dresen	April 9	13
Diane Lasko	April 9	9
Natalie Longrie	April 14	14
Michaela Keller	April 18	11



willing to get involved, please apply. Open positions are limited.

You must return your application by April 30 to the church or mail to: Valerie Crehan, 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404. Interviews will follow in May. For more information, call 634-5515 (leave messages at extension 12).

Something Cool Happens After School

by Claranna Vytlacil

In the month of March we have had several visitors. Ruthie Bratcher came and showed us some of the special clothes she wore in Alaska to keep her warm in the winter. She also talked about life in Alaska. Along with the visit from Ruthie, we also learned about the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. Did you know that the race dogs wear booties on their feet? We even participated in our own relay races to put booties on our dogs or in our situation - socks on the feet of chairs.

Dr. Wendy Knoell also visited us this month. She is a dentist and talked to us about how to take good care of our teeth. Did you know that how well we take care of our teeth affects the health of rest of our body?

If you see some skeletons hanging around, don't worry, they are just noodles. We learned a bit about the human body and our bones this month as well.

Have a good month and as always, never hesitate to visit. Something cool is always happening!

Latino Ministry Receives Financial Boost

A generous gift of \$6,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Synod has been received for the development of Latino ministry in Racine.

Jhon Freddy Correa, a native of Colombia, will complete all but five courses for his Master of Divinity degree at LSTC in May. Seminary and synod representatives have recently interviewed Jhon Freddy for endorsement as a candidate for internship in an ELCA setting. The final decision regarding his endorsement is scheduled March 28.

If all goes as is hoped, Jhon Freddy will begin an 18-month

internship on June 1, sharing his time with Emmaus and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. He will be supervised by Pastor Mary Janz and Pastor Molly Doreza. The goal is to begin a Spanish-speaking worship service at Emmaus on Pentecost Sunday, with the addition of a second service in Spanish at Redeemer in the fall.

While serving both congregations and the Latino community during his internship, Jhon Freddy would also complete his course work by the end of 2010, making him eligible for ordination in the ELCA.



Volunteer Center Salutes Sandy Strini

Sandy Strini will be given the Agriculture Award at the Volunteer Center of Racine County's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards on Friday, April 17. Walter Fleuchaus

nominated Strini for the award, which is sponsored by CNH America LLC.

Congratulations to Sandy for an honor well deserved!

Thanks to Our Painting Volunteers

Thank you to Loren & Ken Larsen, Rich Christensen, and Ron Jensen for painting the walls in our

narthex and entry. We all appreciate your work in keeping God's house in tip-top shape!

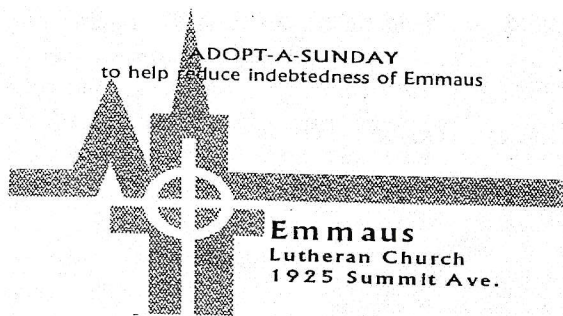
Sign Up for Grounds Care

by Cathy Meyer

Do you remember how beautiful the Emmaus grounds looked last summer? That was due

to a diligent group of people who spent hours tending the shrubs and flowers surrounding the church. Individuals interested in adopting a plot this year for Emmaus grounds care may sign up in the narthex indicating an area of your choice.

This would also be a good time to check out the landscape plan and consider adopting a plant in honor or memory of someone so that we may continue to "green up" the Emmaus environment. Plants that were adopted in honor or memory of loved ones last year will be planted this spring.



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

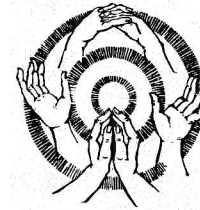
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Prayer Chain Lifts Up Members, Community

The Emmaus Prayer Chain was started in 1974. For 35 years the Prayer Chain members have faithfully and prayerfully uplifted our Emmaus family in prayer as well as our community, country, and needs around the world.

If you would like to know more about the Emmaus Prayer Chain or wish to become a member of the Prayer Chain,



please call Karen Christiansen at 886-0575.

We thank the Lord for this ongoing service to our congregation and others in need of our prayer support. We are assured that the Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Book Clubs Meet April 13 and 16

The Fireside Exchange will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome. The following dates and books have been chosen for the months ahead:



the great and little miracles that can change lives — or save them.

The morning Book Club will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April

16 to discuss *The Christmas Sweater* by Glenn Beck.

We Still Sell Scrip

by Cathy Meyer

We will continue to sell Scrip gift cards after weekend worship services. In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand, we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards, and we can order those cards for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer.

April 13: *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci
May 11: *Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnsen
June 8: *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

Wish You Well is the coming-of-age story about a young girl from New York City who suddenly is moved to the Virginia mountains due to a family tragedy. As stated on the book cover, Baldacci "movingly evokes rural America as he makes us believe in

Food Bank Drive Continues

At the Congregational meeting in February, Emmaus members voted to adopt the Feed Racine project. We ask that members bring one box or one can to church each week to be gathered during the collection of the offering (if you could put two in for each week, that would be great).



The food bank is in need of

the following, as well as brown paper bags:

April 5: toilet paper

April 12: canned ravioli, bar soap

April 19: pancake syrup, canned baked beans

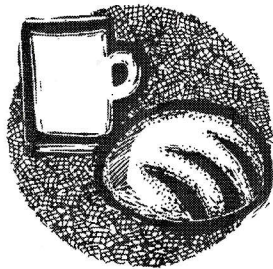
April 26: chunk-style soup, instant mashed potatoes

We hope those who are able will participate and help our brothers and sisters who need our love and caring.

Emmaus Serves April 2 Community Meal

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church falls on April 2. We can always use volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make a casserole, jello or cake; the casserole recipe is printed at right.

For over a quarter century, this program has been a blessing to those who, for whatever reason, find themselves in need of a good hot meal. It could not have been such a success without the dedication of the church members who prepare and serve the food.



We thank all who have shared in this program.

Casserole ingredients:

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- Onion (chopped, diced or grated)
- Salt and pepper
- 1½ lbs. french cut green beans (frozen)
- 2 cans of cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup
- 1½ lbs. tater tots

Brown the beef, onion, salt and pepper and put them in the bottom of a 9"x13" pan.

Sprinkle the green beans over the beef. Pour both cans of soup over the beans.




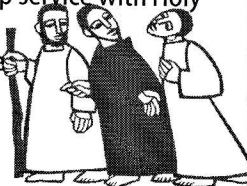

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350F for 45 minutes.

April Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Apr. 4 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 5 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Cindi Larsen Shirley Velzka	Claranna Vytlačil	Team 1 Harold Miller
Thu. Apr. 9 7:00 pm	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kathy Christensen	—	Team 2 R. Christensen
Fri. Apr. 10 Noon	—	—	—	—
Fri. Apr. 10 7:00 pm	—	—	—	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sun. Apr. 12 7:00 am	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	TBA	Gregg Albright	Team 4 John Cook
Sun. Apr. 12 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Joy Lippmann Ron & Pat Jensen	Chris Lamberton	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Apr. 18 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 19 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Chris Lamberton	Chris Chan- A-Sue	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Apr. 25 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 26 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Kylee Albright Olga Wilson	Ruth Copeland	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. May 2 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. May 3 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Diane Melander	Caroline Crehan	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	April Candle Care
Apr. 5	Jeff & Linda Clinton Rick & Amy Haman	TBA	Marge Jensen
Apr. 19	TBA	TBA	
Apr. 26	Grace Falaschi	TBA	
May 3	Brenda Trumbauer	TBA	Evelyn Larsen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 http://www.emmaus-racine.org						
5 PASSION OF OUR LORD 8:30 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	6 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	7 ELECTION DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	1 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Monday Camp 6:00 pm Adult Bible study 7:00 pm Closing worship	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	3 6:00 pm Brown-Beesley rehearsal	4 2:00 pm Brown-Beesley wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
12 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 7:00 am Sunrise service with Holy Communion 8:15 am Continental breakfast 9:15 am Festival worship service with Holy Communion 	13 <i>Office closed. No EASY or ESL this week</i> 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	14 5:00 pm TOPS 	8 9:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY <i>No Wednesday evening activities</i>	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Kids' camp 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	10 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 noon Worship service 7:00 pm Tenebrae "Service of Shadows"	11 9:30 am Easter decorating <i>No Saturday worship service.</i>
19 2 nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 1:00 pm Youth group project at HALO	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIDEAST PEACE 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	21 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council	15 <i>May Visitor articles needed</i> <i>No Wednesday evening activities</i>	16 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	17 9:00 am Wisc. Organ Historical Society recital	18 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in April

Keenagers in February will meet on Tuesday, April 21. At 10:30 a.m., Ruthie Bratcher will present a program about Alaska.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, and stay for a delicious meal at noon.



April Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

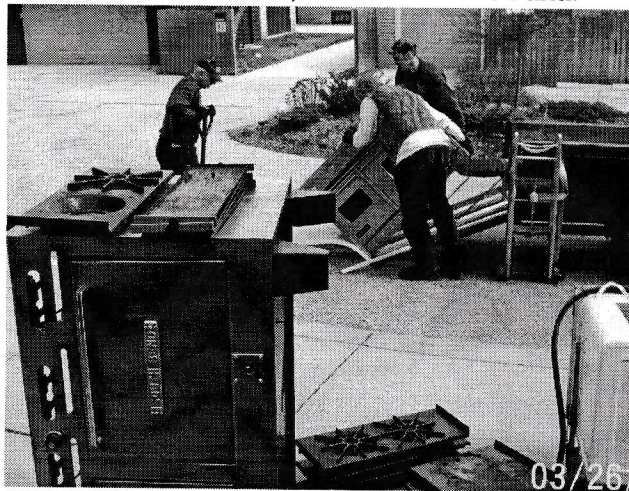
Apr. 3	Glenn Christiansen	6252 Kingsway Drive	53406
Apr. 14	Mavis Agerholm	15827 N. 138 th Avenue	
		Surprise, AZ	85374
Apr. 18	Alfred Hermann	1926 Prospect St.	53404
Apr. 26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	53402
Apr. 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Ave. #204	53402

Youth Group to Visit HALO April 19

Sheila Hill, Volunteer coordinator, and Stephanie met to determine when the Youth from Emmaus and Redeemer could do a project with the children at HALO. The date will be Sunday, April 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Stephanie would like us to make play-dough with the children.

The youth will present a check for \$548.89, raised during

their 30-hour famine lock-in last month, to the Children's Fund.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

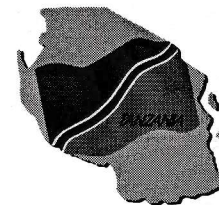
Hosts are needed for fellowship time — the 'coffee hour' after Sunday worship services — on several Sunday mornings this

spring. Please sign up on the blue page on the Sunset Room door to host and/or provide treats on a Sunday morning.

Sponsor a Piece of Africa Through Mt. Meru Project

by Diane Melander

You can own a little piece of Africa. For just \$20, you or someone you want to honor with a gift will receive a certificate of ownership to one square meter of land in Tanzania. Your plot of land will be held in permanent trust and cared for by the Makumira Estate. Your land purchase will give hope to our brothers and sisters in the Meru region of Tanzania.



Your purchase of each square meter of land will help provide funds for food, water, education and medical assistance that would otherwise be unavailable. This farm re-development will provide for economic and agricultural growth for the farmers and the community in general.

Brochures on the Makumira Estate Land Sale and donation envelopes can be picked up at Sunday morning coffee hour from Diane Melander or from the

display in the narthex. If you or someone you know can't get to church and would like a brochure in the mail, please call Diane at 262-681-2796 or e-mail her at: emmauscoffee@me.com

All donation envelopes can be returned to Emmaus.

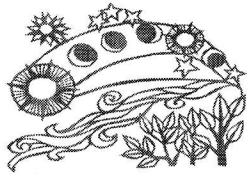
If you would like to read about the exciting work of our church in Tanzania, the web site is: <http://home.earthlink.net/~slindberg/webpage.html>

There is also a great slide show presentation on this project located on You Tube at the following address: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3U6NJdxGatw

Your gift of just \$20 for one square meter of land will support so many projects for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. You may want to give your donation as a gift in honor of someone or in memory of someone. If you have questions or need more information about this extraordinary project, please call or e-mail Diane.

Green Congregations to Meet May 2

The Green Congregations of Racine will meet at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2. The topic for the meeting will be Green Cleaning: use of earth-friendly cleaning compounds in and around our church buildings.



Interested persons and members of Emmaus' Green Team are invited to call Betty Brenneman at 637-3119, or contact Dave Rhoads by e-mail.

Women's Bible Study Meets April 1

The April women's Bible study will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1.

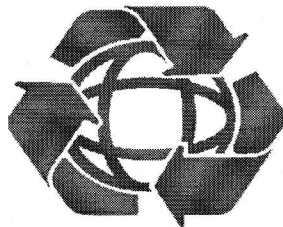
Do You Recycle?

by John Berge

At the most recent Green Congregations meeting, the subject of recycling came up many times. Many of us are trying our best to recycle as much as possible, but some are not.

A recent Harris Poll showed that nearly one-quarter of those surveyed do not recycle anything! People on the east and west coasts do better than we in the Midwest, where 30% say they don't recycle anything. 67% of adults say they recycle aluminum or metal cans, and 54%-59% recycle glass bottles, plastic and paper.

81% of those of us over age 62 recycle at least something compared to only 70% of those



aged 18-30. Worst of all, only 2% say they recycle batteries, motor oil and other hazardous waste.

In the City of Racine, we can keep the hazardous waste out of our ground water, our neighboring land-fill and the environment in general, by taking advantage of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections on the third Saturday of each month, April through October. Caledonia, Mt. Pleasant and North Bay residents can take their HHW to Franksville Park on Saturday, June 20. Wind Point has a biannual HHW collection in even-numbered years.

Stampin' Up Craft Sale Here April 24

by Karen Sedgwick

It's not too early to start thinking about gifts for Mother's Day, graduations, Father's Day and end of the year Teacher Appreciation. If you enjoy giving the special people in your life unique, hand-crafted gifts, then you won't want to miss the "Crafts Among Friends" craft sale, Friday, April 24, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A dozen or more vendors will be in Emmaus' lower level offering you items such as jewelry, woven baskets, matted photo art, silk, woven, knitted, and quilted scarves and purses, homemade natural dog treats, leaf impressions and fountains, stamped gift items, handmade cards, and much more. Come browse and shop, and enjoy free refreshments.

On Saturday, the Crafters will be joined by demonstrators from Stampin' Up! for an all-day stamping event. Come and stamp as many cards as you would like from a variety of all-occasion designs and pay only \$1

per card. Envelopes will be available for purchase.

This is a great time to stock up on greetings cards for a variety of occasions. This event is open to all levels of stampers. If you've never made a hand-stamped card, this is a perfect opportunity for you to try your hand at it!

If you have any questions or would like to let us know you are coming to stamp so we can prepare enough materials, please call or email Karen Sedgwick at 262-681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you!



"Just 'Early Service' will suffice, Ed."

First Quarter Statements Available Soon

First quarter offering statements will be available early this month. Anyone who has been assigned an offering envelope and who has made a contribution of record should have an offering statement in the



marked box in the narthex.

Please check your offering statement to help make sure that we are correctly recording your offerings and any pledges you've made. The earlier we correct any mistakes the better.

Attendance & Financial Figures

Averages in white include both weekend and midweek services. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages are calculated through March 25, 2009.

	2007		2008		2009	
Feb. weekly averages	91	147	80	112	90	112
March weekly averages	96	151	127	177	94	151
April weekly averages	205	212	103	152		
May weekly averages	117	144	94	120		
Ash Wednesday	13+122=135		(canceled)		21+51=72	
Maundy Thurs.	33		36			
Good Friday	26+52=78		14+(canceled)			
Easter vigil	123		N/A		N/A	
Easter	68+155 = 223		27+198 = 225			

		Year to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings in Feb. '09	\$13,692.00	\$35,647.00	—
Mortgage retirement offerings in Feb.	\$295.00	\$495.00	\$59,940.62
March 2009 mortgage payments	Principal \$	659.54	Principal balance as of 3/13/2009:
	Interest \$	332.46	
	Total \$	992.00	

Synod Assembly to Convene in May

MILWAUKEE — Registration forms are available for the 2009 Synod Assembly, scheduled for Thursday, May 28 through Sunday, May 30 at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha.

Kelly Fryer from A Renewable Enterprise will speak about the culmination of work from our "fresh expressions" events that many synod leaders have participated in through the Winter Symposium and cluster meetings of clergy and lay leaders.

We will also welcome the Rev. Stanley Olson, the ELCA representative for this year's assembly. Rev. Olson is serving as the Executive Director of

Coordination and Planning in the Vocation and Education unit.

To save on printing and postage costs, and in an effort to become a "greener" synod, pre-assembly books will only be printed by special request. All pre-assembly materials will be available on the Synod Assembly web site.

The Vice-President of the Synod Council and the Synod Treasurer are up for election this year.

Nominations as well as resolutions presented to the synod assembly are due to the synod office, 1212 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215, by March 31, 2009.



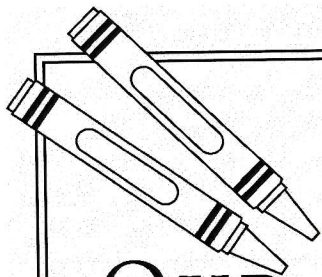
RFL Wins Hispanic Professionals Award

At its annual March banquet, the Hispanic Business and Professionals Association honored Racine Family Literacy with its "Community Enhancement" award.

Racine Family Literacy was given this award in recognition of the many services RFL provides Racine families. From birth to adulthood, RFL helps participants get ready for school, succeed in school, learn English and become well integrated, valuable members of the Racine community.

HBPA President Wally Rendón poignantly quoted a story written two years ago by a participant for RFL's annual book of student writings, *In Our New Language*. A mother had explained that if she won a contest, she'd buy the juice her little girl loves to drink. Rendón observed that it can break your heart how little some people have.

RFL Executive Director Richard Marciniak accepted the award and thanked the HBPA on behalf of RFL's many families and staff.



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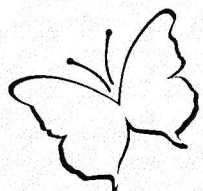
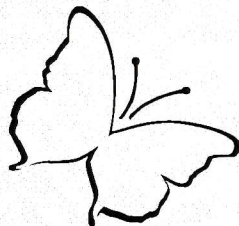
Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — **kept** in **heaven** for you"

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Campus Ministry Makes Drastic Cuts

In a letter to the Greater Milwaukee Synod, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Greater Milwaukee (LCM-GM) announced that the position of campus pastor at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee will be discontinued in an attempt to stave off LCM-GM insolvency. The call of Pastor Christine Thompson with LCM-GM would end on March 31, with three months of transition assistance to follow.

The recommendation to discontinue Rev. Thompson's position came from a three person task force, described as including two with professional human resource experience, a lawyer working for a local non-profit, two persons of color, two women, and two with pastoral experience.

The board announced that Pastor Brad Brown, campus pastor at Marquette University, will continue in his call while LCM-GM continues to address its fiscal dilemma. The board anticipates more staffing changes ahead.

Responding to the board's decision, GMS Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, in consultation

with Rev. Thompson, Rev. Brown and Rev. Ken Wheeler, issued a statement: "Together we lament the circumstances surrounding this decision, recognizing that this has come at a time when a number of elements coalesced to necessitate hard decisions. ...

"We are also aware that Pastor Christine Thompson was invited into a campus ministry position that was perhaps vulnerable from the start. This is all the more painful as we recognize that this represents a situation in our church when a rostered person of color has been called into such a position. Our ache is magnified by this reality.



Rev. Christine Thompson

"We call upon the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council

Executive Committee to convene a conversation as soon as possible about Lutheran Campus Ministry and its present circumstances. We further recognize the need for ongoing dialogue concerning race in our synod, to prevent a repeat of this present concern, especially with clergy of color. We recognize that when situations like this occur it not only hurts pastors of color, but hurts the whole church."

Elsewhere in Our Area

Volunteers Needed for Walk for MS April 26

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Wisconsin Chapter is seeking volunteers for Walk MS Racine / Kenosha at UW-Parkside on

Sunday, April 26. This is an opportunity for volunteers to make a difference.

The success of Walk MS is directly related to the wonderful volunteers who give their time, talents, and commitment. There are many jobs to choose from



including registration, set-up, clean-up, handing out water and completer bags, and cheering at the finish line. Please contact Jennifer Bremberger, Volunteer Coordinator, at (262) 369-4435, to learn more about volunteer opportunities with Walk MS.

Parking is available in the lot northeast of the student union (the first parking lot west of Wood Road on the Outer Loop Road). The walk starts and ends at the student union.

Lutheran Choir Presents Spring Concert

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee, under the direction of David Mohr, will present their Spring Concert, "Guided By the Spirit" on Friday, April 24 at 8:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in New Berlin, and on Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa.

The concert will feature both accompanied and a cappella works, featuring the double-choir motet, "Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf" (The Spirit Also Helpeth Us) by J.S. Bach, and seven masterfully-arranged spirituals by British composer John Rutter. Our guest soloist for these

spirituals, collectively entitled "Feel the Spirit", will be mezzo-soprano Jillian Bruss. Among the seven spirituals will be such favorites as "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho," "Steal Away," "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" and concluding with a rousing arrangement of "When the Saints Go Marching In," where the audience will have a chance to sing along with the choir.

Ticket prices will be \$13.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Seniors (60+) and Students. Tickets may be purchased at the door, in advance from any choir member, or from the choir's website at www.lutheranacappella.org.

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First United Methodist Holds Rummage Sale

First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street in Racine, will have a rummage and bake sale

on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Youth of Holy Communion Lutheran Church and Racine Theatre Guild Present

GODSPELL



A musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew

PERFECT FOR ALL AGES!

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

6 pm -- Reception with silent auction, appetizers and desserts

Show starts at 7 pm

Tickets: \$18/adults and \$15/children 17 and under

Purchase tickets every Sunday, March 22nd - May 10th at Holy Communion and during the week through the church office (632-8802).

All proceeds will benefit the youth who are traveling to our church's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans for a week of fellowship and service.

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Free Admission – Freewill offering

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 p.m.

Reception immediately following concert

Augustana Chapel at the
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For more information about the LSTC Gospel Choir or the concert, contact Patricia Bartley at (773) 256-0717 or pbartley@lstc.edu or visit www.lstc.edu

Pastor Mary's Column

Generosity Touches Lives!

I continue to be humbled and awed by the generous spirit reflected by Emmaus members. During these times of economic challenge, I am moved by the coins and dollar bills that are so willingly placed in the offering plates on Wednesday nights, often by children whose families have little if anything to spare.

There is the elderly widow who puts two or three dollar bills in my hand and instructs me to help someone who is struggling.

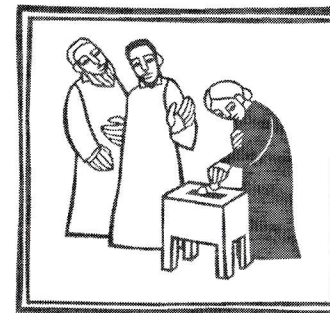
I think of the young mom who has had major, unexpected expenses come her way. Pastor's discretionary funds, which were given as designated gifts in our Sunday offerings, made it possible for me to help the mother in need bridge the gap and to share a gift card for food for her family. Tears of appreciation and a big hug came with the words, "I've never had a family like I have here at Emmaus!"

Whether it's jellos or cookies or sloppy joes for Wednesday nights, or casseroles for the St. Pat's community meals or food in the cart to go to the Northside Food Pantry, I see gifts that make a difference. When one mom told me

thank you on behalf of her family for the meal of roast beef and mashed potatoes and gravy on a Wednesday night, she admitted that their cupboards were bare at home.

ELCA churches join together to help "Feed Racine," as was highlighted in a recent *Journal Times* article, and that generosity touches lives and hearts.

During Holy Week and beyond, we reflect on our generous God, who reaches out to feed hungry bodies, hearts and minds. Invite a neighbor or



friend to church this coming month. You have no idea how hungry that person may be and how God may work to fill those empty places of body and soul.

Life-giving food from a generous God — we all need it to live! The invitation is come, eat and be satisfied!

In the hope of the Resurrection,

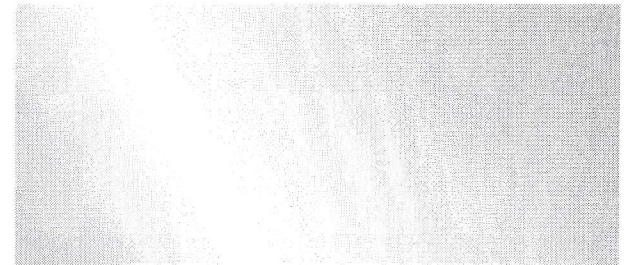
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Congregational Meeting Needs Your Input

Because a budget for six months was approved at the February annual meeting, it was agreed that a mid-year meeting be scheduled to re-assess the budget

and our plans for the remainder of the year. The congregational meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 17.

Inside: Fiesta Mexicana



Fiesta Mexicana is coming Sunday, May 3. See page 3

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Racine, Wisconsin 53404
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Pastoral Acts

Wedding:

Jessica A. Brown
Brian J. Beesley
April 4, 2009

Brian is a nephew of Joy Lippmann and enjoys fishing and kayaking. Jessica likes crocheting. The couple are Horlick graduates and neighbors of Emmaus.

Celebrate Pentecost at Special Worship Service

Pentecost — the birthday of the Church universal, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the surprises of God that cannot be contained. Yes, Pentecost is all of that and more.

How will we celebrate this festival of the church? At the 9:15 a.m. worship on May 31, we will experience the Scripture read in several languages, hear the choir sing,



welcome the new members to the church.

After a time of Fellowship, at noon everyone is invited to the Festival worship service in Spanish — a first for the ELCA in Racine! Come to welcome new faces and special guests as

we hear the Word and share the sacrament of Holy Communion together!

Department of Corrections

The address of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Long Island Chapter is 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 100, Melville, NY 11747-4200, according to their web page. It is no longer at the address in Hauppauge given in the April Visitor.

The Hermanns family has also suggested memorials in Claire Hermanns name be made to one's local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; for further information, visit <http://www.wisMS.org>.

Cover Story

¡Vengan Ustedes a la Fiesta Mexicana!

Get your tickets now for this year's Fiesta Mexicana, to be held Sunday, May 3. Adult tickets are \$6.00; for kids under 12, they're \$3.00.

Admission includes all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet, and entertainment from a live mariachi band.

There will also be a general raffle (tickets \$1.00 each),

and a super raffle (tickets \$10.00 each) for a laptop computer or a \$400 big-name gift card.

Proceeds from the Fiesta will go toward funding the youth mission trip to the Yakama Nation in Washington state this summer.

The youth will meet at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 2 to set up the fiesta.



Mt. Meru Project Helps African Farmers

by Diane Melander

Do you need a Mother's Day, birthday or hostess gift? Delicious Mt. Meru Coffee makes a great gift. We offer a variety of coffee, gift baskets and coffee mugs for sale. Your purchase helps the farmers of the Meru region of Tanzania earn a fair wage to support their families.

This project began when a coffee farmer in Tanzania asked a visiting Milwaukee pastor the simple question, "We grow coffee; you drink coffee; would you buy your coffee from us?" The answer to that question was the beginning of the coffee project.

The coffee project began in 2002 with 200 local farmers, and today it has grown to over 2,000

farmers participating. The project aims to increase the standard of living for the farmers and their families. It also helps them to have more productive crops. The farmers' fair wage helps them to send their children to school, afford health care and purchase goods in their community.

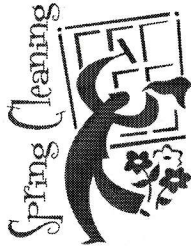


If you need a nice gift for someone, why not give them a gift of coffee or a gift basket? Coffee is available at coffee hour in the Sunset Room, or you may call Diane Melander at 262-681-2796 or e-mail her at emmauscoffee@me.com

If you would like to read more about the Mt Meru Coffee Project, check out their website at: www.mtmerucoffee.org

Spring Cleaning Slated May 16

This year's spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come in your fashionably old dungarees and bring your own yard tools (especially rakes). This being a



Lutheran church, coffee and kringle will be provided.

In case of rain, clean-up will be postponed to May 23.

Sign up on the green sheet in the narthex, phone the church office, or talk with Loren Larsen. Thank you!

Sign Up for Grounds Care

Do you remember how beautiful the Emmaus grounds looked last summer? That was due to a diligent group of people who spent hours tending the shrubs and flowers surrounding the church. Individuals interested in adopting a plot this year for Emmaus grounds care may sign up in the narthex indicating an

area of your choice.

This would also be a good time to check out the landscape plan and consider adopting a plant in honor or memory of someone so that we may continue to green up the Emmaus environment. Plants that were adopted in honor or memory of loved ones last year will be planted this spring.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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 Assoc. in Ministry: Claranna Vytlicil
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 Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
 Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer
 Adult Choir Dir.: Becky Smurawa
 Secretary: Paul Berge
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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evening (through May 13) at 7:00.
 Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the June VISITOR is May 15.

Pastor Walter's Class Explores Resurrection Stories

by Pastor Walter Hermanns

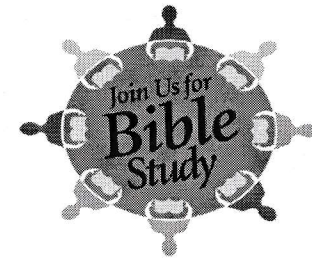
The Easter story became real for people as they shared the Good News with others. I would like to invite you to join with me as we study the biblical stories of the resurrection, and learn how these stories become our stories! Let's meet

from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evenings in the Fireside Room.

May 6: "Meeting Jesus on the Road"
 May 13: "A Fire, Some Fish, and an Invitation"

May 20: "What Happens Next?"



Neighborhood Camp Registration Opens

Neighborhood Camp will be in session from the week of June 22 through July 23. Camp meets Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Camp is available to neighborhood kids (zip code 53404) and members of Emmaus. The camp serves children aged 6 to 11. Last year's campers will receive registration forms in the mail. If interested, forms will be available in the narthex or call Nancy Smith at 634-5515. There are openings for 50 campers. Registration forms must be returned by Friday May 22. At that point, camp will be open to those on a waiting list and advertised in the neighborhood.

Themes:
 Send in the Clowns (Mime);

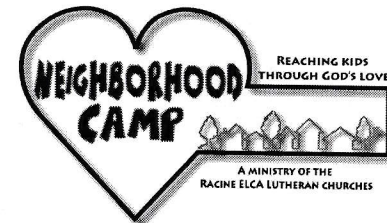
The Art of Illusion (Magic);

Wind Power;
 Exploring Puppetry;
 Peaceable Kingdom
 (Looking at Afghanistan

and Pakistan through *Three Cups of Tea*).

Volunteer Opportunities

Emmaus has an outstanding record of support to Neighborhood Camp. Your willingness to pitch in where needed is appreciated by the staff and campers. This summer Celia Bagley returns to coordinate meals at lunch. Denise Keller, Marge Zielke and Kathy Denneau have all said, "Yes!" to help with breakfast.



Remember Mom with Scrip

Need an idea for a Mothers' Day gift? We have a variety of gift cards on hand including various

restaurants, department stores and specialty stores. Check out the Scrip table after worship service.

Lydia Circle Meets

The women's Bible study group, Lydia Circle, will meet in the Sunset Room Wednesday, May

6 at 1:30 p.m. All women are invited.

Member Care

Knitting Group Welcomes All

by Cathy Meyer

The Knit One, Purl One group meets every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room, and all are welcome. The group creates prayer shawls for the sick or shut-ins; baptismal shawls for future baptisms; and hats, mittens, and scarves for Wadewitz and Emmaus children.

All items may be knitted or crocheted, and there is an ample supply of yarn and needles available. If you like to learn how to knit or crochet, free lessons are available from our resident experts.

To support this ministry without taking up knitting or crocheting, consider a donation

toward additional yarns. We also have people who just drop in to visit, so feel free to check us out. For more information, contact Nancy Smith (633-3059) or Bev Hansen (551-8095).



Blood Pressure Testing Offered

Carol Eschmann is on hand by the church offices after the worship service on the first Sunday of every month to test your blood pressure.

Memorials

Designated for Brass Nickel:

In memory of Cliff Adelson:
\$25.00

Thank You to Community Meal Helpers

On April 2 Emmaus once again prepared and served the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you so much to all who helped out. It is good to see so many willing to help out those who are in need.



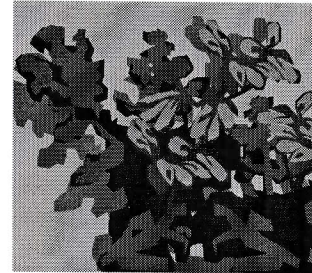
Our next scheduled date at St. Pat's is Thursday, June 4. Watch for a new sign-up sheet in the narthex this month.

Food Bank Effort Continues

As we continue our "Feed Racine" project, the Northside Food Pantry is in need of the following, as well as brown paper bags:

May 3: canned spaghetti with meat
May 10: toilet paper
May 17: canned ravioli, bar soap
May 24: baked beans
May 31: chunk-style soup

Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement



Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 31. These geraniums from Milaeger's will be blooming in 5" pots and can be purchased for \$5.00 each or \$55.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 9:15 service on May 31. Please pass this order form along to your family and friends.

Geranium Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of geraniums _____

I will take my geranium(s) home after the Sunday worship service

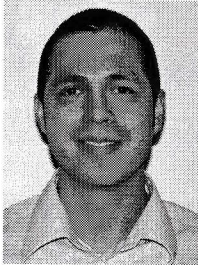
I would like to donate plants to be planted on church grounds

Please have your order in to the church office **by May 15.**

Office use: Pmt. Order list

Jhon Freddy Receives Endorsement

Jhon Freddy Correa, candidate for ministry in the ELCA, has now completed course requirements, an essay, and an interview with a panel of synod and seminary representatives. Jhon Freddy has been approved by the Candidacy Committee of the synod, and final steps are being taken for him to begin his 18-month internship in Racine.



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and Emmaus will provide both space and

supervision for the internship, which will focus on building Latino/a ministry among the ELCA churches of Racine. Pastor Mary and Pastor Molly Doreza have been named co-supervisors, and they will be accountable both to the synod and to LSTC Seminary.

A ministry support team with representatives from both congregations will be formed in the near future. This team will provide both support and feedback for Jhon Freddy during the time of his internship.

Bishop Licenses Jhon Freddy to Preside at Worship Effective May 31

Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers has authorized Jhon Freddy Correa to preside at worship services with Holy Communion beginning May 31, Pentecost Sunday. At noon that day, a Spanish-speaking worship

service will be introduced at Emmaus.

Current Emmaus and Redeemer members and friends are encouraged to attend this special worship service as we celebrate new beginnings and new growth for the ELCA in Racine.


Synod Assembly Meets May 28-30






The 2009 Synod Assembly will be held May 28-30 at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. Pastor May, Pastor Walter, Claranna Vytlacil, Randy Sanders and Jhon Freddy Correa will represent

Emmaus. Kelly Fryer, "fresh expressions" facilitator from A Renewable Enterprise, will speak about the culmination of work from synod fresh expressions events.

May Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. May 2 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. May. 3 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Diane Melander	Ruth Copeland	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. May 9 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. May 10 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Carol Eschmann Karen Sedgwick	Kylee Albright	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. May 16 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. May 17 9:15 am	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	Randy Sanders	Karen Sedgwick	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. May 23 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. May 24 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Nancy Smith Cindi Larsen	Melissa Lemke	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. May 30 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. May 31 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Joy Lippmann Pat Jensen	Al Svendsen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jun. 6 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Jun. 7 9:15 am	TBA	Kylee Albright	Randy Sanders	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care:
May 3	Brenda Trumbauer	Ron & Pat Jensen	May: Evelyn Larsen 
May 10	Jeff & Linda Clinton M. Andersens	Olga Wilson	
May 17	Claranna Vytlacil Rick & Amy Haman	Celia Bagley (Congregation meeting)	
May 24	Cathy Meyer	TBA	
May 31	R. Rommelfaenger Shirley Velzka	TBA	
June 7	D. & C. Eschmann Celia Bagley	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	June: Denise Keller

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 STS. PHILIP & JAMES	2	
  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone: 262 634-5515 e-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net Fax: 262 634-0835 http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>							<p>8:30 am Green Congregations mtg., Mt. Pleasant LC 10:00 am Fiesta set-up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>3 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana (to 6:30)</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee</p>	<p>5 ELECTION DAY; CINCO DE MAYO 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>6 11:00 am Synod deans 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult Bible study 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>7 NATL. DAY OF PRAYER 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>		<p>9 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>10 5TH SUN. OF EASTER; MOTHERS' DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Youth group</p>	<p>11 <i>Postal rate hike today</i> 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Fireside Exch.</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Wadewitz appreciation luncheon 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>13 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult Bible study 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>14 ST. MATTHIAS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>15 <i>June Visitor articles due</i></p>	<p>16 ARMED FORCES DAY  9:00 am Spring clean-up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>17 6TH SUN. OF EASTER; SYTTENDE MAI 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Congregational meeting 10:30 am Youth group</p>	<p>18 VICTORIA DAY 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Keenagers 6:30 pm Church council</p>	<p>20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 6:00 pm Adult Bible study</p>	<p>21 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00 am Rain date for spring clean-up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>24 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Youth group</p>	<p>25 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Office closed</i> </p>	<p>26 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>27 TBA Wed. night appreciation dinner</p>	<p>28 11:00 am Bulletin deadline Greater Milwaukee Synod assembly Waukesha</p>	<p>29 SHAVUOT Greater MKE Synod assembly, Waukesha</p>	<p>30 VIGIL OF PENTECOST GMS assembly, Waukesha 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>31 PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship Service with Holy Communion, reception of new members 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 pm Hispanic worship service</p>	<p>June 1 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:00 am Staff mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee</p>	<p>2 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>3 1:30 pm Lydia Circle</p>	<p>4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's</p>	<p>5 6:30 pm Round Robin</p>	<p>6 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	

Keenagers in May



Seniors' Gathering

Keenagers will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, May 19. Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon. This month's program: Claranna's "Highlights of Washington D.C."

May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

May 8	Bill Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
May 11	Ray Rommelfaenger	2513 Jean Avenue	53404
May 15	Don French	3205 Wood Road	53406
May 17	Janet Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd. WoodlawnTN	37191
May 20	Marge Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
May 23	John Psiones	Veterans Center, Boland Bldg 21425G Spring St., Union Grove	53182
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406
May 27	John E. Cook	5733 Alburg Way	53406
May 28	Betty Bernett	1904 Summit Avenue	53404

Mark Your Calendar for June 5 Round Robin

Join Emmaus friends for food and conversation Friday, June 5 at a "Round Robin" hosted by the Bagleys and the Smiths. We will gather at the home of the Bagleys, (3137 43rd Street, north of Hwy. K just west of I-94) at 6:30 p.m. to begin our evening of food and fun.

There we will share appetizers before we head over to 1530 Main

Street, the recently purchased home of Nancy and Art Smith, for dessert. While the lake view will be spectacular, the furniture for the evening will be of Emmaus folding chairs and lawn chair vintage.

This will be a pot luck event. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to indicate whether you will bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share.



Peace-Milwaukee Hosts Diakonia Graduation

The 2009 Graduating Class of the Greater Milwaukee locations of diakonia™ request the honor of your presence at the Graduation. Liturgy at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4419 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207 Saturday, the thirteenth of June two thousand and nine two o'clock

in the afternoon. Honored guests: Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, The Rev. Amy Reumann. Presider: The Rev. Stanley V. Hanna. Reception to follow. Graduates and clergy are invited to vest and process (the liturgical color for the service is red).

June Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

Offering envelopes for June, July, August and September should arrive in your mailbox this month. If you have recently moved, your envelopes may not get forwarded



from your old address. If you do not receive your envelopes soon, please contact the church office, and we'll send you a replacement set.

Attendance & Financial Figures

Attendance averages in white include both weekend services and services during the following week. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages calculated through April 12, 2009.

	Worship attendance:	2007		2008		2009	
	March weekly averages	96	151	109	182	81	127
	April weekly averages	205	212	106	153	217	161
	May weekly averages	117	114	94	120		
	Maundy Thursday	33		36		76	
	Good Friday	26 + 52 = 78		14 + (canceled)		?? + 37	
	Easter Sunday	68 + 155 = 223		27 + 198 = 225		59 + 146 = 205	
Financial Figures:				Year to date		Campaign to date	
General fund offerings in March '09		\$14,673.01		\$50,320.01		—	
Mortgage retirement offerings in Mar.		\$ 270.00		\$ 765.00		\$60,210.62	
April 2009 mortgage payments		Principal \$		Principal balance as of 4/14/2009:		\$64,743.05	
		Interest \$					
		Total \$					

Lunch to Express Appreciation to Wadewitz Staff

Each year Emmaus fetes the staff at Wadewitz with a thank-you lunch. This year's appreciation meal will take place on Tuesday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The staff "oohs and aahs" each year and greets those who serve the lunch with great enthusiasm.

The meal consists of six-foot-long subs from The Sausage Kitchen and veggie trays, fruit salad and desserts provided by volunteer help of Emmaus members. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to help. We also need servers who will be willing to work for 1½-hour shifts.

The teachers and staff at Wadewitz often express their gratitude of all that Emmaus does

for the kids; school supplies in the fall, handmade hats mittens and scarves, adopting families at Christmas and the ongoing weekly relationship of mentors and kids.

Emmaus does make a difference in the lives of the families with whom we connect.

Youth Birthdays

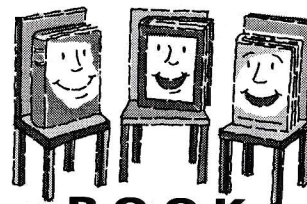
May 2	Lauren Longrie, 12
May 4	Nate Robinson, 9
May 4	Erin Keller, 9
May 10	Selina Rodriguez, 14
May 11	Alexis Christensen, 11
May 14	Ella Briere, 2
May 24	Ashley Villalobos, 10

Book Clubs Read Berg, Johnsen

The morning Book Club is reading *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg for their next meeting, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 21, in the Fireside Room.

The evening group, "The Fireside Exchange," will continue to meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome.

The Fireside Exchange will meet Monday, May 11 to discuss *Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnsen. The Fireside Exchange's book for June will be *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Bring your ideas for a good summer read as well as suggestions of books to read for next fall.

Think Globally, Eat Locally

by John Berge

Are you a locovore? Would you like to be one? A locovore is a person who eats locally produced foods as much as possible, rather than food shipped hundreds or thousands of miles from their place of origin.

It has been said that eating just one-quarter of our food from locally grown sources saves more energy than recycling all of your household waste. Growing your own food in your own garden is about as local as you can get, but Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) may be the next best thing. CSA is a partnership of

mutual commitment between a farm and a community of supporters which provides a direct link between the production and consumption of food.

You, the consumer, pays up front for fresh produce to be delivered or picked up weekly (usually from mid-June to mid-October). The farmer agrees to supply you with

fresh vegetables that are generally grown organically and guaranteed to be local. The consumer, in essence, becomes part owner of the farm for the year.



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Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

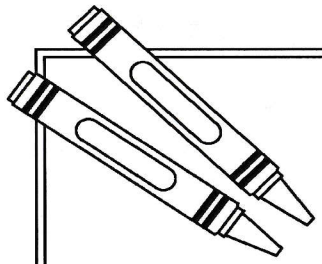
Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____



Just for **KIDS**

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

"₃ h ₁ v ₂ b ₂ ₂ n r ₂ m ₃ nd ₂ d ₄ f

y ₄ ₅ r s ₃ nc ₂ r ₂ f ₁ ₃ th, wh ₃ ch

f ₃ rst l ₃ v ₂ d ₃ n y ₄ ₅ r gr ₁ ndm ₄ th ₂ r

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n ₄ w l ₃ v ₂ s ₃ n y ₄ ₅ ₁ ls ₄."

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

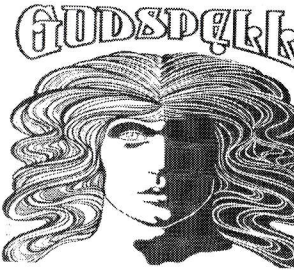
Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Items Needed for Neighborhood Camp

- | | |
|---|--|
| Colored bottle caps | Buttons |
| Pringles containers | Half gallon milk containers |
| Divided containers from microwave meals | Egg cartons |
| Ping Pong balls | Toilet paper tubes |
| Styrofoam balls and fabric for puppets | Gardening sticks |
| Clown clothing (ties, vests, etc.) | Place supplies in large container labeled Neighborhood Camp in the narthex. Thank you! |

Elsewhere in Our Area

The Youth of Holy Communion Lutheran Church and Racine Theatre Guild Present



A musical based on the gospel according to St. Matthew

Sunday, May 17

6:00 p.m. – Reception with silent auction, appetizers and desserts
Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Perfect for all ages!

"GODSPELL is a festive and unique reflection on the life of Jesus. Drawing from various theatrical traditions – clowning, pantomime, charades, and acrobatics – this musical brings his parables and teachings joyously to life."



~ **Racine Theatre Guild**

All proceeds will benefit the youth who are traveling to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans for a week of fellowship and service.

Tickets: \$18/adults and \$15/children 17 and under
Order forms available from Holy Communion: 632-8802

Racine Theatre Guild is located at
2519 Northwestern Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Elsewhere in Our Area

Russian Group Sings at Resurrection

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, welcomes Lyra, an A Capella singing group from St. Petersburg, Russia, to their worship services on Sunday, May 24 at 8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Lyra will present a concert at Resurrection that afternoon at 2:00.

Phone 262-637-7431 for further details, or visit Lyra on line at www.lyra-online.org

Suicide Survivor Group Meets Twice Monthly

The Alliance on Mental Illness of Racine County, NAMI Racine, offers a support group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. The Survivors of Suicide support group meets twice monthly on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the NAMI Racine office, 2300 DeKoven Avenue. The peer-led meetings are from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

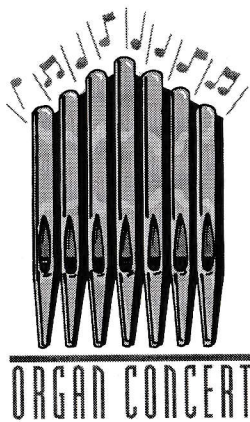
Interested persons are asked to pre-register for the self-help support group by calling the NAMI Racine office at 262 637-0582.

NAMI Racine is dedicated to improving the quality of life through support, education, and advocacy for all whose lives are affected by mental illness.

Organist Conte Performs

The American Guild of Organists, Milwaukee Chapter, presents Peter Richard Conte performing at Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Peter Richard Conte is Grand Court Organist of the world famous Wanamaker Organ at the Macy's Philadelphia department store, the largest fully functioning musical instrument in the world. When not touring, he performs on the six-manual, 28,000-pipe instrument twice daily, six days per week.



Mr. Conte is highly regarded as a skillful performer and arranger of organ transcriptions. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for AGO members, seniors and students. Call the Marcus Center Box Office at 888-612-3500.

Pastor Mary's Column

Led By the Spirit

As Jhon Freddy prepares for his internship to begin in June, I think back over twenty years ago to my own internship experience. I had no idea at that time that God was planting seeds which would continue to bear fruit over two decades later.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax, Virginia was my internship assignment. There I would meet and learn from and with many dear people, including the Smith family — Nancy, Art, Abby, Josh and Jon. They became my second family; I officiated at the weddings of the three kids and have baptized two of the grandchildren.

Nancy has since become Fairfax's "missionary" to Racine, leading Emmaus' summer Neighborhood Camp and many other aspects of our children's education and ministry. Art, a systems analyst engineer with Mitre Corporation in the Washington D.C. area, has logged on many air miles as he has commuted to spend time with Nancy. Soon those frequent trips will no longer be necessary.

Nancy and Art have recently bought a large old home in Racine and are now in the process of becoming official residents of our community. Because they have room to spare, they have invited

me to live in the "West Wing" of their new home. In September, I will move from the parsonage to their home on Main Street (which has an amazing view of Lake Michigan!).

Knowing that we would soon have both the Redeemer and Emmaus parsonages available for Latino/a ministry, Pastor Molly, Jhon Freddy and I have had conversations regarding the best use of those two incredible assets. Because the Redeemer parsonage is directly connected to the church building, it seems that its space would be most appropriate for a Hispanic Center of the ELCA in Racine, and those possibilities are being pursued.

In early fall, the Emmaus parsonage will become the home of Jhon Freddy and his wife, Liliana, as he leads the efforts to "plant" an ELCA Latina/o ministry in the Racine community.

We pray that this venture in faith will be blessed by the Holy Spirit and will, in turn, bear much fruit. The new ministry will officially begin May 31, Pentecost Sunday. We ask for your prayers and your presence as we celebrate the work of God's Spirit among us!

These are exciting times!

In the Spirit,

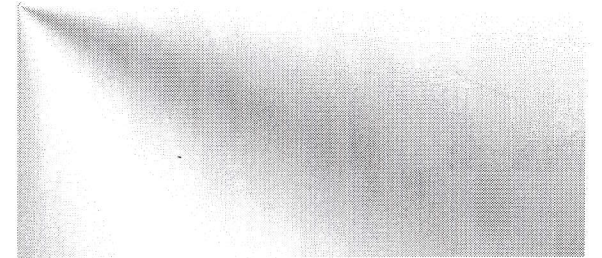
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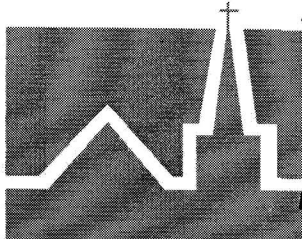
In the May Visitor:
+ *Congregational Meeting May 17*
+ *Pentecost Services*
+ *Fiesta Mexicana*
+ *Spring Cleaning*
+ *Neighborhood Camp*
+ *Knit One, Purl One*
+ *Geranium Order Form*
+ *Round Robin*
+ *Jhon Freddy Completes Courses*
+ *Wadewitz Appreciation Lunch*
+ *Book Club Selections*
...and more!

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Neighborhood Camp Starts June 22

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Congregational Meeting Approves Correa Internship

At the May 17 congregational meeting, those in attendance approved continuing with the current frozen budget. It was pointed out that first quarter income and expenditures were almost identical for 2008 and 2009.

Also approved was the support of Jhon Freddy Correa as an intern. The internship will be shared by Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and funding for the support of Jhon Freddy will be sought locally, synodically and nationally.

It is acknowledged that the general budget cannot bear the added expense of internship costs, and that those funds will need to come from grants and special designated gifts. (More than one of the Racine ELCA congregations have already pledged support.)

Brought before the group was a proposal made by the Worship & Music Committee that the 9:15 a.m. Sunday worship time be changed to 9:30 a.m. Such a change would allow fifteen additional minutes for choir rehearsal. It would also move the English and Spanish worship services closer together, making it easier for joint fellowship events and the

possibility of re-introducing Sunday School.

However, lively discussion opposing the change, together with a request to take a survey of the congregation, led to the withdrawal of the motion.

The last survey regarding worship times was taken in 2007, and it was determined that more up-to-date input would be helpful to reflect current desires and circumstances.

Note: choices given on the 2007 survey included 9:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. At that time, the results of those responding were: 10 people preferred 9:00 a.m., 19 preferred 9:15 a.m., 6 preferred 9:30 a.m., and 6 preferred 10:00 a.m. A new survey will be forthcoming in the near future.

Council Meets June 30

The next meeting of the church council will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. There will not be a council meeting during July.



Council Addresses Deficit Concerns

At the regular May meeting of the church council, reports indicated a significant jump in the deficit spending during the weeks following Easter. At press time, the deficit is \$14,354.

With the exception of the Benevolence giving (money that is sent on to the Synod to support seminaries, foreign missions and other ELCA ministries) being in arrears, there are no overdue bills.

Adopt-a-bill opportunities will be posted in the narthex beginning the first Sunday in June. Do you plan to be out of

town some weekends this summer? Please consider mailing your gifts to Emmaus before you leave.

Are you in a position to give an "above & beyond" gift for the ministry of the church? Keep the ministry of Emmaus in your prayers and do what you are able to help our congregation to continue to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ.

We give God thanks for your prayers and your generous support of Emmaus. God is at work through you!

Scrip Available After Services

Need a graduation or Father's Day gift? We have a variety of gift cards on hand, including various restaurants,

department stores, and specialty stores. Check out the Scrip table after worship service.

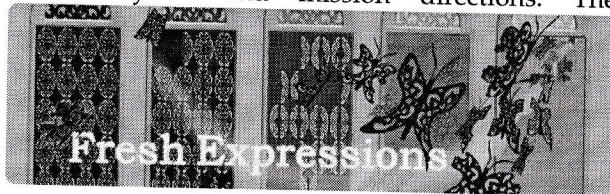
Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Intern: Jhon Freddy Correa English language worship services are held at
 Neighborhood Camp coordinator: Nancy Smith Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday
 Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan mornings at 9:15. Spanish language worship services are
 Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer held Sundays at noon.
 Choir Director: Becky Smurawa Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Secretary: Paul Berge Monday through Friday.
 Custodian: Abelino Mares Neighborhood Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Monday through Thursday beginning June 22.
 The *Visitor* is published monthly September to July.
 The deadline for the July-August *Visitor* is June 15.

Synod Assembly Meets May 28-30

The 2009 Synod Assembly is underway May 28-30 at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. Pastor May, Pastor Walter, Claranna Vytlacil, Randy Sanders and Jhon Freddy Correa are representing Emmaus.

assembly consideration of a church statement on human sexuality, and announcement of the synod's mission statement and mission directions. The



mission statement and directions are driven by this year's "fresh expressions" events.

Because the *Visitor* went to press before the start of the assembly, updates will be posted on our web site, emmaus-racine.org, early this month.

Pastor Mary Janz, Pastor Molly Doreza (Redeemer-Racine) and Jhon Freddy Correa have been asked to lead the opening worship service on Thursday.

Items on the agenda include passage of a budget for the next year, workshops preparing for the churchwide

Thanks to Wednesday Night Volunteers

A number of people have dedicated many volunteer hours to make our Wednesday evening ministry possible. On May 27, Nancy Smith hosted a special thank you for the kitchen crew: Carol Yust, Karen Reikena, Kim and Dale Howser, Jenny and Andrew Palmgren, Mary and Rick Paul and Carol Saylor.



They have fed hundreds and hundreds of hungry mouths during the past year.

A special thank you also goes to Brenda Trumbauer, who has volunteered as an accompanist for the kids' choir and for all the Wednesday evening worship services. Kudos to each and every one, including those not named, for a strong commitment to providing food, fun, and learning and worship opportunities in May.

Many have been fed and nourished because of the generous gifts of your time and energy.

Mass on the Grass Slated August 23

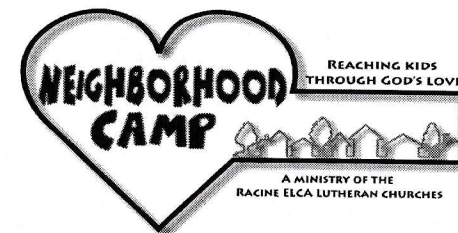
Mark your calendar for Mass on the Grass! The Worship and Music committee has set Sunday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m.

for the annual Mass on the Grass worship service. Look for more details in the July *Visitor*.

Cover Story

Neighborhood Camp Help Wanted

Emmaus will host Neighborhood Camp Monday through Thursday from June 22 to July 23. Up to 50 children will learn devote a week at a time to learning about mime, magic, wind power, puppetry, and Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Camp is as good as its volunteers.

We're also gathering several items for the kids' use:

- Colored bottle caps
- Pringles containers
- Divided containers from microwave meals
- Ping Pong balls
- Styrofoam balls and fabric for puppets
- Clown clothing (ties, vests, etc.)
- Buttons
- Half gallon milk containers
- Egg cartons
- Toilet paper tubes
- Gardening sticks

Place supplies in large container labeled Neighborhood Camp in the narthex. Thank you!



Yakama Bound Group Meets June 11

All teens and parents of this summer's mission trip group are to meet Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who would like to grill a brat or dog beforehand are invited to come to Pastor Mary's backyard at 6:00 p.m.



The meeting will include discussion of itinerary, future fund raising, paper work, dress code, along with behavior guidelines and expectations. This meeting is mandatory for all teens and highly recommended for parents.

The group of 20 teens (half from Emmaus and half from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer), together with five adults, will travel by train from

Milwaukee to Portland, where they will spend two days. The group will then travel back to Yakima, Washington, where they will spend a week doing mission work on the Yakama Reservation.

Pastor Mary, Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandy Strini will accompany the group. Dates of the trip are July 28 to August 9.

Birthdays in June

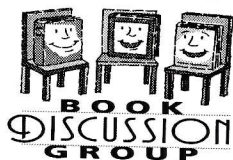
- June 4 Isabella Hulsey, 4
- June 9 Zachary Smith, 11
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 15
- June 16 Ciara Williams, 12
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 16
- June 20 Caroline Crehan, 18
- June 23 Ken Krug II, 9
- June 30 Ariyah Brooks, 7
- June 30 Tayshaun Carothers, 3

Book Clubs Read Berg, Wroblewski

The morning Book Club is reading *Home Safe* by Elizabeth Berg for their next meeting, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 18, in the Fireside Room.

The evening group, "The Fireside Exchange," will meet on the second Monday of the month, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The group will discuss *The Story*

of *Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Bring your ideas for a good summer read as well as suggestions of books to read for next fall.



The Monday and Thursday book clubs will take the summer off. Watch for notice of their next meetings in September.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2008! We reached some of our graduating seniors, who shared their post-graduation plans:

in June. She has been working as a server at an Italian-themed restaurant near the Regency Mall.

Ashley Lamberton has graduated from UW-Whitewater



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Caroline Crehan is graduating from Horlick High School in June. While at Horlick, she participated in soccer and cross country. She sang in the choir for two years and was in Spirit Club and student government. She will attend UW-Madison in the fall.

Frank Williams graduates from Case High School and plans to pursue further study at Gateway, majoring in automotive studies. College:

April Falaschi graduates from Gateway Technical College

with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She is now seeking a Masters of Professional Accountancy and her C.P.A. at UW-Whitewater. Plans are to have these completed in Spring, 2010.

To these, and all the graduates we may have missed, congratulations, and best of luck with your plans for this summer and fall!

If we missed your graduation, please talk to Paul in the church office. We'd be happy to congratulate you in the July-August Visitor!

Community PROJECTS

Emmaus Serves Community Meal June 4

Emmaus' next turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church is on Thursday June 4. We welcome volunteers to help serve the food.

Confirmation students may prepare or serve food or help in other ways to earn service points toward confirmation.

Food Bank Effort Continues

As we continue our "Feed Racine" project, the Northside

Food Pantry is in need of the following, as well as brown paper bags:

June 7: canned spaghetti with meat

June 14: toilet paper

June 21: canned ravioli, bar soap

June 28: baked beans

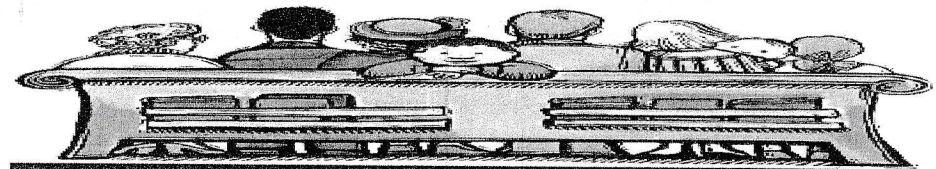
July 5: chunk-style soup



Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

Attendance averages in white include both weekend services and services during the following week. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages calculated through May 24, 2009.

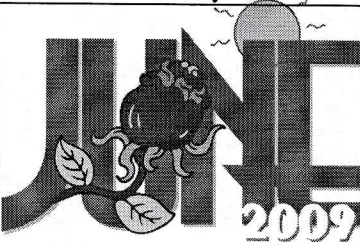
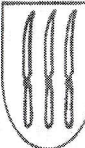
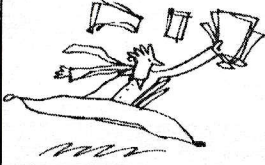



Worship attendance:	2007		2008		2009	
April weekly averages	205	212	106	153	121	*
May weekly averages	117	144	92	120	93	113
June weekly averages	97		97			
*Insufficient data available.						
Financial Figures:		Year to date		Campaign to date		
General fund offerings in Apr.	\$16,389.70	\$66,709.71		—		
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$ 220.00	\$985.00		\$60,430.62		
April-May mortgage paym'ts	Principal \$	659.54		Principal balance as of 4/14/2009: \$64,743.05		
	Interest \$	332.46				
	Total \$	992.00				



June Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. June 6 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. June 7 9:15 am	TBA	Kylee Albright	Randy Sanders	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Jun. 13 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Jun. 14 9:15 am	TBA	Randy Sanders Gregg Albright	Melissa Lemke	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Jun. 20 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Jun. 21 9:15 am	TBA	Chris Lamberton	John Knuteson	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Jun. 27 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Jun. 28 9:15 am	TBA	Shirley Velzka Kathy Christensen	Carol Yust	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. July 4 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. July 5 9:15 am	TBA	Claranna Vytlicil	Beverly Hansen	Team 2 R. Christensen

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
June 7	D. & C. Eschmann Celia Bagley	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	
June 14	Lynn & Jeff McCray M. Porcaro, A. & M. Zielke	Marge Jensen Diane Melander	June: Denise Keller
June 21	R. & K. Christensen & TBA	Stan & Betty Breiwick	
June 28	Brian & Denise Keller & Sharon Wanvig	Jeff & Lynn McCray Lee & Betty Woodward	
July 5	Melissa Lemke Shirley Velzka	TBA	July: Cheryl Dexter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 THE VISITATION 11:00 am Staff mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	2 5:00 pm TOPS	3 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's	5 6:30 pm Round Robin	6 9:00 am N. Side Alliance at St. Andrew 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
7 TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing 12:00 m Santa Misa	8 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	9 5:00 pm TOPS	10	11 ST. BARNABAS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Mission trip cookout 7:00 pm Mission trip meeting 	12	13 10:00 am R. & M. Christensen committal service 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
14 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FLAG DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa	15 <i>July-August Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 	16 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS	17 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp staff orientation	18 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp staff orientation 10:00 am Morning Book Club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	19 JUNETEENTH DAY 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp staff orientation 6:00 pm Johnson-Meteyard rehearsal	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 2:00 pm Johnson-Meteyard wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
21 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS' DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa 	22 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	23 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 5:00 pm TOPS	24 JOHN THE BAPTIST 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 	25 PRESENTATION OF AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	26 5:00 pm Friend-Novotny rehearsal	27 11:00 am Svendsen birthday party 2:00 pm Friend-Novotny wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
28 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa	29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 	30 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	July 1 CANADA DAY 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	2 9:00 Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Bulletin deadline	3 ST. THOMAS <i>Office closes at noon</i>	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

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Keenagers in June

Keenagers in February will meet on Tuesday, June 16. At 10:30 a.m., Kathy Christensen will tell us about the experience she and Rich had participating in relief work in Florida this spring.



Fun for Seniors

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, and stay for a delicious meal at noon.

Keenagers will then take the summer off. See you in September!

June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jun. 1	Marcella Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Rd.	53404
Jun. 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
Jun. 10	Evelyn Larsen	1450 Westridge Court #103	53406
Jun. 16	Doris Jensen	6101 16 th Street #4-B	53406
Jun. 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402
Jun. 19	Renata Doughty	1921 Arcturus Avenue	53404
Jun. 21	Lee Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
Jun. 26	Rose Rommelfaenger	2513 Jean Avenue	53404
Jun. 27	Alvin Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405

Kathy Christensen to Address Keenagers

On Tuesday, June 16, Emmaus' own Kathy Christensen will share stories and pictures of Kathy and Rich's latest adventure to help others. In February, the Christensens traveled to Florida where they spent approximately seven weeks as part of Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Come at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and treats; program will

commence at 10:30 a.m. and lunch prepared and served by Pat Jensen will follow at noon.

This will be the final program until fall; summer break takes place in July and August. Coming in the fall: Steve Rogstad, Racine's own enthusiast for Abraham Lincoln is already scheduled.

Letters

Kellers to Walk in Relay for Life

Dear Family and Friends,

The Keller Family will join the WE Energies Team in participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Racine on June 12 and 13 at Case High School.

Relay for Life is an annual team effort to raise funds for cancer research and patient services nationwide. Members take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to raise funds and have a representative on the track at all times during this overnight event ~because there is no finish line until we find a cure.

So many strides have been made in the battle against cancer and of course, this is a charity near and dear to our hearts. Please donate any amount of money you are comfortable giving. All participants are asked to raise at least \$100. We will collect donations through Saturday, June 6.

You may also purchase luminarias in honor of anyone who has battled cancer. The luminarias light the track and light the way for the Relay for Life participants throughout the

night, representing healing power of community and the importance of funding to find a cure. Luminaries cost \$5.00 each. A luminaria ceremony will be held Friday at 10:00 p.m.

Please pray for the people who are battling cancer at this time, those who are survivors, and for the families. Pray for our team and all the teams that will

be participating in the Relay for Life.

Every dollar raised brings hope to the hearts of cancer patients and their families. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life celebrates the fact

that cancer will be defeated.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society and mailed to us: Brian and Denise Keller, 1922 Quincy Ave., Racine, WI 53403.

Your help in this great cause is appreciated more than we can say. If you can't give at this time, please keep us in your prayers.

All our love,

Brian, Denise, Michaela and

Erin



Andersens Send Thanks

Emmaus Church:

We would like to thank the congregation of Emmaus church for the beautiful plant we received in celebrating our 60 years of marriage.



We thank God for the good and wonderful years we have enjoyed.

Sincerely,
Martin & Marion
Andersen

Wadewitz Appreciates Emmaus Partners

Dear Parishioners:

It is that time of year when the staff of Wadewitz Elementary School would like to thank you for all of the outstanding things that you did for our school during this past year.

Thank you just doesn't seem enough to say for all that you do for our students and staff. From making and buying mittens, hats and scarves, to

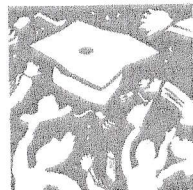
mentors that help our students, and the luncheon that you provide our staff during Staff Appreciation Week, we couldn't be more grateful. We appreciate all of your efforts.

It is such a blessing to be partnered with a wonderful church community such as yours.

Sincerely,
Wadewitz Elementary Staff
and Students

Diakonia Graduating Class Invites All

The 2009 Graduating Class of the Greater Milwaukee locations of diakonia request the honor of your presence at the Graduation. Liturgy at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 4419 S. Howell Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53207 Saturday, the thirteenth of June anno domine two thousand and nine



two o'clock in the afternoon. Honored guests: Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, The Rev. Amy Reumann. The Rev. Stanley V. Hanna will preside. Reception to follow. Graduates and clergy are invited to vest and process (the liturgical color for the service is red).



After School students pose with Sister Janet at the Eco-Justice Center.

Photo by Nancy Smith

Students Visit Eco-Justice Center

EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), which is part of the Racine Lighted Schoolhouse program, concluded a fun-filled and enriching year. With spring the kids learned more about caring for our planet. They visited the Eco-Justice Center where Sister Janet gave them a guided tour of the facility. They were disappointed not to see Speedy, the duck who was born during Neighborhood Camp last summer. Speedy decided to explore one of the waterways that meander through the property. The kids were relieved to learn from Sister Janet via speaker phone that Speedy had returned and was okay.

The kids did their share to improve the neighborhood. They picked up many bags of trash and tree branches. One neighbor was so appreciative he shared some treats. Thanks to the kids the church has some colorful pansies planted in many of the beds. They also created their own personal landfills in a cup and let them sit for a few weeks. Oh, what an odor emanated throughout the room as they emptied their cups for a closer examination of the items they had placed in their cups. Yes, they learned that what is good for the soil doesn't always smell good. They also saw first hand how certain items do not break down the way food does.

Wednesday Camp Kids Sing with Gusto

The campers presented their closing program in May and their enthusiasm was uplifting. The year in review included songs they had learned throughout the year, a presentation by the boys of an original rap version of the Ten Commandments, and a performance by the prime time players of a skit "Up, Up and Away" about the ascension of Jesus.

Congregation participation brought on a few laughs. Family and friends were brought forward and asked to figure out



an important saying of Jesus. After much to do they finally got themselves in order: Jesus says do to others what you would have them do to you. The campers learned this important verse as they studied

Communities of Peace.

The kids presented Brenda Trumbauer, our accompanist, thank you gift cards for her help with the Wednesday services and the Christmas play.

The program concluded with a moving and heartfelt rendition of "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying."



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$_____

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

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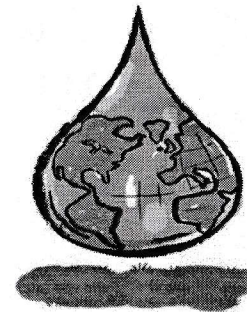
How Much Water Is on Your Plate?

by John Berge

In some parts of the country, water shortages make it difficult, if not impossible, to keep up the style of living to which we have become accustomed. In some parts of the world, water shortages are a matter of life or death.

We on the shores of Lake Michigan do not face these problems. Still, we are encouraged to turn off the faucet when brushing our teeth, throttle back the shower and install low volume toilets.

Worthwhile as these efforts are, most of us tend to ignore a much larger water use called "virtual water." This is all the water used to raise the food we eat and to make the products we use. According to an article in the latest Discover magazine, it takes 1,800 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef!



Chicken and pork are somewhat better, requiring 470 and 580 gal./lb., respectively.

Wheat requires only 160 gal./lb. and rice 360 gal./lb. Fruits and vegetables use even less water. A pound of potatoes requires 110 gallons and an orange or apple requires only 13 or 18 gallons.

It should be noted that these crops may be using all this water in regions of the world where water is in short supply. The worst part is not the virtual water in what we consume, it is the virtual water in the

30 to 50% of the food that is thrown away uneaten, or lost in harvesting, processing, transportation and storage.

We can save a lot of water, virtual or otherwise, by reducing waste and changing our eating habits. It's good stewardship to eat our fruits and vegetables.

Thrivent Matches Fiesta Proceeds

Thank you to Thrivent Financial For Lutherans for supporting our Youth Mission Trip to the Yakama Nation this summer. Thrivent's Care in Congregations program issued a matching check for \$1,250.00 for money our youth raised at the

Fiesta Mexicana and silent auction in May.

Thank you also to all the people and local businesses whose participation and donations made Fiesta Mexicana such a success again this year!

Atonement Celebrates Centennial

Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, is celebrating its centennial year in 2009. June 19 at 7:00 p.m., Cliff Vacek will present the premiere of his film, "Atonement Stories: The Last 100 Years 1909-2009."

Vacek has interviewed dozens of Atonement members and has woven those interviews into a video which tells Atonement's story. A reception will follow the video in Atonement's Fellowship Hall.

Atonement was founded as an offshoot of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, and is itself a parent church of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. A church history written by Pastor Warren Williams is available for purchase.

Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will be the guest preacher at the centennial worship service, 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 21. Music will be performed by the Belle City Brass, David Bremel, and the Atonement Choir.

Feeling Called?

Today's mission churches require a renewed, empowered and committed laity. diakonia™ provides the tools required for empowering lay persons for ministry in today's world. For

further information about this two-year theological program for lay people, please contact Jim Bjugstad at 414-517-3442 or go to <http://diakonia.makedisciples.com/>

Friendship Club Seeks Volunteers

Lincoln Lutheran's Friendship Club is looking for caring persons who want the reward of making a real difference in the life of adults experiencing memory loss.

Volunteer Companions spend a day at a Club sharing in the activities, food, games and cognitive enrichment programs with Club guests. Volunteers help with lunch and snack preparation and assist in the daily engaging activities that raise a participant's self-esteem and help them feel successful when there are other tasks they can no longer do. This is a volunteer commitment in a grant-funded program.

Volunteers 18 years or older are encouraged to apply.

Please call Kara Beck, Lincoln Lutheran Program Coordinator to learn more about the Friendship Club at 898-2738 or e-mail kbeck@llor.org

In Our Own Languages We Hear About God's Deeds of Power

Once upon a time there was a group of Racine residents who shared three things. First, even though they lived here, they often felt out of place. They spoke a different language, ate different foods and shared a different culture.

Second, they had a strong faith in Jesus Christ. In their homeland, they had worshipped in their own language. Now they had a yearning to create a community of faith that worshipped God in their own tradition in their own language.

Third, they didn't have a lot of money. But they discovered that God would provide them with what they needed to spread the Good News.

The group called their new community Emmaus in their own tongue. In English, the name of the church was Emmaus.

Do you recognize this story? It is actually two stories in one. The first is from over 150 years ago when a small group of Danish Americans met in the home of John Lawson. The second one was less than a year ago as a group of Latino

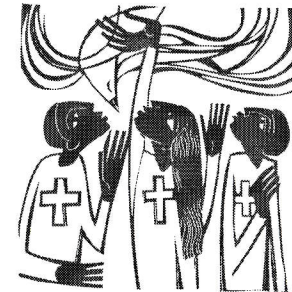
Americans met for prayer with Jhon Freddy Correa.

When I think of these parallel stories, I realize that it is more than just coincidence that our congregation is beginning this new ministry. It is calling us back to the joyful, Spirit-led and

sometimes messy beginnings of Emmaus.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, I plan to attend two worship services in the same building. The first will be our regular 9:15 a.m.

service. The second will be at 12:00 noon and will be in Spanish, the language of this new community. I don't know much Spanish, but I do know that I will be witnessing how the Holy Spirit is telling the old story in a new way! Who knows where this will lead? I have a hunch it is going to usher forth a new period of vitality for the people of God who worship at Emmaus - for both English and Spanish speakers alike.



Pastor Walter

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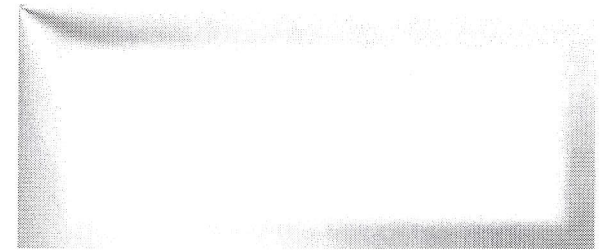
- + Congregational Meeting Report
- + Synod Assembly
- + Thanks, Wednesday Evening Volunteers!
- + Neighborhood Camp
- + Mission Trip Cookout & Meeting
- + Class of 2009
- + Kathy Christensen at Keenagers
- + Relay for Life
- + EASY at Eco-Justice Center

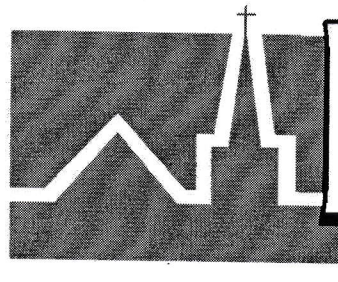
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Celebrate Mass on the Grass August 23



Emmaus and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will celebrate "Mass on the Grass" Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather for a special worship service with Holy Communion out on the lawn.

Music will be provided by the musical group that currently leads the noon Spanish worship services at Emmaus.

After the worship service, there will be a pot luck lunch

(burgers, hot dogs and sodas provided) and games for the kids.

We will have some chairs set up, but we encourage all who are able to bring their own lawn chairs. You may want to bring a parasol as well.

Dress casually. Bring a friend. Come for a time of worship and fellowship, fun and food.

Regular Saturday worship will be held in the Sunset Room at 5:00 p.m. August 22.

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Pastoral Acts

<p>Baptism: Mae Holiday Perkins May 31, 2009</p>	<p>Mae is the infant daughter of Jimmie and Kerry Perkins. Her sponsors are Joshua and Michelle Hudson.</p>
<p>Weddings: Jason Meteyard Amanda Johnson June 20, 2009</p>	<p>Jason Meteyard is the son of William and Linda Meteyard. Both Amanda and Jason serve in the U.S. Air Force.</p>

We Extend Congratulations

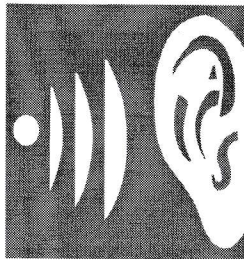
Congratulations to Vern and Willine Svendsen as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 18. Best wishes for many more!

Emmaus Member Offers to Donate Loop System Hearing Aid

Following a May 22 *Journal Times* article regarding area churches that have installed the "loop system" for the hearing impaired, an Emmaus member approached Pastor Mary regarding the installation of such a system in our sanctuary.

A technician from the Milwaukee sound system company has since come to Emmaus to assess our needs. The quote for the inductive loop system, including installation, is \$2,750.00

The system is uses a magnetic field that is created by installing a thin wire around the perimeter of a



room or an entire building. The wire would then be connected to the public address system we already have. Worshipers with hearing aids will then be able to tap into the system by turning on the telecoil, or T-coil, on their hearing aids.

The Emmaus member making the inquiry has indicated a desire to cover the costs of the system. At press time, further logistics are being worked out among the church, the donor and the sound system company. As soon as the details are communicated to those involved, an installation date will be determined.

Latino Ministry Continues to Grow

Friday evenings have been set aside at Emmaus for the growing Latino ministry. What began as weekly Bible study, prayer and fellowship time in homes of the participants soon outgrew the space in the homes of those hosting. The Friday evening gatherings were moved to the church in May, and beginning in June the Sunday musicians also gathered on Fridays for rehearsals.

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, was spirit-filled. Emmaus received new members and celebrated Baptism at the 9:15 a.m. service. Emmaus women served brunch following the early service.

At noon, more than 140 people gathered in the sanctuary for the first ELCA Spanish worship service in Racine. Intern Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa officiated and

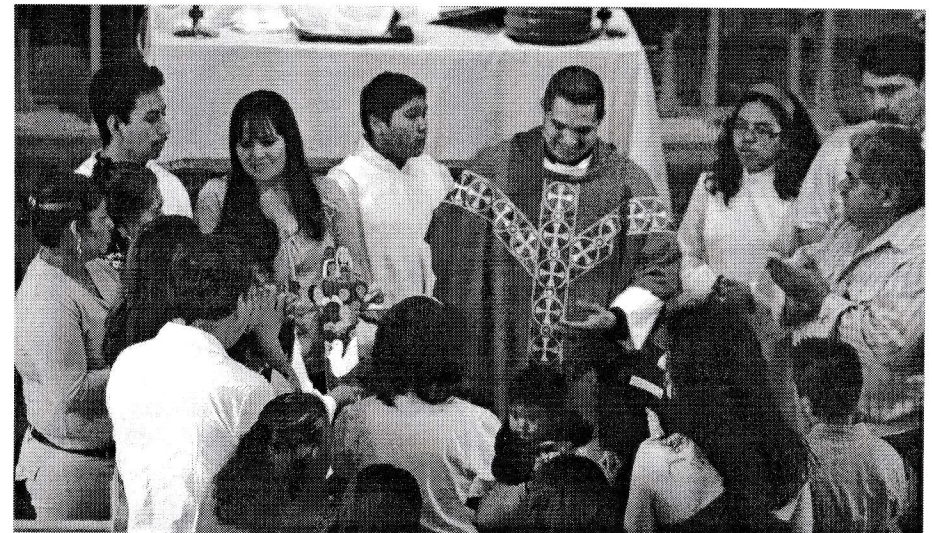
preached, and Pastor Jeff Barrow, Assistant to the Bishop, brought greetings from Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers.

Musicians representing the ELCA churchwide leaders in Chicago led the worship, and the voices of the Emmaus kids' and adult choirs added to the music of the day.

A full Mexican lunch was served in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Following that first worship service, a group of interested musicians has been collaborating and rehearsing, offering their musical talents on a volunteer basis. Average worship attendance for the three weeks following the Pentecost service has been 58.

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Latino Ministry

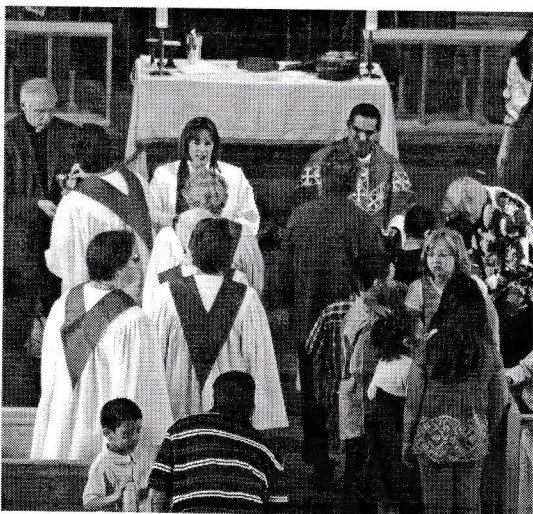
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A number of the children of the Latino worshipping community are registered at the Neighborhood Camps at either Emmaus or Redeemer this summer, and inquiries are now

being made regarding Baptisms and First Communion instruction.

As the ELCA city-wide Latino ministry expands and grows, leaders of Redeemer, Emmaus and the Racine ELCA Mission Cluster are discussing next steps. Future plans include the opening of a Latino Ministry Center at Redeemer as well as the establishment of a second ELCA worship service at that site.

Meanwhile, at the Emmaus site, Latino leaders are being identified and will be trained for specific areas of leadership within the worshipping community. Thirteen lay people have indicated an interest in serving in that capacity.



Ruth Bratcher distributes copies of *Listen to the Wind*, a children's adaptation of *Three Cups of Tea*, to Neighborhood Campers.

Neighborhood Camp Kicks Off Eighth Season

There was laughter and glee as the campers arrived at the door on Monday, June 22. We have 52 campers registered this year. Bolstered by a staff of nine and the important addition of seven volunteers, all went well the first week.

The first week has been filled with activity as the campers learn about Pakistan and Afghanistan through the "Pennies for Peace" program and Greg Mortenson's book *Three Cups of Tea*. Each of the campers has received a personal children's version of the book.

A big thanks to those who have donated books for the kids, as well as to all who have made other donations of time, food, money and supplies. We now have enough supplies for our upcoming projects.

Appreciation is extended to the cooks in the kitchen and to those who are making desserts and gelatin snacks. We couldn't do it without you.

P.S.: The campers check the incubators daily to see activity among the duck and chicken eggs.

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Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed at noon July 3).

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Neighborhood Camp:

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Spanish language services are held Sundays at noon. A combined "Mass on the Grass" service on Sunday, August 23 will be at 11:00 in place of the 9:15 and noon services.

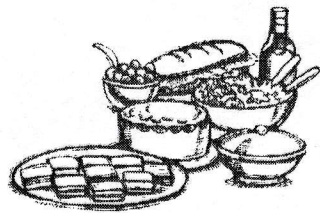
The *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the September *Visitor* is August 15.

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Calling All Cooks and Bakers

While many needs are already being met as we feed Neighborhood Campers breakfast, lunch and a snack daily, there are still some opportunities to help out.

Consider making a batch of cookies or some gelatin for the campers. Help is

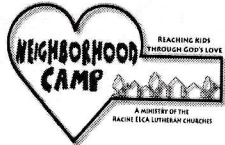


also needed in the kitchen in July. If you can help one or more days, please contact Celia Bagley (835-1215) or sign up in the church narthex.

A big thank you to all who have already said "yes!"

Neighborhood Campers Present Closing Program July 23

Thursday, July 23 is the final day of Neighborhood Camp for the summer. Campers, families, friends and members of Emmaus are invited to a closing picnic at 6:00 p.m. that day. Hot dogs, water, soda and ice cream will be provided. Salads



and desserts are welcomed by those attending.

At 7:00 p.m., there will be a closing program in the sanctuary of the church. Reading rewards and other recognitions will be given.

The campers will share an original presentation with those attending the final program.

Help Fill Basket with School Supplies

Thanks to your support, every Wadewitz child had needed school supplies this past school year. Let's help make that possible again this year!

Look for a basket in the narthex in August where you can donate:

- spiral notebooks with wide lines

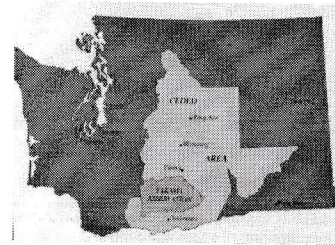
- new #2 pencils with erasers
- colored pocket folders
- glue sticks and regular Elmer's glue
- large pink school erasers
- crayons (boxes of 16 or more)
- rulers (with both inches and centimeters)
- boxes of watercolors with a brush

Emmaus, Redeemer Youth Head West for Yakama Mission Trip

Twenty teens from Emmaus Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will leave Racine on this summer's mission trip to the Yakama Nation in Washington state on Tuesday, July 28.

The group will travel by train from Milwaukee to Portland, where they will spend two days before continuing on to Yakima,

Washington. They will spend a week doing mission work on the Yakama Reservation.



Pastor Mary Janz, Jhon Freddy Correa, Sandy Strini and Redeemer's Pastor Molly Doreza and Lori Rennock will accompany the group.

The group is due to arrive home on Sunday afternoon, August 9.

Youth Birthdays

July 4	Noah Breiwick, 14	July 25	Christina Escamilla, 12
July 9	Ayden Borger, 1	July 26	Alexis Austin, 13
July 16	Glenndon Toslek, 1	July 28	Ashley Wyma, 8
July 17	Jaydan Ponder, 1	Aug. 17	Henry Perkins, 3
July 19	Sydni Matson, 9	Aug. 21	Kaitlyn Faust, 8
July 20	Patrick Jansen, 17	Aug. 25	Abel Velasquez, 8
July 22	Gisele Gallegos, 10	Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 10
July 25	Andrew Babington, 1	Aug. 29	Irma Gallardo, 11

Emmaus Serves August 6 Community Meal

The next meal that we will serve at St. Pat's is on Thursday,

August 6. Watch for the new sign



up sheet and the pans to reappear in the narthex in early July.

Seven New Members Join Emmaus on Pentecost

Emmaus welcomed seven people into membership the weekend of May 30 and 31.

Doris Andersen, 3125 Candle Court #7, Racine WI 53402; 262 681-6088. Doris joins Emmaus as an associate member.

Bonnie Halsey, 6651 Pheasant Creek Trail, Racine WI 53406; 262 321-0472. Bonnie is the wife of Bill Halsey. She works at Johnson Bank.

Lynn & Jeff McCray, W329S7014 Oak Knoll Drive, Mukwanago WI 53149; 262 392-2393. Lynn is the daughter of Lee & Betty Woodward.

Larry & Jan Nielsen, 1206 Fairway Drive, Racine WI 53405; 262 637-4636. Larry and Jan are the parents of Grace Falaschi.

Mary Parker, 2041 Case Avenue, Racine WI 53403; 262 637-1181. Mary is a retired health care worker.

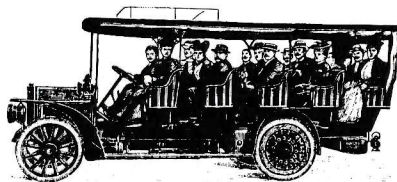
Road Trip Set to Visit Lutheran Colleges

Pastor Paul Mittermaier is organizing a tour for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to visit midwestern ELCA colleges. There are 30 openings on the tour, which will be on the weekend of October 29-31.

Colleges on the tour are Augsburg College in Minneapolis; St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN; Luther College in Decorah, IA; and either Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, MN or Augustana College in Rock Island, IL.

The cost is \$35.00 per student. To save your seat, contact Pastor Mittermaier at 262 677-3176 or pastorstjohns@nconnect.net.

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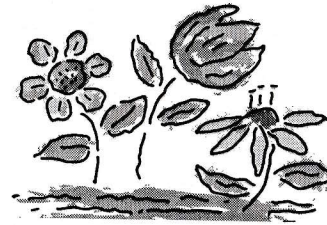


Tentative plans are in the works for a local tour of at least one day's length to Carthage College, and to UWM and Marquette's Lutheran Campus Ministries. That could take place over Easter break next spring or at another time in the school year. If there are folks interested in helping to plan that tour, speak with Geri Murtaugh, Andrea Godson (Holy Communion/ Racine, last year's organizer: hclc.youth@gmail.com), or Pastor Mittermaier.

Openings Abound on Flower Calendar

The altar flower sign-up sheet for summer, 2009 still has several openings. The sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, or you may call the church office at 634-5515.

We offer the opportunity for two households to sponsor either



one of the two altar arrangements each Sunday. The cost is now \$20.00 per arrangement.

During the week before the Sunday you've signed up for, the church secretary will call you to ask how you want the altar flower dedication to be printed in the worship bulletin.

Memorials

Non-designated, in memory of Kerry Hunter: \$20.00

Designated for Adopt-a-Bill, in memory of Kerry Hunter: \$88.48

Churchwide Assembly to Meet in Minneapolis August 17-23

CHICAGO (ELCA) May 26 — Voting members of the 2009 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly will act on a proposed social statement on human sexuality, a recommendation on ministry policies, a proposal for full communion, and funding proposals. They will also conduct elections, and consider memorials and resolutions. The assembly is Aug. 17-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

As many as 2,000 people — 1,045 voting members elected by ELCA synods, plus staff and

visitors — will participate in the ELCA's 11th biennial assembly. Linda Rattle (Redeemer, Racine) is the voting member from the Racine Mission Cluster. Voting members from the Greater Milwaukee Synod plan to post a daily blog on the synod web site, <http://blogs.elca.org>.

The assembly theme is "God's work. Our hands." Daily worship will take place at the convention center and nearby Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

The churchwide assembly is the ELCA's highest legislative

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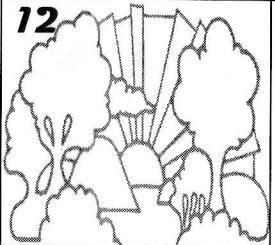
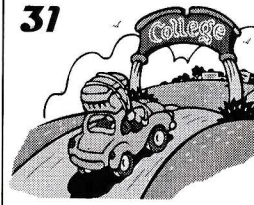
Summer Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jul. 4 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 5 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Claranna Vytlacil	Bev Hansen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jul. 11 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 12 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Diane Melander Karen Sedgwick	Brenda Gieszler	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Jul. 18 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 19 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Cindi Larsen	Jeff McCray	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Jul. 25 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 26 9:15 am	Caren Lamberon	Olga Wilson Carol Eschmann	Kathy Christensen	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Aug. 1 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 2 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kylee Albright	Amy Haman	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Aug. 8 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 9 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Shirley Velzka Nancy Smith	Lee Woodward	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Aug. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 16 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Joy Lippmann	Carol Eschmann	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Aug. 22 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 23 11:00 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Randy Sanders Gregg Albright	Jhon F. Correa	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Aug. 29 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 30 9:15 am	Caren Lamberon	Chris Lamberon Diane Melander	Celia Bagley	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard

Candle care in July: Cheryl Dexter. In August: Evelyn Larsen.

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2 DAY & Music J.	2 10:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	3 ST. THOMAS <i>Office closed at noon</i> 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp</i>			
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2 9 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	3	4 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 5:00 pm TOPS	5	6 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's	7 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	8 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9 10 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Spanish language worship service 2:10 pm Mission Trip returns to Milwaukee	10	11 5:00 pm TOPS <i>Note: Church council meeting date to be changed at June 30 meeting</i>	12 	13 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	14 V-J DAY Sept. Visitor articles due 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	15 MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation August 10-13</i>						
16 11 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	17	18 5:00 pm TOPS	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	21 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	22 EMMAUS FOUNDED, 1851 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Minneapolis, MN, August 17-23</i>						
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Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53404
July 18	Joy Lamberton	1027 Berkeley Drive	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 26	Joyce Toslek	2931 Cardinal Drive	53402
July 29	Larry Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 31	Edna Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
August 2	Larry Nielsen	1206 Fairway Drive	53405
August 6	Shirley Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
August 11	Betty Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Drive #102	53406
August 12	Al Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
August 12	Joyce Kaiser	14220 56 th Road, Sturtevant	53177
August 14	Bob Lawrenz	3205 Wood Road	53406
August 15	Rich Christensen	1019 Hwy. V, Sturtevant	53177
August 21	Jerry Doughty	1921 Arcturus Avenue	53404
August 22	Doris Andersen	3125 Candle Court #7	53402

Note: Emmaus Keenagers will not meet in July and August. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Worship Assistants

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	Altar Flowers	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Special music
July 5	Melissa Lemke; Shirley Velzka	Mark & Grace Falaschi	Rich Benson
July 12	Yorgans; & TBA	Loren & Cindi Larsen	Claranna Vytlačil
July 19	TBA	TBA	--
July 26	Tosleks; & TBA	TBA	Duet TBA
Aug. 2	TBA	TBA	TBA
Aug. 9	Clintons; & TBA	TBA	TBA
Aug. 16	Sedgwicks; & TBA	Audrey Villalobos & family	--
Aug. 23	TBA	Mass on the Grass	(Mass on the Grass)
Aug. 30	B. Trumbauer; & TBA	TBA	Becky Smurawa

Food Pantry Lists Summer Needs

As we continue our "Feed Racine" project, the Northside Food Pantry is in need of the following, as well as brown paper bags:

- Jul. 5 & Aug. 9: chunk-style soup
- Jul. 12 & Aug. 16: canned spaghetti with meat
- Jul. 19 & Aug. 23: toilet paper
- Jul. 26 & Aug. 30: canned ravioli, bar soap
- Aug. 2 & Sep. 6: baked beans

If you would prefer, monetary donations are always welcomed to purchase those items that we often run short of and/or are not available for a particular month. Checks can be made out to Emmaus with a notation on your offering envelope designating that the offering is for the Northside Food Pantry.

We are always in need of volunteers to work at the Pantry.

Work hours are from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month. If you would like to see your Pantry in operation or have any questions, please contact Cindi Larsen at 681-2082. Each of our supporting eight churches also has dedicated volunteers who volunteer to serve in this important ministry. They are a valuable source of information if you have any questions.



Thank you again for your continued support through your time, donations, and prayers as we all work to support and maintain this important ministry within our community.

Sunday Community Meal Leader Sought

The Racine Cluster Community Meal Program, which operates every Sunday evening, is in need of one new co-director beginning September 1. This paid position requires individuals who can work with church volunteers to organize, serve and clean up at



Our Savior's Lutheran, 2219 Washington Avenue, Racine.

To apply or receive further information, please contact Pastor Walter Hermanns by phone at 262-632-1257 or e-mail pastorwalter@yahoo.com

Letter

Food Bank Launches Capital Campaign

Dear congregation members,

We hope you are already familiar with the Racine County Food Bank and the important work that we do. If you're not familiar with us, though, we would certainly love to make your congregation's acquaintance – now more than ever!

The Food Bank's sole mission is to connect food with the people who need it, by gathering and purchasing food and equitably distributing it via Racine County's network of food pantries and meal sites. Unfortunately, as you know all too well, the level of need in our community is now higher than ever. The Food Bank needs your congregation's help now more than ever. And just like those who are in need of their daily bread can reliably turn to their local pantries or meal sites, which, in turn, rely on our assistance to provide up to half of the food they distribute, we hope that we can count on your church to help us help them.

One great way your congregation could help further our shared mission is by supporting our three-year capital campaign to retire the mortgage on our distribution warehouse. While a capital campaign may sound like inappropriate fund raising in tough economic times like these, rest assured that our campaign is

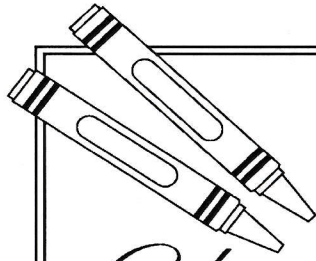
as much about furthering the Food Bank's mission today as it is about ensuring that we will still be around to serve the community tomorrow.

Before we began our campaign, the Food Bank was saddled with a mortgage requiring years of monthly, interest-only payments followed by having to make a mammoth balloon payment just to keep our facility open. Our interest payments alone translated into 1,700 meals each month that we couldn't afford to distribute to Racine's pantries and meal sites. By pre-paying our warehouse debt, we ensure that the Food Bank will remain a sustainable community resource for decades to come, and we increase the amount of food we can distribute starting today. And that is great news for those in need now.

Any assistance your church can provide us will be much appreciated and put to great use. If you or any of your congregants have any questions about the Food Bank or about our capital campaign, please do not hesitate to call our Director, Dan Taivalkoski (262 632-2307). Thank you.

Board of Directors, Racine County Food Bank

Editor's note: The Food Bank is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.



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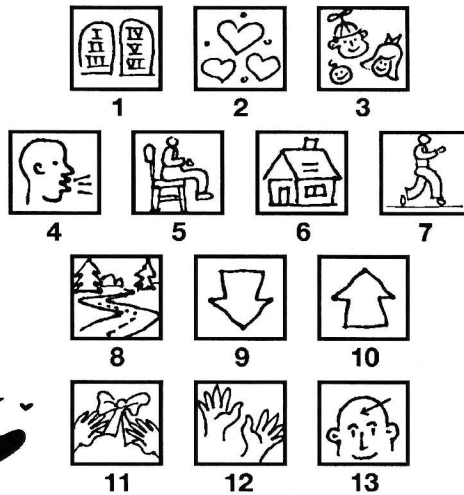
Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



“These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____.”

Answers: (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads

Answers:

Synod Assembly Approves Resolutions on Ministry to Handicapped, Social Statement

The 2009 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly met May 28-30 at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. Pastor Mary, Pastor Walter, Claranna Vytlacil, Randy Sanders and Jhon Freddy Correa represented Emmaus.

Pastor Mary Janz, Pastor Molly Doreza (Redeemer, Racine) and Jhon Freddy Correa led the opening worship service on Friday.

The assembly approved a resolution authored by Pastor Walter on ministry to handicapped persons. The resolution calls upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to direct the Church and Society program unit to develop a social statement concerning persons with disabilities to be presented for consideration by the 2013 Churchwide Assembly.

The assembly approved a memorial resolution urging the Churchwide Assembly “[t]o adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.” The Assembly voted against a proposed amendment on the floor to require a 2/3 majority to adopt the

statement at the Churchwide Assembly. The Social Statement on Human Sexuality will be put to a vote at the Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis this August.

The assembly also approved resolutions on ending poverty and on providing more advance information on candidates for bishop.



Ms. Susan Cyr (Adoration, Greenfield) was re-elected to a second four-year term as Synod Council Vice President. The assembly elected Mr. Lee Johnston (Redeemer, Milwaukee), a member of synod finance committee, as Synod Treasurer, replacing Roger Schroeder, who has faithfully served in that position for eight years. Mr. Johnston brings accounting experience through Robert W. Baird company and has served on his congregation's church council.

Full text of synod resolutions is available for download from the synod web site, <http://www.milwaukeeesynd.org>.

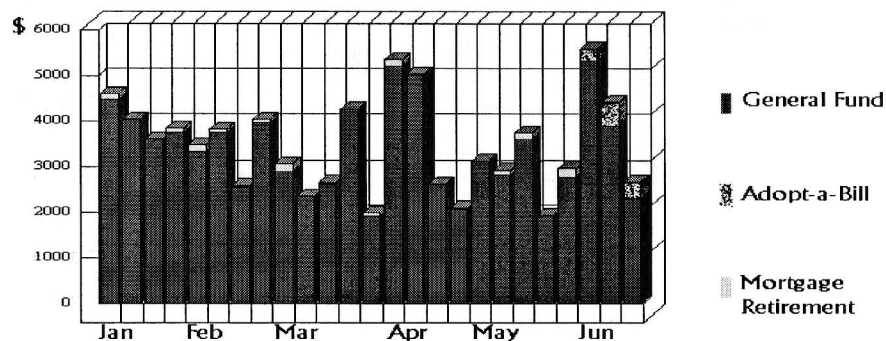
Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

	2007		2008		2009	
May worship attendance averages	144*	117	120*	94	144*	126
June averages (as of June 21, 2009)	97		97		144	
July averages	98		103			
August averages	109		74			

*Includes midweek services in average.

Financial Figures as of May 31, 2009	Year-to-date	Campaign-to-date
General fund offerings in May	\$14,253.25	\$81,962.96
Mortgage retirem't offerings in May	\$470.00	\$ 1,455.00
Unified funds to date	\$83,417.96	Deficit : \$14,354

United Fund Contributions in 2009



May, 2009 mortgage payments	Principal	666.26	Principal balance as of 5/14/2009: \$64,080.16
	Interest	325.74	
	Total	\$ 992.00	

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

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ELCA Assembly

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authority and represents the 4.7 million members of the ELCA across the United States and Caribbean. The ELCA, the nation's largest Lutheran denomination, is organized into 65 synods, each headed by a bishop.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, in his eighth year as ELCA presiding bishop, will chair the assembly. Hanson is also president of the 68.5-million member Lutheran World Federation (LWF), based in Geneva, Switzerland. Assisting Hanson during plenary will be David D. Swartling, ELCA secretary, and Carlos Peña, ELCA vice president, Galveston, Texas. The assembly will elect a vice president to a six-year term, and Peña previously announced he will be available for re-election.

In addition to the election for vice president, the assembly will act on:

✦ a proposal for full communion between the ELCA and the United Methodist Church, adopted by the UMC General Conference in 2008;

✦ a proposed social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," requested by the 2001 ELCA Churchwide Assembly;

✦ a "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies" requested by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly;

✦ a fund raising proposal for a churchwide HIV and AIDS strategy;

✦ and a proposal for further development of a "Lutheran Malaria Initiative" (LMI) with Lutheran World Relief, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the United Nations Foundation (UNF).

Peter Mayer, an ELCA member and lead guitarist for Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, will play a benefit concert for the HIV and AIDS strategy, and the LMI.

The assembly will elect members to various committees, boards and the

ELCA Church Council, the church's board of directors and interim legislative authority between assemblies. Voting members will act on budget proposals for 2010 and 2011, memorials from synods, resolutions from voting members, and constitutional and bylaw changes. Churchwide officers and staff will report to the assembly. Representatives of ecumenical partner organizations will address the voting members.

Information about the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and proposals to be considered is at <http://www.ELCA.org/assembly> on the ELCA Web site.

Auxiliary Hosts Ice Cream Social August 13

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary will host its 36th annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 13 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Villas Apartments, 5820 Lincoln Village Drive (behind Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.) Each of the churches will be asked to provide pies and workers for this fund raiser.

Please mark your calendar for this special event. A \$4.00 donation will allow you to enjoy delicious pie or cake, ice cream, and a choice of beverage. Brats, hot dogs and chips will be sold separately.

All proceeds will be used to fund the Auxiliary's projects which benefit the residents and program participants of Lincoln Lutheran with matching funds provided by Thrivent Financial.

Plan to join them for good food and fellowship. Any questions, please contact Marilyn Nielsen, 884-8132.

First Presbyterian Offers Concert Series

The 16th season of "Music & More" concerts are underway Thursdays through August 13 at

First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue. The free concerts are offered from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the air conditioned and handicap accessible sanctuary.

A free will offering is taken to benefit Health Care Network, Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO), and the Racine Arts Council. Performers include Zachary Scot Johnson (July 2), James Yorgan Trio (July 16), and the Dairy Statesmen (August 13).

The finale evening concert will be on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m., featuring the gospel singer Laura Snyder and family; Caritas; and singer-song writers Mark Paffrath, Zachary Scot Johnson and Jeff Ward. Tickets for the finale evening are \$10 and will be available at the door.

Neighbors to Participate in National Night Out

Our neighbors are planning a National Night Out party in the Emmaus/Carlisle alley and the Emmaus field from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4. Contact persons are Ivan Barra, 898-9824; and Tracy Trentadue, 637-1196.



It Is Time...

It is time to... read, and I am glad you are reading this column! Because it is time to take the opportunity to thank you for all your prayers and support. *Muchas gracias* from the bottom of my heart!

It is time for many things... and I want to start sharing a few of those with you. After a long journey--perhaps as long as this winter seemed to be -- I give thanks to God today as I am writing this article on the first official day of summer, the longest day of the year and the fourth official week of my internship.

The weather seems to be as warm and as nice as the hearts of the many new families that we have in our congregation. That warmth is also evident in the hearts of the families who have been welcoming, greeting, accompanying and praying for the new family at Emmaus -- the Latino/a family.

I believe as we welcome summer, which brings new

activities and different opportunities to do different things, this new family also brings new opportunities. And I pray to God and invite you to join me in prayers so that we can enjoy together the seasons of love that

God gives to all of us every single day.

I am so happy to be doing my internship time among you all; I believe there is not a better place and better time to do it! I see in you the commitment to do what we love to do together, but even more, it is what we know how to do well and that is to

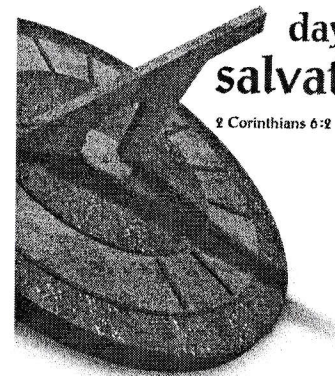
welcome everybody to God's family.

Let us pray that as this article has been written on the longest day of the year, that our faith, hopes and dreams will last forever because they are God's. Our dreams, prayers and hopes belong to God; and to God all Glory and Honor forever. Amen.

Jhon Freddy Correa

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2



In the Summer

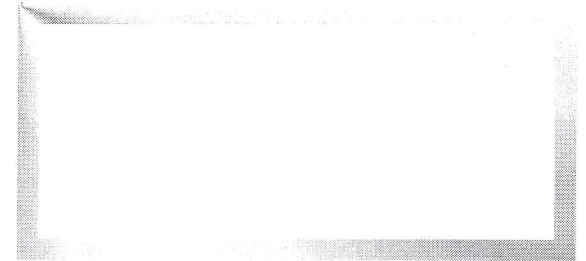
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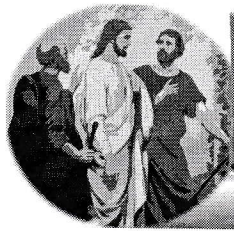
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Telecoil System Installed

Thanks to a generous donation from Bea Holding, a "loop system" to enhance the transmission of sound in our sanctuary has now been installed.

The loop, installed July 15 and 16, encircles the nave of the church, and is connected to our sound system. The magnetic field around the wire channels sound waves into the sound system, which sends a signal which can be picked up on any hearing aid device.

Normally, a hearing aid "listens" with its microphone, then amplifies every sound it picks up. But with a telecoil used

as the input source instead of the microphone, the hearing aid can "hear" a magnetic signal which represents sound. The major



advantage of a using a telecoil is that one can turn off one's normal hearing aid microphone, and thus limit the

sound to that magnetic signal.

By selecting "T-coil" or "telecoil" on one's hearing aid, one can now hear more clearly -- not merely louder -- persons speaking directly into microphones, and also the organ, piano, and singers.

Services of Healing Set in September

As a part of our regular worship services on the weekend of September 12, there will be special prayers for healing. There will also be an opportunity for

the laying on of hands and anointing with oil for all who wish to receive special prayers and a blessing.

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Phone: 262-634-5515
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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

Cesar Herrera-Saucedo
Carina Saucedo
 August 9, 2009

Cesar, age 3, and Carina, 6 months, were baptized at the noon worship service. They are the children of Rafael Herrera and Diana Saucedo. Cesar's sponsors are Andy Ballard and Elsie Saucedo; Carina's sponsors are Andrea and Melissa Tartarelli.

Kallie Marie Boutell
William Patrick Boutell
 August 16, 2009

Kallie is the daughter of Bill and Tanyia Boutell. Kallie's sponsors are Dan Steinke and Kayann Bock. Her father was also baptized at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

Wedding:

Cynthia Dawn Friend
Norman Russell Novotny
 June 27, 2009

Pastor Mary officiated at Cynthia and Norm's wedding. The couple now resides in Waterford.

Help Fight Hunger with CROP Walk

On Sunday, October 4, the 30th annual CROP Walk for Hunger will start from First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.; send-off is at 12:45; the Walk begins at 1:00. Walk, or sponsor a walker, to benefit the Racine County Food Bank and Church World Services (both of which are not-for-profit agencies).

You're invited to pre-register at Emmaus with Diane Melander, 681-2796, or come by coffee hour on Sunday morning.

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Racine County Food Bank benefits from 25% of the funds raised, and the remainder is used by Church World Services to assist hungry populations and refugees.

The walk will go down the bicycle path near the lake, from the church to Melvin Avenue and back. Walkers are invited to walk as little or as much as they want. You may also donate money if you aren't able to walk.

Pastor Walter Leads Bible Study on Acts

Adults of all ages are invited to join Pastor Walter for a Bible study class on the Acts of the Apostles.

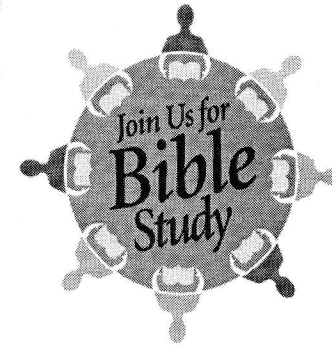
Acts is Luke's and our primary account of the church's earliest mission efforts. *Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles* examines that story fully. Participants visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on

their meaning and discover their message to the church today.

This study will challenge, engage, and motivate all to carry on the church's mission in our day.

Come join us for the Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study beginning September 9 from

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Jhon Freddy to Resume Part-Time Study

During the fall semester, Pastoral Intern Jhon Freddy Correa will be registered for two courses through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He will study biblical Hebrew as well as participate in a Senior

Seminar, which is required to complete his Master of Divinity degree.

The anticipated date of the completion of his degree program is mid-2010.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Pastor Walter: pastorwalter@yahoo.com

Valerie Crehan: you@sbcglobal.net,
 Jhon Freddy Correa: jhoncorrea@hotmail.net

Services are held at Emmaus Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (closed Labor Day)

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the October VISITOR is September 15.

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Council President: Randy Sanders
 Outreach Pastor: Rev. Walter Hermanns
 Assoc. in Ministry: Claranna Vytlacil
 Pastoral Intern: Jhon Freddy Correa
 Education coordinator: Nancy Smith
 Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
 Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer
 Choir Director: Becky Smurawa
 Secretary: Paul Berge
 Custodian: Abelino Mares

Fiesta Latina Comes to Emmaus Field

Sunday, September 20, following the Emmaus noon worship service in Spanish, the community is invited to celebrate together on the Emmaus field. Come and enjoy homemade food from the cuisine

of Mexico, Puerto Rico and Colombia.

There will be music with a Latin beat, and Mexican Folk dancers will perform. There will be games and an opportunity to share in fun, laughter and music together!

Latino Ministry Continues to Grow

Under the direction of Jhon Freddy Correa, pastoral Intern for Emmaus and Redeemer, the Racine ELCA Latino ministry continues to grow.

The Sunday noon worship service, which began on Pentecost Sunday, currently averages over 80 people in attendance. Children abound on Sunday noon, representing approximately one third of the group gathered.



A group of six musicians now volunteers their time and talent on a weekly basis.

The entire worshipping community joins in Fellowship Hall for a meal, which is made and served by participating families.

A Saturday morning class is now offered for those who are preparing for their First Communion. Wednesday night

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is Youth Night, and a Bible study and discussion is offered in Spanish on Friday evenings.

Jhon Freddy has met with a newly formed leadership team, and responsibilities are being

assumed in the areas of altar care, children's education, fellowship and evangelism.

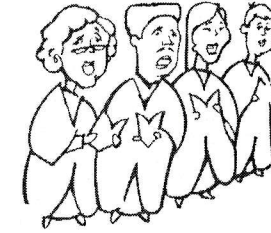
Of the weekly offerings, half are designated to

go toward seminary and stipend support for Jhon Freddy. The remainder is to be used by the Latino group for ministry needs. From those funds, \$500 was given to help defray the cost of the new refrigerator.

Plans for a fall leadership retreat are being made as our new Latino/a leaders eagerly learn more about their involvement in lay leadership roles in the church.

Join Choir for Picnic at Claranna's

The Adult Choir will begin the fall season with a picnic at Claranna Vytlacil's home on Thursday, September 10. Past and interested members are



invited to 3633 Canada Goose Crossing, off Lathrop south of Elmwood Park, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

Emmaus Hosts Solutions for Success Class

Racine Vocational Ministries (RVM) will hold employment preparation classes in our Sunset Room from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. September 21 to 24. "Solutions for Success" is a basic training program for unemployed and under-employed adults.

Emmaus members are needed to make and to serve coffee and lunch to participants in the Solutions for Success program at Emmaus. Can you bake bars or cookies or make a salad for 10-15 people?

Volunteers are needed to serve a light lunch on September

21, 22, or 23. (The group will order out for pizza on September 24.) Funds are available to reimburse for groceries purchased for the lunches.

RVM began Solutions for Success in 2003. After participants complete the four-day Solutions for Success training, they become eligible for job placement. RVM works with area employers to match participants with jobs, and then provides continuing one-on-one job counseling after its graduates are employed.

For more information about RVM, call 633-8660.



Office Volunteers Sought

We need volunteers to staff the church office when our secretary will be on vacation.

Please contact Paul at 634-5515 (leave a message at extension 10 after hours).

Festival Kermes
INDEPENDENCIA DE MEXICO

Cuando: 20 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2009
 Desde: PARROQUIA EMAUS (ELCA)
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 RACINE WI 53104

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 FESTIVAL EMPIEZA CON LA MISA - TERMINA A LAS 6:00 PM

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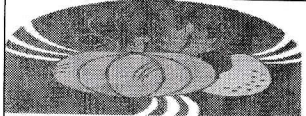
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Wednesday Night Schedule Begins September 30

The official kick-off for Wednesday Camp is at 5:00 p.m. on September 30. Plans for the year are being developed.

The Wednesday evening

schedule will include a buffet supper, Bible study for kids and adults and a brief worship service at 7:00 p.m. The evening will conclude about 7:30 p.m.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 27
 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Northside Food Pantry

Admission: Two non-perishable food items

Food * Bake Sale * Family Games
 * Silent Auction * 50/50 Raffle
 Volleyball Tournament * Music
 * Backyard Bouncer (weather permitting)
 Craft Fair: \$20 per table (outside).
 All proceeds are yours. You're welcome to bring a tent or canopy. Call 639-7253 to reserve.

X St. Andrew Lutheran Church of Racine
 1015 Four Mile Road

We Thank Community Meal Volunteers

Thank you to all the Emmaus members who pitched in to make casseroles, salads, and desserts for the August 6 Community Meal at St. Patrick's.

Our next turn to serve the Community Meal will be on October 1. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in September.

Great Weather Graces Mass on the Grass

Ideal weather graced the annual Mass on the Grass worship service on Sunday, August 23. Led by musicians from the Latino worshipping community, the bilingual service included worshippers from

shared their experiences. The kids also presented a slide show in the Sunset Room following the service.

Included in the worship service was a Quinceañera blessing. In the Mexican tradition, when a young woman reaches the age of fifteen, she celebrates her entrance into womanhood. Erica, who was celebrating that passage, chose to include the blessings and prayers of the church as a part of her special day.



Lutheran Church of the Redeemer as well as both the English and Spanish groups from Emmaus. A total of 232 were in attendance.

Pastor Mary Janz, Pastor Molly Doreza and Pastoral Intern Jhon Freddy Correa took leadership roles in the service, and youth who had traveled as a part of the Yakama Mission trip

Following the worship services, fun, food and fellowship abounded. A special thank you goes to all who shopped, moved tables and chairs, prepared and served food, flipped burgers on the grills, spent time with the kids and then helped with the clean-up. You know who you are - and the day was a success because of you!

Mission Trip Youth Return from Yakama with Experience of a Lifetime

Memories abound for the 22 kids and adults from Emmaus and Redeemer who traveled to the west coast last month. The mission trip, made possible due to the strong support by the congregations, families and friends of the travelers, included four days on the train, two days in Portland, and six days on the Yakama Reservation in Washington.

Youth making the journey from Racine were Andrea Aleman, Mason Bagley, Noah Breiwick, Will & Sarah Doreza, Miranda Fair, Anthony & Kevin



Figueroa, Jenn Haman, Charles Julius, RyAnn Kosterman-Thillman, Becca Krahn, Alex Kudrna, Ryan Lambertson, Jessica Luis, Bethany Rennock, and Renee Shields.

A record-breaking heat wave during the trip made the occasional fountains, fans, ice cream breaks and swimming pools very welcome sights. In

spite of the high temperatures, the group managed to do their share of painting, weed pulling and other yard and clean-up work for residents of the reservation communities of Wapato and Toppenish.

"Drink plenty of water" was the mantra, encouraging everyone to take breaks and make use of their water bottles on a regular basis.

In addition to the Racine youth and leaders, there were youth and chaperones from the Portland and Seattle areas, for a total of over 70 participants.

Pastor Mary coordinated the travel arrangements for the Racine group, and YouthWorks!, a Minnesota organization, planned and staffed the mission experience in Yakama. Chaperones from Racine were Pastor Mary, Jhon Freddy & Liliana, Pastor Molly Doreza, and Lori Rennock.

Sleeping on the floors of the Toppenish United Methodist Church, the group began each morning at 7:15 with a full breakfast prepared by one of the "work crews" composed of adults and youth from the various churches represented.

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Mission Trip

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The daily schedule included time for "devos" (individual morning devotions), time at a work site or at a neighborhood Kids Club (resembling a Vacation Bible School in the park), showers at the local school or swimming pool, dinner, evening activities, worship time and a reflection and wrap-up with individual church groups, ending about 10:30 p.m. daily.

Relationships were built between the teens from Emmaus and Redeemer, not to mention connections made with people like Bill (the conductor on the train), Joe, Jillian, Beth and Bill (YouthWorks! staff), Corey (the Native American who led the Indian Worship Circle), the eager neighborhood kids (who loved piggyback rides), the other adult and teen participants, plus so many more.

Pastor Mary even got to meet her new great-nephew,

Oskar (born in Yakima, Washington six months ago) for the very first time!

Whether it was being crammed into the Portland city bus with all our luggage, or eating pizza on the platform of the Havre, Montana train station, or the contrast between the lush scenery of Glacier National Park and the desert areas of the Yakama Valley, or sharing s'mores under the light of a full moon, or the smiles and hugs from the young children or the penetrating prayers and the emotions of the final foot washing — it was an experience of a lifetime for each and every person who made this memorable journey.

Thank you to all who supported us with your prayers, encouragement and gifts of money. This experience couldn't have happened without you!

Make New Friends by Mentoring a Child

Just this past week, Nancy Smith spoke with a parent about the after school program. The parent anxiously asked her, "You will mentor Hector again?"

This will be Nancy's third year of mentoring the same student. The teacher feels he needs this extra attention and so does his mother. There are many students at Wadewitz who can benefit from a stable and encouraging mentor who will teach, listen and encourage in the area of academics and life skills.

All you need is an hour of your time per week and the ability to encourage and instill hope in a child's life. Many students at Wadewitz are functioning lower than their

grade level in many subjects, especially reading and math. You can provide homework help, conversation, reading, games and crafts. Building relationships helps to instill positive self images. It has been found that students who feel good about themselves will have a better chance at succeeding in school.

Many of the students who are mentored are also involved with our after school program and Neighborhood Camp. The people of Emmaus are making a difference in the lives of our neighborhood kids. Please consider becoming a mentor. Contact Nancy Smith (633-3059 or 634-5515, ext. 16).

Start-up Supplies Wanted for Wadewitz

Back-to-school sales are taking place all around Racine. There is great need at Wadewitz. The staff is always very appreciative of how Emmaus helps the kids.

A complete supply list is on line at <http://wadewitz.racine.k12.wi.us> or in most stores that sell school supplies. Items needed by three or more grades include:

#2 pencils (box of 10-12)
Large glue sticks
Elmer's glue (no paste)
Crayons (boxes of 16-24)

Large pink erasers
Colored pencils (boxes of 12)
Boxes of watercolors with brush
Scissors (rounded and pointed)
Zippered pencil cases
Rulers (with English and metric)
Facial tissue
Back packs (without wheels)
Pocket folders and spiral notebooks in the following colors: red, light blue, royal blue, green and purple.

Please, no Trapper Keepers; they don't fit in the desks. Thank you!

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Freezer and Refrigerator Replaced

In the midst of the time Emmaus was in the process of reducing a crippling deficit, both the freezer and the commercial refrigerator in the main kitchen shuffled off this refrigerated coil.

What seemed to be an insurmountable expense to replace the two appliances within two weeks was quickly resolved, thanks to the following: funds in savings designated for kitchen, money earned by Scrip, a gift from the Latino community, and several special gifts.

Letters

St. Monica's Enjoyed Campers' Visit

Dear Nancy:

To you, the camp counselors and the campers, thank you once again for making our summer perfect. The residents have come to think of your visit as a summertime event. We hope you don't mind!

We find the campers very sweet and so enjoy their energy and enthusiasm. We all know a child's smile lights up a room, so you can imagine how we feel when all the campers visit us. We are glowing with happiness. We were also impressed with the counselors who interacted with and guided the campers. Great job!

Bills for both appliances were immediately and completely covered by these designated funds! Another "manna moment" for Emmaus — God does provide!

Honoraria

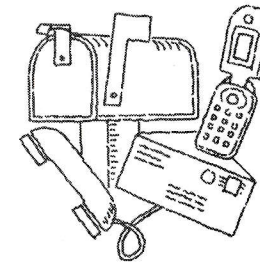
Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In honor of Al Svendsen: \$25.00

In honor of Kathy Christensen: \$25.00

Designated for Kitchen:

In honor of Kathy Christensen: \$15.00



The variety of the day's events, the games, the songs, the skits, and the positive interaction between the campers and seniors added up to a day of blessings.

We are very grateful for your friendship, and are thankful to be able to experience the ministry of the Emmaus congregation through the Neighborhood Camp program.

Thank you again for the summertime treat! We look forward to seeing you next July.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Schoeffel
Director of Activities

Svendens Send Thanks for Mum

To our Emmaus family, friends:

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the beautiful yellow mum plant. I know Vern will find a special place to plant it in our yard this fall.

Love, hugs,
God's blessings,
Vern & Willine Svendens

Gethsemane Sends Gift

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We celebrate with you the beginning of worship in Spanish that began on Sunday, May 31, 2009 and the ministry that God has been doing through you in the Latino/Latina community under the leadership of Rev. Seminarian Jhon Freddy.

The Fresh Expressions activities sponsored by the Synod this year gave us a way to complete our Purpose Statement. Through this process we learned and confessed that we do not know our neighbors. Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we presently understand our purpose in God's mission to be growing relationships with God and all people.

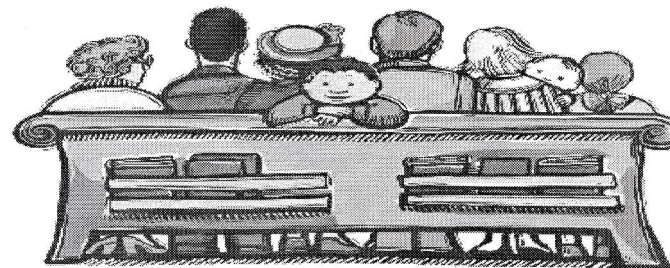
Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the worship service and celebrate with you on May 31 because we were celebrating Confirmation of Faith in The Garden of

Gethsemane on the same day. We are learning more and more that meaning is multiple and that we can be present in many ways. You also showed this in the devotion you led at the Synod Assembly. The stories of witness that you shared filled the hearts of those in the delegation from Gethsemane.

Pastor Crystal preached on May 31 wondering what kind of relationships we might grow with God and our brothers and sisters in Christ at Emmaus and Redeemer by matching the Youth Group's contribution of \$1,000.00 toward Latino/Latina ministry in Racine. The Holy Spirit inspired two gifts from visitors that expanded to a gift from the community that gathers in The Garden of Gethsemane. Please accept this check of \$1,200.00 as the way we may be present now in addition to our faithful prayerfulness for this ministry.

Thank you for the trails you have blazed and continue to blaze. We are grateful to be partners in ministry in the Racine community and look forward to growing relationships as we continue to walk by faith with Jesus.

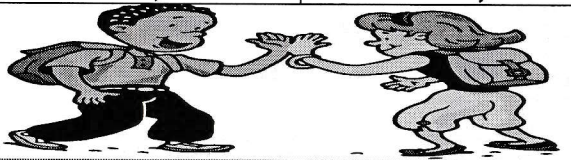





Peace and Joy,
Your brothers and sisters in Christ in The Garden of Gethsemane



September Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Sep. 5 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 6 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Carol Eschmann	Claranna Vytlacil	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Sep. 12 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 13 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Claranna Vytlacil Cindi Larsen	Lyle Christensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Sep. 19 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 20 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Pat Jensen	Sandy Strini	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Sep. 26 5:00 pm	Ev Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 27 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Diane Melander Karen Sedgwick	Jenn Haman	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Oct. 3 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 4 9:15 am	TBA	Carol Eschmann	Al Svendens	Team 5 W. Meteyard

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
Sep. 6	Celia Bagley; Mark & Grace Falaschi	Pat Jensen	September: Evelyn Larsen
Sep. 13	Shirley Velzka & TBA	Grace Falaschi	
Sep. 20	Tom & Carol Rudey	Lynn & Jeff McCray	
Sep. 27	Skip & Barb Toslek; Rick & Amy Haman	TBA	
Oct. 4	TBA	TBA	Oct.: Boots LeRoux

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 September		1 RUSD 1 ST DAY OF SCHOOL 5:00 pm TOPS	2 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	4 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	5 10:00 am 1 st communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
6 15 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Communion service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure tests 12:00 m Santa Misa 1:10 pm Comida 4:00 pm Dance class	7 LABOR DAY <i>Office closed</i> 	8 5:00 pm TOPS	9 6:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes 6:00 pm Pastor Walter's class	10 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Choir picnic at Claranna's	11 PATRIOT DAY 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal 	12 10:00 am 1 st communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
13 16 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENT.; GRANDPARENTS' DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Healing service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa 1:10 pm Comida 4:00 pm Dance class	14 HOLY CROSS 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Evening book club	15 October <i>Visitor</i> articles due 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	16 MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 6:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes 6:00 pm Pastor Walter's class 	17 10:00 am Morning book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes	18 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	19 ROSH HASHANAH 10:00 am 1 st communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
20 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa 1:30 pm Block party 2:00 pm Girl Scouts	21 ST. MATTHEW 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 5:30 pm ESL classes  ST. MATTHEW	22 2:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	23 6:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes 6:00 pm Pastor Walter's class	24 5:30 pm ESL classes	25 6:00 pm Latino/a Bible study 6:00 pm Music rehearsal	26 10:00 am 1 st communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Racine Vocational Ministry: Solutions for Success						
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Keenagers in September

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, September 15.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, a program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.



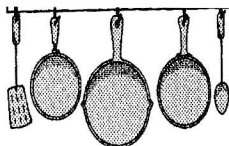
Fun for Seniors

September Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Sep. 1	Kathy Christensen	1019 Hwy. V, Sturtevant	53177
Sep. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sep. 7	Betty Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
Sep. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Blvd.	53403
Sep. 11	Howard Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Sep. 15	Dorothy Bagley	5215 Douglas Ave. #108	53402
Sep. 16	Ray Olesen	1320 Wisconsin Avenue	53403
Sep. 25	Robert Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sep. 27	Ella Nielsen	1700 C.A. Becker Drive	53406
Sep. 30	Vic Johnson	8500 Corporate Drive	53406

Volunteers Transform Kitchen

A new upright freezer and a new double door stainless steel commercial refrigerator are the latest additions to the downstairs kitchen. But, that's not all that has changed.



After Pastor Mary's return from the mission trip, she was in the kitchen trying to help our Latino/a friends find some needed items. However, the location of those items was not the same as it had been three weeks earlier! She was lost!

A group of Emmaus women had rolled up their sleeves and spent two days cleaning and rearranging in the kitchen. They were committed not only to cleaning, but to making the kitchen more user friendly for all who prepare and serve food there. (Do you realize that on average, 100-250 meals are served each week?)

The women are putting a big emphasis on eliminating an "us and them" model, replacing it with "ours." How can our kitchen be

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Knitting, Book Clubs Resume

On Monday, September 14, Knit 1 Purl 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room for their weekly time of conversation, laughter and yes, some knitting.

The knitters will work on prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, and hats and mittens for kids at Wadewitz. If you know how to crochet or knit you are more than welcome. First time knitters, come and see and learn. We have some patient teachers.

Also on Monday, September 14, the Fireside Readers will meet in the Fireside Room at 7:00



p.m. to discuss *Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. Edgar Sawtelle, born mute and speaking only in sign, lives with his parents in a remote area of northern Wisconsin. His parents raise and train dogs, one of whom is a faithful companion to Edgar. The plot thickens when an uncle returns to the farm and Edgar's father dies suddenly.

Please note that the books on the left hand shelves in the Sunset Room are for the enjoyment of the congregation. Feel free to borrow them. We ask only that you return them in a timely manner.

Kitchen Transformation

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but one expression of true community? Those organizing decided to consolidate items such as flour, sugar, spices and condiments so that they would be available to all.

Groups having food items purchased for their own use should mark them with an indelible marker, letting others know their intended use.

As part of the kitchen makeover, Carol Eschmann is making new covers for the dish rack and cup cart. Marge Jensen has laundered and pressed curtains.

Those who were on board to tackle the kitchen cleaning and reorganization project include Kathy Christensen, Carol Eschmann, Cheryl Dexter, Pat Jensen, Diane Melander, Cindi Larsen, Marge Zielke, and Shirley Velzka. Thank you for your great work!

Phase 2 will include placing bilingual labels on all drawers and cupboard drawers, so that everyone can easily find what they are looking for. To help, please contact Kathy Christensen, 886-2151.

Campers Surpass Goal for Charity

During the first week of Emmaus Neighborhood Camp, the kids were introduced to Pennies for Peace, a project that was begun by Dr. Greg Mortensen. The book *Three Cups of Tea* tells of Dr. Greg's experiences with the people of Pakistan and his devotion to building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Each camper received and read a version of the best seller that was suited to their age group.

Many of the schools in that area of the world are made out of handmade cinder blocks. Each camper made bricks out of water, dirt and grass using aluminum meat loaf pans as molds. A model school built by campers sat in the narthex as a reminder of their service project.

One of the older groups created a bank out of a large appliance box. Each day "bankers" would assume their place and change their fellow camper's nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars into pennies. They also recycled aluminum cans which the "Can Man" (Jim Larrabee) graciously took to the recycling center each week.

The final day of camp, a representative from each age group went to the bank (a real



one) to convert their pennies into a check. The bank tellers were very moved by the campers' efforts and several are now reading the book. Alex Villalobos and Katie Maranger presented a check to Pastor Mary for \$434.80. Several weeks after camp, more money came in as a result of the campers' explanation of Pennies for Peace to the congregation.

The campers had set a goal of raising \$624, which would be 60 cents more than the kids at Dr. Greg's mom's school in Wisconsin raised.

Campers, congratulations! Your pleas to the congregation brought in another \$260.84. The grand total Neighborhood Camp will send to Pennies for Peace is \$700.64. Peace and hope begin with education: one child at a time.

Neighborhood Camp Closing Program Highlights Staff, Skits and Song

On the last day of Emmaus Neighborhood Camp, the sanctuary was alive with the sound of campers, their families and friends. They made their upbeat entrance to a cadence march, "We are campers, mighty, mighty campers," created by camp volunteer Jose Zuniga. Several campers exhibited their talent by marching on stilts. Campers and parents expressed their



appreciation to a devoted and hard working staff.

Several skits highlighted the evening. The younger kids sang some of their favorites, including The Hippo Song. Zacchaeus made a quick appearance in a tree. Liz's group presented a version of Three Billy Goats Gruff. Andrea Mares really got into her role as the Troll! The Clown troupe told everyone to "Fully Rely on God."

Presentations: Midge Green from an area bookstore made her annual appearance at the program to hand out reward books to many of the campers who had read eight books over the camp season. Katie Maranger was given recognition for earning four books.

Special awards were given to Anthony Medina, who assisted Nancy in taking pictures, and to Sam Maldonado who became the

end of the day snack dish-washer.

The evening concluded with the entire camp surrounding the audience as they sang "We Are One." The campers raised signs high over their heads as countries from

around the world were named. The chorus: "One, we are one, we are one in a world of difference; One, we are one, we are one in a world of love," was repeated throughout.

The grand finale was an all camp rendition of "Pharaoh, Pharaoh." The campers' enthusiasm brought tears to many an eye.

Campers and Staff Thank Emmaus

Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus is as good as the support it gets from you the people of the congregation. You are awesome! Over and over again it was said, "Wow, what appetites the campers have!" And that is most certainly true. Nancy Smith went to the counter one day to get some lunch, and it was gone! Some would say, "That's what you get for being late!"



The breakfast crew was supported by Missy Porcaro, Marge Zielke, Kathy Denneau and Denise Keller. The lunch bunch was headed up by Celia Bagley and Co. There were so many helpers who served over 65 meals a day. And then there are all the folks who contributed time and goodies by baking cookies and brownies and preparing all kinds of gelatin. Thanks too to those who contributed snacks. The campers and staff were very appreciative of all you did. It seemed like someone was working in the kitchen most of the day. What a family! What a team! Thanks

Miquel for making sure our dishes were sparkling!

Special thanks to: Dennis Eschmann heard Nancy Smith's plea and made three pairs of stilts. The campers spent a lot of time honing their stilt skills by wandering around the field. Mark Falaschi created unique game boards out of wood and masonite board. The campers now can play a new game called Five in a Row by using golf tees. Paul Velasquez accompanied Neighborhood Camp on our fishing excursion. It was no small task to outfit over thirty rods, repair tangled lines and bait hooks. The campers had a wonderful time as most everyone caught a fish.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 15
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 18
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 13
- Sept. 15 Cody Andersen, 12
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 17
- Sept. 16 Kylee Talbott, 3
- Sept. 16 Cloey Briere, 4
- Sept. 19 RyAnn Kosterman-Thillman, 15
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lambertson, 17
- Sept. 27 Anikha Kalia, 13
- Sept. 27 Ajay Kalia, 13
- Sept. 28 Andrea Mares, 12

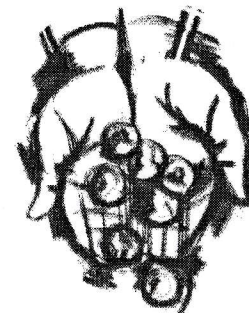
Deficit Lowers Significantly

After reaching a near record high of nearly \$19,000 in June, the Emmaus deficit is now down to approximately \$5,000.

The response to an "above and beyond" request made by the church council following the June 30 meeting resulted in a generous outpouring of Adopt-a-Bill

payments, regular offerings and special gifts.

Thank you to each and every one who reached more deeply into their pockets in order to strongly support the ministry and mission of Emmaus. You made a tremendous difference as you shared of your



resources!

Fall Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should receive their offering envelopes for October, November, December and January in the mail sometime this month.

Please watch for your set of envelopes, and if they have not arrived by September 23, please contact the church office.

Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

Weekly worship attendance averages	2007	2008	2009
June averages	97	97	147
July averages	98	103	175
August averages	109	74	181*
September averages Sat. & Sun. only	117	76	122 84

* Calculated as of August 23, 2009.

Total for month Year to date

General Fund offerings received in June: \$17,686.14

General Fund offerings in July: \$17,895.69 \$116,159.79

Deficit as of August 20, 2009: ca. \$5,000

Mortgage retirement offerings received in June.....	\$90.00	
in July.....	\$290.00	Campaign TD: \$61,640.62
Mortgage payment, June-August: Principal	\$669.65	YTD: \$3,967.42
Interest	\$322.35	YTD: \$1,984.58
Extra principal	\$0.00	
Total	\$992.00	
Principal balance as of July. 14, 2009:	\$67,744.25	

Churchwide Assembly Approves Social Statement, Full Communion Agreement

The Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) met in Minneapolis August 17 to 23. The Churchwide Assembly (CWA) meets every three years and is the chief legislative authority for the ELCA.

According to the voting member from Racine, Linda Rattle (Lutheran Church of the Redeemer), the week "was emotionally draining for me, but so spiritually uplifting. I just need to express to all that the Lord was certainly present. I have never been anywhere where I have felt the Holy Spirit as much as I did at Assembly.

"I have wept this week, laughed this week, strangers became friends and my relationship to God became stronger. I so love this church and each and every member. The respect and dignity shown throughout the week was unbelievable. The concern and love for fellow members was so apparent. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, united as one to do His work."

On Thursday, the CWA voted 958 to 51 to enter into full communion with the United Methodist Church (UMC). The

move, previously approved by the UMC, facilitates partnerships between both church bodies, and enables ELCA and UMC pastors to preside over sacraments for either church congregation. It does not change either church's understanding of the



sacraments.

On Wednesday, by a vote of 870 to 67, voters agreed to urge comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration policies and processes, and to call for suspension of immigration raids until such reform is enacted.

Statement on Human Sexuality

On Wednesday, the CWA approved — by the exact 2/3 majority required — "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" as the tenth social statement of the ELCA. The vote was 676 in favor to 338 opposed.

While "Human Sexuality:

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Churchwide Assembly

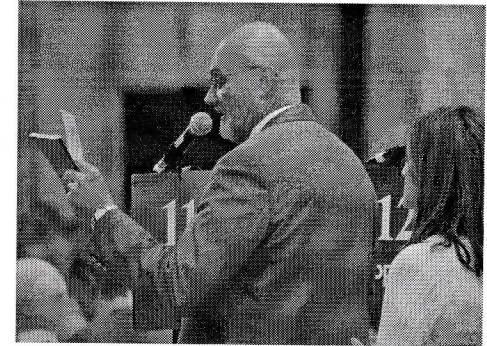
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Gift and Trust" does not offer once-and-for-all answers to contemporary questions about sexuality, it states that it "seeks to tap the deep roots of Scripture and the Lutheran theological tradition" for Lutherans to discern what is "responsible and faithful action."

Speaking in favor of adoption of the statement, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, said she hopes the assembly does not become "so narrowly focused on the issue of homosexual sexual behavior that we missed the point that we're speaking a clear word that needs to be heard by our culture," particularly on topics about cohabitation outside of marriage, sex as a commodity, child pornography and more. She said the church has high expectations for all Lutherans, especially for ELCA professional leaders.

Speaking in opposition, voting member Curtis Sorbo, ELCA Eastern North Dakota Synod, said the social statement "should be a teaching tool. I don't think that it is. Instead we have descriptions of different sexual relationships that we are asked to accept by bound conscience," he said. "We are asked to affirm a description of sexuality in today's culture

because of a new reality. Our church needs to address this issue based on the authority of the word of God, not a



description of public opinion and personal desires."

"We took some risks in the writing of this in ways that we thought were appropriate for these times," the Rev. Peter Strommen said in a news conference following the plenary. Strommen chairs the Task Force for the ELCA Studies on Sexuality, which developed the document under the directive of the 2001 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

On Friday, the CWA voted to open the ministry of the church to gay and lesbian pastors and other professional workers living in committed relationships.

The action came by a vote of 559-451. Earlier the assembly also approved a resolution committing the church to find

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ways for congregations that choose to do so to "recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same gender relationships," though the resolution did not use the word "marriage."

The actions here change the church's policy, which previously allowed gays and lesbians into the ordained ministry only if they remained celibate. A simple majority was required for the vote.

Before discussing the thornier issues of same-gender unions in the ordained ministry, the assembly approved, by a vote of 771-230, a resolution committing the church to respect the differences of opinions on the matter and honor the "bound consciences" of those who disagree.

Some speakers contend that the actions taken here will alienate ELCA members and cause a drop in membership. But Allison Guttu of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod said, "I have seen congregations flourish while engaging these issues; I have seen congregations

grow recognizing the gifts of gay and lesbian pastors."

Other Assembly Actions

Voting members also approved, all by wide margins, memorials (resolutions brought from individuals and synods) that would advocate for justice for women; encourage providing worship and education materials for blind and visually impaired church members; and enable recruitment of people of color as clergy candidates.

On Saturday, voters resolved to advocate on behalf of a peaceful resolution of the conflict between Israel and Palestine. The resolution also calls for care for the people of Gaza and support for U.S. financial assistance that funds "peace and cooperation for all parties to the conflict."

Also on Saturday, voters reelected Carlos Peña Vice President of the ELCA on the fourth ballot. Peña, 56, currently serves as president of two companies in the Galveston and Houston areas. He has served as the president of his local Lutheran congregation, and as vice president of the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod. His task as vice president of the ELCA is to chair meetings of the Church Council.

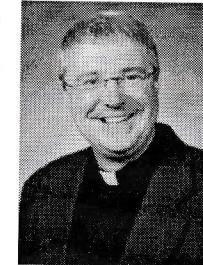


Bishop Stumme-Diers Announces Return to Parish Ministry

Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers has announced that he will resign that post in order to accept a call as Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Bainbridge Island, Washington. His resignation becomes effective on September 30.

Stumme-Diers was first elected Bishop of our synod in 2002 and reelected last year.

In an August 9 letter to congregations, Stumme-Diers said, "It has been my deep honor and privilege to serve in this position in this church I so dearly love; I am grateful for the confidence placed in me by the people in Southeastern Wisconsin, and most of all for God's grace and guidance."



The call is a return home of sorts for Bishop Stumme-Diers and his wife, Rev. Laurie Stumme-Diers, who is resigning her pastorate of Cross Lutheran in Ixonia. Both are graduates of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, and have family in the Pacific Northwest.

An interim bishop will be recommended by the presiding bishop of the ELCA, the Rev. Mark Hanson, and ratified by the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council. A special Synod Assembly is tentatively planned for December 5 for the purpose of electing a new Bishop, who would be installed on March 14, 2010.

Elsewhere In Our Area

St. Andrew Holds Harvest Fest, Craft Fair

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, plans a Harvest Festival and Craft Fair on Sunday, September 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be food, a bake sale, family games, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, a volleyball tournament, music, a backyard bouncer (weather permitting) and dog training.

There is a \$20 fee to sign up for a craft table; proceeds from your table are yours. Call 639-7253 to reserve a table.

Admission to the festival is two non-perishable food items. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Northside Food Pantry.

Elkhorn Camp Auctions Quilt at Festival

The Lutherdale Fest and Quilt Auction is scheduled for September 12, rain or shine. It features 200-plus new and vintage quilts. The auction takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with bidder registration and final quilt viewing prior to that at 8:00 a.m.

This promises to be a fun day for the whole family, featuring: Free admission and free parking, Play areas for kids, Pontoon rides on the lake, Food concessions, Fresh-made cider.

The auction will offer (they still are accepting donations of these items): Quilts, Arts and crafts, Bakery goods Quilters'

odds 'n' ends, Silent auction theme baskets.

Preview the quilts on Friday, Sept. 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with light lunch and snacks available. You may also preview the quilts online at <http://www.lutherdale.org> (click on "Quilt Auction/Fest" in the Latest News menu).

Lutherdale, a not-for-profit ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a faith community, dedicated to building lives in Christ, through the wonder of God's creation, and the study of God's word.

North Cape Hosts Fish Boil

North Cape Lutheran Church invites you to their 26th annual All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 27, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6-11. Reservations are accepted for groups of ten or more.

The menu includes boneless, skinless ocean cod smothered in butter (or margarine on request), new jacketed potatoes, boiled



carrots and onions, homemade dessert and a beverage. Watch the masters cook the meal outdoors over an open wood fire while "Retrospect" provides musical entertainment.

Proceeds will be used for church ministries and outreach activities. For information or reservations, call the church office, 835-2206 mornings.

North Cape Lutheran is located on the east side of Highway 45 between Highway K and Five Mile Road.

Yeah, God!

There were times on our summer mission trip when the group was asked to reflect on the places and times we had experienced God's work and presence. After a person described one of those times, the response of the entire group was, "Yeah, God!"

Over and over again, we have experienced God at work this summer, and I wonder if we have taken enough time to marvel in wonder, to give thanks and to say aloud, "Yeah, God!"

God at work: At the end of June, we were experiencing a crippling budget deficit of \$17,000. At press time, it has been lowered under \$6,000. Yeah, God!

God at work: After a spirit-filled five weeks of Neighborhood Camp, campers were amazing as they put their hearts and voices into the final program, singing, "We Are One!" Yeah, God!

God at work: The teenager who told her mom that the mission trip had been a time of spiritual awakening and that she had learned about forgiveness and letting go. Yeah, God!

God at work: The young boy who told family members that the most memorable part of his mission trip was the Native American worship circle where

prayers were shared and everyone had an opportunity to talk. Yeah, God!

God at work: Barriers of race and language and different congregations that were crossed as members from different communities worshipped God with two languages in one voice, coming together at Mass on the Grass as the one body of Jesus Christ. Yeah, God!

Does this mean that there are no turbulent waters or that there isn't fear because of changes we are experiencing in our churches? No!

We are often creatures who cling to the known, the familiar, and that which is comfortable. As we are being led out of our comfort zones, we are reminded that the mandates of Jesus, "Deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow me," together with "Go make disciples of all nations..." may not be easy or comfortable.

We are also reminded of the promise, "I am with you always..." It is with that assurance that God is with us every step of the way, that we are able to move Forward in Faith - comfortable or not!

Pastor Mary
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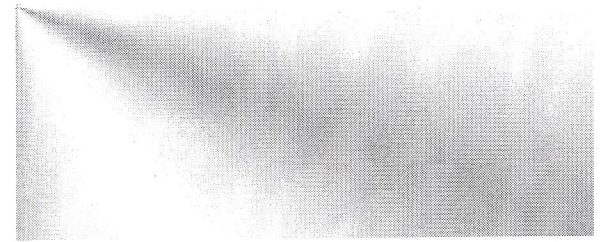
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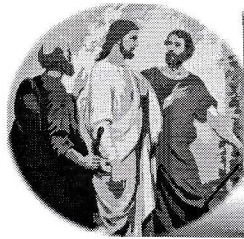
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Wednesday Night Activities Launch September 30

Supper and study for kids in preschool through sixth grade begins Wednesday, September 30. Our format will be: supper at 5:15 p.m.; study and music at 6:00; evening worship at 7:00; dismissal at 7:30.



Registration forms are located in the narthex. Our first area of study will be "God Calls Abraham and Sarah."

Wednesday Camp is for kids from preschool beginning at age 3 through sixth grade. This year we will have a class for "tweenagers" (fourth-sixth grades).

During the study time, there will be two adult Bible studies: Pastor Walter will lead a study on

the Book of Acts, and Jhon Freddy will lead a study prayer group in Spanish.

Do You Know This Nurse?



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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Brisa Gardenia Antonio August 29, 2009 Sept. 6, 2009 Emmanuel Mejia	Brisa is the daughter of Daniel Moreno Perez and Bertha Antonio. Her sponsors are Fernando Martinez Marcial and Silvia Valeriano. Emmanuel is the son of José and Roberta Mejia. His sponsors are Martin and Elida de la Torre.
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"We Say Yes!"

This fall, Emmaus enters the second year of an emphasis on commitment under the theme of "We Say Yes!" It is because of the on-going financial commitment of many from the congregation that the deficit at press time has been lowered to \$1,850.00. We give thanks to God that this has been possible during a year when all have felt the effects of the economic recession.

On October 11, the renewed invitation to say "yes!" will begin.



The church council encourages all who are able to make a new or renewed commitment to the ministry of Emmaus. Commitment cards will be made available, with October 25, Reformation Sunday, being a Sunday of commitment and celebration.

Special treats served by church council members will be offered at the October 25 fellowship time following the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

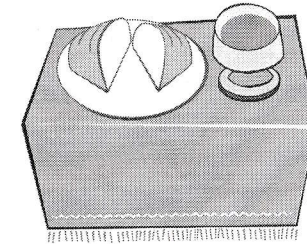
Openings Remain on Flower Calendar

We still have open Sundays on the Emmaus altar flower schedule. At press time, one or both displays are available for anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers almost every Sunday from October 11 to the end of the year.

We ask \$20.00 to sponsor altar flowers. The church secretary will give you a call during the week before your sponsored Sunday to ask how you want the dedication to appear in the worship bulletins.

Dedication of Altar Slated October 25

Created by wood-worker and craftsman Mark Falaschi, the free standing altar in the chancel area will be dedicated on Reformation Sunday at the 9:15 a.m. worship service. As the "We Say Yes!" theme is highlighted at the October 25



construction of the new altar.

service, we say thanks to Mark, who said "Yes!" by so generously donating his time, the materials, and most of all, his talent in the

Worship & Music Committee Makes Recommendation

Revisiting conversations of a couple of years ago, the Worship & Music Committee is studying the possibility of leveling the floor in the front "choir" transept of the church.

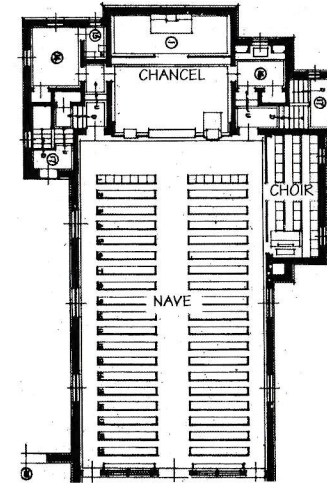
Because the choir no longer sings from the transept, but now sings from the front of the sanctuary, the side space has been freed up for use by instrumentalists.

The most recent request comes from Intern Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa on behalf of the musicians at the noon worship service. To accommodate instruments used during worship, the proposal is to remove the elevated area, leaving the floor flat.

This arrangement would also be beneficial to musicians for the Chicago Folk Service, providing more ample space for their instruments.

When the proposal was brought before the church council at its September meeting, it was recommended that the congregation be invited to provide input before making a decision. Labor and costs of materials for the project have been offered by those who attend the noon service.

For more information, or to express concerns, please contact Caren Lamberton, Jhon Freddy, or Pastor Mary.



Executive Committee Discusses Joys and Concerns

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Council on September 7, there was open discussion about the joys and the challenges being experienced as a result of the rapidly growing Latino ministry that is now a part of Emmaus.

Since the inception of the Spanish speaking noon service at the end of May, numbers have quickly increased: approximately 100 people in Sunday worship, 31 children registered for First Communion instruction, approximately 80 people sharing lunch Sunday afternoons, a growing Bible study/prayer group and a number of families in need of pastoral care and counseling.

A leadership team has been formed among the Spanish-speaking worshippers, meeting monthly, just as does our elected church council. When asked why our two leadership groups can't meet as one, it was quickly determined that it was language that was the barrier.

While many adults of the Latino community are studying and learning English, they are still

not able to participate at the level of a meeting conducted in English.

The committee decided that first steps in bringing unity might be to begin building relationships by sharing food in a social setting. As a result, it was recommended

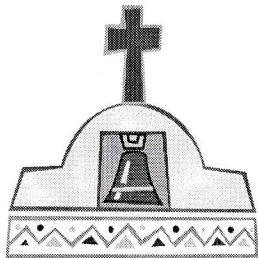
that both groups meet at the same time in October, coming together before their respective meetings for a time of food and fellowship.

October 20 at 6:00 p.m., the groups will share finger food from the two cultures as efforts are made to communicate and to begin to learn more about one another.

During the Executive Committee meeting, the question was asked, "How do we at Emmaus, even amidst differences in culture and language, work at being one church? That is our goal."

Also discussed at the meeting were the challenges of partnership with Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The goal is that Redeemer also have a Spanish-speaking worship service there. There is concern that Redeemer may not feel that they are full partners in the ministry.

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Hispanic Ministry

Executive Committee

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Because of the rapid growth at Emmaus placing growing demands on Jhon Freddy Correa's time as newcomers are welcomed, instructed and ministered to (not to mention Jhon Freddy also taking two classes at the seminary), it is now apparent that bilingual clerical help and outside financial support will be necessary before a service can be added at Redeemer. Originally, it was hoped that a second service would have begun by now.

The committee acknowledged that it hasn't always been possible to anticipate the needs and/or obstacles in the birthing process of the Latino ministry in Racine. Pastor Walter Hermanns observed that the language of birthing and infancy came up a lot in the

conversation, reminding the group that birth is a messy process and that we don't know exactly what to expect afterward.

The conversation of over two hours was productive, with listening and learning and openness.

Feel free to contact any of those who participated in this eye-opening discussion: Randy Sanders, Chris Lamberton, Michele Kreimer, Carolyn Wooster, Missy Porcaro, Pastor Walter, Pastor Mary and Jhon Freddy. In the interest of open and honest communication, we will hold an informational forum at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, October 4, answering questions and addressing concerns.

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and noon, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the November *Visitor* is October 15.

Council Addresses Security Concerns

by Michele Kreimer

In an effort to improve security in and around the church, the church council feels we need to keep the doors locked as much as possible, even when we have meetings here.

Council feels we should issue keys to members who use the church on a regular basis. If you feel you would like a key please contact Michele Kreimer at 637-1169 or the church office. We are



asking for a \$5.00 deposit when a key is issued, which will be refunded when the key is turned in.

If there is anyone who has a key for the doors and does not use it any longer, please turn it into the church office. Any

questions on this matter, please feel free to call me. Thank you.

The alley garage lock has been replaced; if you have a key for the old lock, please see Loren Larsen.

Tighter Security Is Proposed

Due to recent thefts in the neighborhood and in the interest of safety of those using the church, the church council decided at its September meeting that more proactive measures be taken in terms of security. Those measures include more outside lighting, an upgrade in the buzzer system, the

possibility of video surveillance and providing keys to more members.

In addition, the "buddy system" is recommended when leaving the building after dark. The goal is to keep everyone safe and secure both in and around the church property.

Staff to Attend Theological Conference

"Now More Than Ever: The Missional Church" is the theme of the annual Fall Theological Conference for rostered leaders of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Keynote speakers at the conference, to be held October 11-13 at the Green Lake Conference Center, will be Mark Allen Powell,

Professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and Stephen Bouman, Executive Director EOCM (Evangelical Outreach Church Ministry) of the ELCA.

Attending the conference from Emmaus will be Pastor Mary, Claranna Vytlicil and Jhon Freddy Correa.

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Festival on the Field Draws Hundreds

Guests from throughout Racine, as well as from Kenosha and Milwaukee, joined in the spirit-filled fun at the September 20 festival celebrating Mexican Independence together with Latino culture in Racine.



know about the people and ministry of Emmaus. No doubt many people caught the spirit of what is happening at the corner of Summit and You!

Planned and run by those who are part of the Spanish-speaking worshipping community at Emmaus, the festival brought musicians and dancers with a Latin beat to the area surrounding the church. Games and prizes for the kids, food, a super raffle, fun and laughter were part of the afternoon event.

According to Jhon Freddy Correa, the primary purpose of the event was to let the community

Youth Birthdays

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	8
Oct. 9	Joe Ford	15
Oct. 13	Mae Perkins	1
Oct. 14	Emmanuel Mejia	13
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	9
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith	16
Oct. 20	Sydney Johnson	12
Oct. 28	Madeline Horejsi	2
Oct. 30	McKenna Burns	1
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson	11



**HARVEST
FEST**

**St. Andrew
Lutheran Church**
1015 Four Mile Rd.
Sunday,
September 27
10:30- 4

Food * Bake Sale * Family Games
* **Silent Auction, including a week's stay at a condo in Scottsdale!** * **50/50 Raffle**
* **Volleyball Tournament * Music**
* **Backyard Bouncer (weather permitting)**
* **Dog Training * Klutz the Klown**
Craft Fair: \$20 per table (outside).
A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Food Bank and Northside Food Pantry
Admission: \$2 or two non-perishable food items per person

Most needed: hamburger extender, instant rice/mashed potatoes

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Emmaus Serves Community Meal

The October 1 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex along with the casserole recipe; cake pans with lids are available in the plastic storage container under the table. Casserole recipes are again



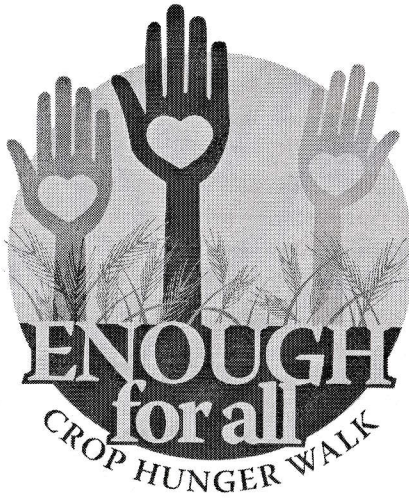
available on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

If you cannot help on October 1 but are available and could help serve food or clean up on another Thursday, feel free to drop in at St. Patrick's Church. You do not need to sign up.

Walk to Raise Funds Against Hunger

by Diane Melander

It's not too late to help! The Racine CROP Walk for Hunger will start from First United Methodist Church at 745 Main Street on Sunday, October 4. Registration begins at noon and send-off is 12:45. You may walk, sponsor a walker or donate. Proceeds will benefit the Racine County Food Bank and Church World Services (both of which are not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations).



Flyers, walking route and envelopes for walkers and for donations are available on the table in the narthex. If you can't get to church but want to donate, please contact Diane Melander at 262-681-2796

or e-mail her at: ironoreflicka@mac.com

Lydia Circle Meets October 7

The women's afternoon Bible study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 7. All women

of the church are invited to participate.

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Volunteers Spruce Up Building, Grounds

While Loren Larsen may be retired, it doesn't mean that there is much down time in the course of a normal week.

When he and Cindi aren't tending to the needs of the Northside Food Pantry, he has spent countless hours at the church using his handyman and woodworking expertise to make improvements. Among recent projects has been the building of special vertical storage areas on either side of the stove in the main kitchen. Paul, Claranna



and Nancy also say thanks for the additional shelving in their offices.

The grounds also received additional TLC when Loren, Rich Christensen, Lyle Christensen and Ron Jensen tackled the project of edging. Special thanks also go to Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen, Cheryl Dexter and Nancy Smith for the many hours spent tending the flower beds during the summer.

Your hard work has not gone unnoticed!

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$_____

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

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Mentor at Wadewitz or at Church

Please consider spending an hour with a child either at Wadewitz or at Emmaus. Because Lighted Schoolhouse is no longer supporting our EASY program, Thursdays will have a camp format. We need volunteers to come from 3:00 to 5:00 on



Thursdays to help with homework, reading and playing board games. You do not need to come every week; a commitment of two weeks per month is OK. Please contact Nancy Smith if you are interested (633-3059).

Outreach Office Moves Upstairs

It was last spring when Valerie Crehan approached Pastor Mary offering to relocate her office. She suggested that the office she occupied on the main floor might be better suited for the use of pastoral intern Jhon Freddy Correa as he began to meet individuals and families for counseling and conversation.

Part of the relocation process has been completed; Valerie is now settling into her new office on the second floor. Until last spring, that space was occupied by Mary

Steege, who is now located in a downtown therapy practice.

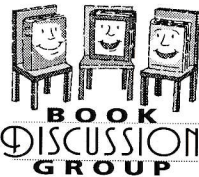
Art Smith has assisted in bringing technology and internet access to Valerie's office, and there are plans to do more fine-tuning in the future.

Valerie's primary responsibilities include planning, administration and grant writing for outreach and Neighborhood Camp.

Meanwhile, her former office on the main floor is now being painted and readied for Jhon Freddy's use.

Morning, Evening Book Clubs Are Reading

The Thursday morning book club plans to meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 15 to share their thoughts on *100 Years of*



Happiness by Nicole Seitz.

The Monday evening book club meets at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 12.

Julia Durand to Cross the Century Mark

Julia Durand is due to celebrate her 100th birthday on October 29.

Julia was a registered nurse from 1931 to 1980, working most of her career in maternity at St. Luke's Hospital. She also worked for a time in the polio unit.

The Nurses Foundation of Racine honored her as St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumna of the Year in 1995 in recognition of her service as a founding member of the St. Luke's Alumni Scholarship Board. She has held just about every office on the board of the Kenosha-Racine Nurses Asso-



ciation, was treasurer of the Wisconsin Nurses Association, and chaired the Selection Committee of the Nurses Foundation of Racine from 1983 to 2004. During those years, the foundation

awarded 196 scholarships totaling over \$146,000.

At Emmaus, she has been a church council member and Mary Circle member.


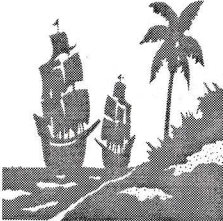

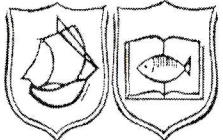
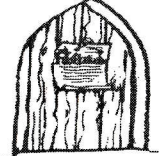
She married Laurier E. Durand in 1933; he was a great supporter of her nursing work. He died in 1989; they had no children of their own.

Keenagers in October

Keenagers will meet on the third Tuesday of the month, October 20. Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.

October Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 10	Marlyn Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2041 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	716 Monticello Drive	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 28	Kathy Cook	5733 Alburg Avenue	53406
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	c/o Jim Poulsen, 333 Lake Av. #306	53403
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue, #608	53403

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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October Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Oct. 3 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Pat Jensen	Al Svendsen	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Oct. 10 5:00 pm	Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 11 9:15 am	Caren Lambertson	Cindi Larsen O.E. Wilson	Nancy Smith	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Oct. 17 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 18 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Randy Sanders	Gregg Albright	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Oct. 24 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 25 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Oct. 31 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 1 9:15 am	A. Villalobos Bev Hansen	Joy Lippmann	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Nov. 7 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 8 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Nancy Smith Shirley Velzka	Melissa Lemke	Team 1 Harold Miller

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care:
Oct. 4	Jeff & Lynn McCray; M. Porcaro, A. Zielke		Oct.: Boots LeRoux
Oct. 11	Denise Keller TBA	D&C Eschmann	
Oct. 18	TBA TBA	Celia Bagley	
Oct. 25	Loren & Cindi Larsen Jim Poulsen	Church council	
Nov. 1	Marge Jensen TBA	Ron & Pat Jensen	

Worship & Music Selects Meeting Dates

Here is the listing of meetings to come for the Worship and Music committee: Tuesday, September

29, Tuesday, November 3, and Tuesday, December 1. Each meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

Emmaus Remembers Our Saints

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' Day worship bulletins October 31 and November 1, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Sunday, 2008. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors officiated.



We would also like to mention those who were not members here but were important to you — family relations, dear friends, and loved ones. Please inform the church office (634-5515) by October 15 if you would like your loved one remembered.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 1, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$4.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: \$ _____

My/Our name:

In memory of:

1.
2.
3.
4.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated honoraria:

In honor of Al Svendsen: \$60.00

Designated for Choir music:

In honor of Kathy Christensen
\$75.00

Designated for Food Pantry:

In honor of Kathy Christensen:
\$25.00

Designated for Hispanic Ministry:

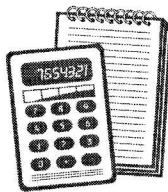
In memory of William & Nancy
Traeger Jensen: \$100.00

Designated for EASY:

In honor of Mark Frankowski:
\$50.00

Third Quarter Statements Will Be Delayed

Third quarter offering statements will be available after Paul returns from vacation and catches up with the data entry. Statements for



anyone who has made an offering of record and has been assigned an offering envelope number should be in the narthex around mid-October.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Sept. 20, 2009)

	2007			2008			2009			
	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.
Aug.	20	94	N/A	18	57	N/A	21	89*	84	N/A
Sept.	20	56	68	20	64	50	23	58	118	N/A
Oct.	20	64	53	20	73	57				

* Includes 11:00 a.m. 8/23/09 "Mass on the Grass"

Financial Figures

Total for month Year to date

General Fund offerings received in Aug. '09: \$16,558.83}

Above-Beyond + Adopt -Bill + Lawn care donation: 369.81} \$133,088.43

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Aug. '09.....	\$260.00.....	Campaign TD: \$61,900.62
Mortgage payments in August 09: Principal	\$673.05	
Interest.....	\$318.95	
Extra principal.....	\$0.00	
Total.....	\$992.00	
Principal balance as of September 14, 2009:	\$61,394.73	

Fair Trade Coffee Helps Mt. Meru Farmers

by Diane Melander

Are you thinking of your holiday gift list? It's that time of year when people generally begin planning what to do for Christmas gifts. So often we want to remember people with a little gift, but don't know what to give. Here are some ideas that may help you.

Mt. Meru Coffee is fresh, delicious and makes a wonderful gift. It comes in 12-ounce packages for \$9.00 and 4-pound packages for \$40.00. We also have coffee mugs at \$5.00 and \$7.00 and travel mugs at \$7.00.

We also can make you a coffee gift package. If you'd like a gift bag of coffee with some candy and maybe a mug or two, we'll be happy to make them for you. Gift packages vary in price depending on the contents.

Coffee is always available at coffee hour, but gift packages and four pound bags can be ordered for when you want them. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex and from Diane Melander at coffee hour.

Mt. Meru Coffee is a fair trade coffee that helps give the Meru farmers a living wage. In addition, this project has helped to increase coffee production and to improve

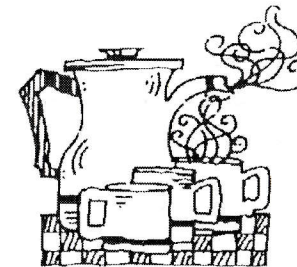
the lives of the coffee growers, their families and their community. For more information about the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, go to <http://www.mtmerucoffee.org/>

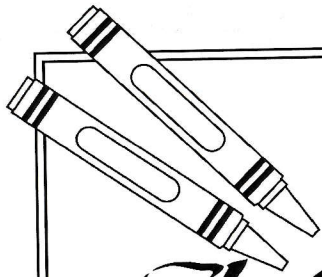
Another ideal gift for someone that has everything is one square meter of land in Tanzania. The owner has viewing and visitation rights and the land will be held in permanent trust and cared for by the Makumira Estate. The owner will receive an official Certificate of Ownership.

The land project is an effort to create jobs, improve agricultural development and raise money for the many needs in the Diocese of Meru. This is an expansion of the Mt. Meru Coffee project.

Information flyers and envelopes for ordering a piece of land in Tanzania are available from Diane at coffee or on the table in the narthex. For additional information about the Makumira farm project, go to the web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~sllindberg/Makumira.htm>

If you want to order coffee or land and can't get to church to pick up forms, Diane will send you the information by e-mail. Her e-mail address is: ironoreflicka@mac.com





Just for **KIDS**

A harvest of...

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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Fall Back at Month's End

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, November 1. You won't want to miss a minute of All Saints' Day, so do yourself a favor and set your clocks back one hour

before you go to bed on October 31. With any luck, this will thoroughly confuse any zombies, ghosts, hobgoblins and pirates aiming to wreak havoc on Hallowe'en night.

Racine Mission Cluster Clergy, Lay Leaders to Meet at Atonement

A cluster meeting for lay people and rostered leaders will be at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. October 8. The purpose of this meeting is to identify up to three people who may have the gifts and the will to be our next synodical bishop. This person must be a rostered clergy of our ELCA but does not need to be serving in our synod now.

After these names from the mission clusters have been received by our synod office, a letter via e-mail will go to each person to determine if they wish to participate in this process. Those who wish to proceed will be asked to provide biographical information and answer a series of written questions developed by your synod council. This information will be published online.

Open forums are scheduled November 2 and 3 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 322 Ohio Street.



The number of forums will be determined by the number of people in the process.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee, will host a Special Assembly on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5. Voting members will be the same voting members each congregation chose for the synod assembly in May, 2009. If a person is unable to attend a replacement may be substituted.

There will be no charge for this special assembly, but voting members will need to register. Registration materials will be available shortly.

The synod council has affirmed the selection of the Rev. David Olson to serve as interim bishop of the synod. Olson is the former bishop of the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod.

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Holds Membership Drive

For over half a century, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has lovingly provided those unbudgeted extras that make life more pleasant for the residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities.

Through their membership dues, the Ice Cream Social and other fund raising projects, the Auxiliary has been able to provide items such as Christmas gifts, TV and sound equipment, computers, furnishings, wheelchairs, and parties. The Auxiliary even purchased a wheelchair accessible van.

Please help Lincoln Lutheran Homes residents by beginning or renewing your membership. You can also give a gift. Just fill out the



bottom portion of this letter and mail it with your check made payable to the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary, to: Linda Cayemberg, 2620 5½ Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402-1657. Please include that Emmaus is your home church.

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Form

(Please print)

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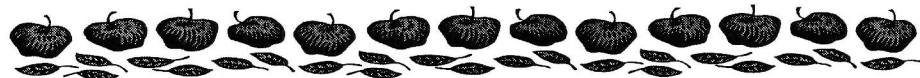
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Date..... Church:

Membership type: Annual (\$500) Annual Plus (\$15.00)

Lifetime (\$150.00) Additional donation:



Elsewhere In Our Area

Auxiliary Sponsors Book Fair

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Fall Book Fair will be Wednesday and Thursday, October 14 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Village Convalescent Center on Highway 31 across from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. The books are all new and greatly discounted.

There are also gifts, games and other interesting items.

Invite a friend and get an early start on your Christmas shopping.

The Auxiliary receives 10% of the profits. Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Aging, Disability Center Offers Workshop

People 60 + years of age struggling with chronic health issues can learn ways to cope with these challenges and improve their quality of life through an upcoming workshop titled Living Well with Chronic Conditions. The workshop empowers those living with arthritis, heart problems, asthma, disability due to a stroke, pain, osteoporosis, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, emphysema, cancer, or other condition to learn various ways of managing their health so he or she may maintain their dignity and independence through:

- Symptom management
- Medication management
- Breathing exercises and managing stress
- Improving nutrition and developing a suitable exercise program
- Goal setting and problem solving

- Dealing with anger, depression and other emotions
- Communicating with family, friends and health care professionals

The workshop will be held once a week for six weeks at the Aging & Disability Resource Center, 1717 Taylor Ave. at 1:30 p.m. Each workshop will last 2 ½ hours. Two professionally trained leaders will facilitate each of the six workshops.

This workshop, created at Stanford University, is designed specifically for individuals who have one or more chronic conditions. Those participating in this series of workshops are welcome to bring a companion, friend, relative, or caregiver to each session.

To register, please call Ruth Stauersbol at (262) 638-6632. Deadline to register for the workshop is October 9, 2009.

To Be Wholly (Holy) One

Following is a short report out of the hundreds of things God is doing: Thanks be to God! For the great impact God is having through Emmaus on more than three dozens kids, and their families and friends (as the Racine Journal Times quoted). They are nurtured on Saturdays and Sundays in faith to help God's people right now and right here.

We have not only been preparing for the September 20 festival, but we are preparing for a new community! There are dozens of things that Latinos are doing for our community; they have invested many hours after their long day of work, going from one store to the next trying to find cheap prices, talented people, donations, and a lot more for the festival for their church, Emmaus.

People have invested energy, time, and even money from their own pockets to transform this place, Emmaus, into a familial experience. As one of the leaders said to me, "This is about feeling at home." Or, as I have heard some of

the Anglo community members saying, "Mi casa es su casa."

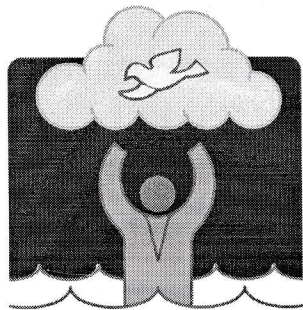
We try, oh Lord, but please help us! We as leaders at Emmaus have talked, reflected and even tried to be "one." I have wondered in the last days whether it is about being one, or is it about being wholly [holy] one, to live into the wholeness of God?

This semester, I am trying to learn another language, Hebrew. (It is because of my school requirements, of course!) I believe this is helping me to see, understand a word, or a concept in different ways.

When I looked at an English-Spanish dictionary I found that "one" means "just one accident out of thousands." As an adjective or a pronoun, it indicates that "one" is the only thing or person with a specific characteristic, even distinct from others of its kind. Number "uno-1" is the smallest whole number, designating a single unit.

Furthermore, when I think about being number "one," I think

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**FOR IN THE
ONE
SPIRIT
WE WERE ALL
BAPTIZED
INTO ONE
BODY**

1 Corinthians 12:13, NRSV

Jhon Freddy's Column

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about me, not the others. It can be very individualistic; can be created in our own ways. Is that how we want to be "one"?

On the other hand, I think God created us to be wholly [holy] one, to live in the wholeness of God. When we live in the wholeness of God, we are complete, all parts or aspects are included, with nothing or no one left out. When we live in the wholeness of God, no one is

damaged or broken. When we live in the wholeness of God everyone is healed and restored to health physically, psychologically and spiritually. Let us think and dream about how we can fully live in the wholeness of God.

I come to you and beseech you to please pray for all of us — Emmaus Lutheran Church — for we, the children of God — as many others do the same and pray for you!

Let us echo Jesus' words; "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Aren't we, you and I, children of God?

Let us rejoice because God is bringing all of us together to be wholly [holy] one and to work for God's kingdom right here on earth.

Shalom, paz y amor,

Jhon Freddy



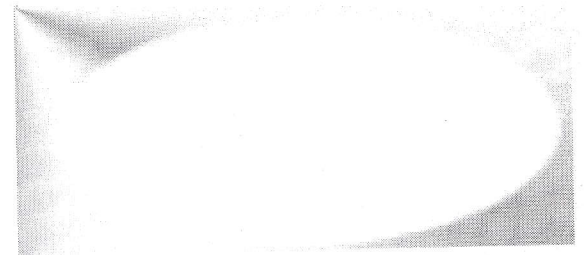
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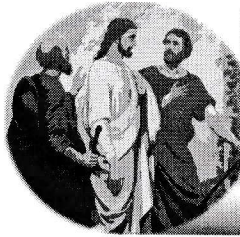
- + "We Say Yes!"
 - + Altar Dedication
 - + Proposed Changes to Sanctuary
 - + Hispanic Ministry
 - + CROP Walk
 - + Festival on Field
 - + Julia Durand Nears 100th Birthday
 - + Security Concerns
 - + Election Process for New Bishop
 - + Jhon Freddy's Page
- ...and plenty more!

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Emmaus Visitor

November, 2009

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

Following a 6:00 p.m. family dinner of pizza and salad, Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be used for holiday food baskets.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the Northside Food Pantry located at Trinity United Methodist, make your check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the



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memo line or on the upper right blanks of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

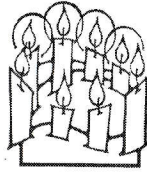
After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. Donations at the tables will be used to finance the Latino/a ministry of Emmaus.

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"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
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<http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

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Racine, Wisconsin 53404
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Fax: 262 634-0835

We Remember Those Who Have Died

During All Saints' Day worship on October 31 and November 1, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year. These are our members who have died and others at whose funerals our pastors have presided since last All Saints' Sunday:



Nancy Hatlem Brown June 18, 1935 – Nov. 16, 2008
 Carole Blackard Pearce Wildenberg Sept. 30, 1935 – Dec. 26, 2008
 Robert D. Christensen Sept. 1, 1925 – Jan. 13, 2009
 Joyce Marion Andersen King-Dawson Sept. 16, 1931 – Feb. 23, 2009
 Alvina Schulz Androff May 18, 1910 - Oct. 12, 2009

A 78-flower display commemorating these and other persons dear to our members will decorate the front of the church.

Pastoral Acts

Wedding: Sept. 19, 2009
 Jamie Leigh Dunkerson
 & Scott Jason Frayer

Jamie and Scott were married at DeKoven and are residing in Racine.

Funeral: Oct. 18, 2009
 Alvina Schulz Androff

Alvina Androff is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Gen Joyce, a brother, Emil Schulz, and other relatives and friends.

Remember Nuechterlein Family in Prayers

We offer our condolences to the family of Ellen Nuechterlein's father, Edward Slaggert Sr., who passed away at home in Saginaw, Michigan, on October 12. He was 85.

Ed served the Red Cross for 22 years as an Instructor of First Aid and C.P.R. and in 1993 was honored with the Special Citation for Exceptional Volunteer Service. He devoted 36 years to Boy

Scouting and received the Silver Beaver Award and the St. George Emblem.

He is survived by his wife, Ursula, five sons, four daughters, 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family has suggested memorials to Mother Teresa Fund of Saginaw Diocese, Lake Huron Area Boy Scouts, American Red Cross or St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

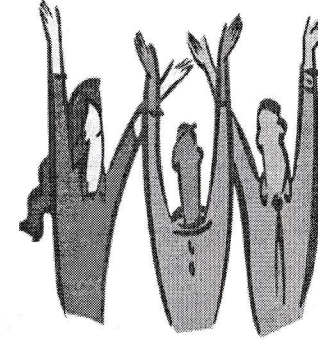
We Say Yes!

Commitment cards for 2010 giving were gathered the weekend of October 24 and 25.

The box for pledges is located in the narthex, and we will continue to receive pledges for two more weeks before tallying results for use in the budget process. After the majority of the commitments are in, Emmaus leaders will then be better able to

make plans for future budgeting and ministry opportunities.

A big thank you to Stewardship Chair Judy Yorgan and to all who helped her in so many ways. Your efforts and hard work have borne much fruit. We couldn't have accomplished what we did without a strong team effort! Thanks to



one and all!

Please Keep Olesens in Your Prayers

As the *Visitor* went to press, we learned of the sudden death of Dale Olesen, son of Ray and Myrna. Dale, 56, is a member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

With his brothers Eric and Michael, Dale ran the bakery founded by their parents.

Dale is survived by his wife, Robin, and their children, Ashley DeBaker and Nathan Olesen.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Fax: 262 634-0835 Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com
Outreach Pastor: Rev. Walter Hermanns Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net
Associate in Ministry: Claranna Vytlačil Jhon Freddy Correa: jhoncorrea@hotmail.com
Pastoral Intern: Jhon Freddy Correa Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday
Council President: Randy Sanders evening at 5:00 and Sundays at 9:15 and noon, and
Children's Education & Mentoring: Nancy Smith Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Thanksgiving Eve services will be
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 25.
Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Dir.: Becky Smurawa Monday through Friday (closed Thanksgiving Day).
Secretary: Paul Berge The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.
Custodian: Abelino Mares The deadline for the December VISITOR is November 15.
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Security Measures Considered

A comprehensive proposal to upgrade security and communication in and around the church is now being considered. Included in the proposal would be an updated digital phone system that would allow for an intercom at the main entrances to connect with office phones. Also included would be video surveillance

cameras for the alley and the south entrance.

Those interested in seeing the details of the all inclusive proposal may look in the file found in the Building & Grounds mailbox outside the church office. Should the proposal be accepted, the total price of \$7,912.00 would be paid under a lease-to-own agreement over a four-year time period.

Give a Gift of Light

As security and safety issues are being addressed for Emmaus, the church council has identified as a first priority the need for improved lighting along the walkways and the entrances of the church.

Loren Larsen, property chairperson, has received bids for both lighting and security improvements.

Trying to think of a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Members and friends

Yes! I/We would like to give a gift of light!

Name/s.....

Amount of gift \$.....

In honor/memory of.....

(Please include an address if you would like the honored person or family to be notified.)

Address.....



of Emmaus are invited to give monetary gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more in honor or memory of a loved one.

Consider giving the gift of light this season, lighting the entrance of the church. This is one way we can usher in the light as we anticipate the season of Advent.

Mentoring Gets Off the Ground

One by one, our mentors are connecting with kids. Mentors spend 30 to 45 minutes with a student who can benefit from a positive role model and receive encouragement in areas where they may be struggling.

Our mentors include Missy Porcaro, Kathy Christensen, Diane Melander, Ruth Copeland, Nancy Smith, Gregg Albright, Carol Eschmann, Beth Tepley, Judy

Berndt, Joy Lippman, Marty Aiken, Judy Yorgan, and Kylee Albright.

One mentor has been in an ongoing relationship with his student for seven years and has followed him as he has progressed into middle school and now high school. Thanks, Randy Sanders, for your continued interest and devotion to this program and to your mentee.

Wednesday Night Kids Discuss Faith, Trust

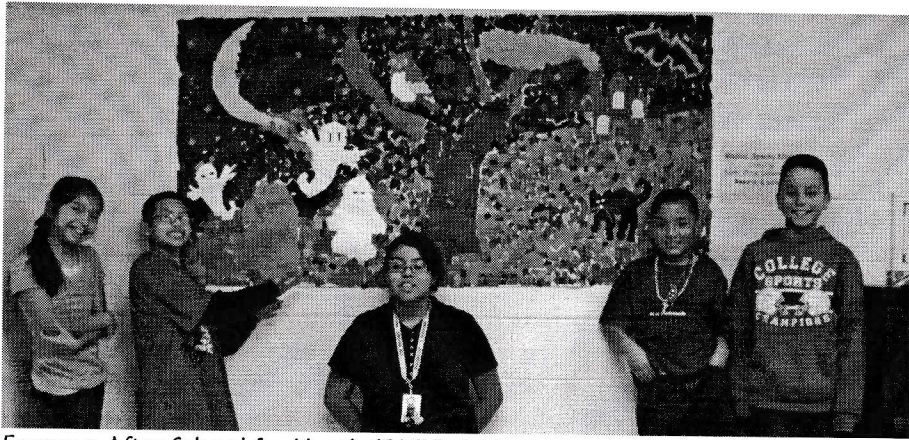
There is a new look for Wednesday Nights this year. The group (30 kids are registered) is being divided into three groups; PreK/K, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6 (Tweenagers).

Since September, the kids have been learning the story of Abraham and Sarah. There have been some amazing discussions on faith involving trust, risk and belief. The tweenagers got into what it means mentally, physically and emotionally to make changes in our lives. This past Wednesday the kids concluded their study with a presentation of When Sarah Delivered God's Punchline. The kids did a fantastic job of role playing and the congregation responded with merriment of laughter.



Our next area of study will be the fun story of Jonah. Is anyone interested in dining in a whale one Wednesday night? We do have a plastic whale that can be blown up with a fan. Believe it or not, the whale takes up the full length of Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to the Kids' Choir, who sang their hearts out on Reformation Sunday. "Yes, Lord, Yes" resounded to the rafters as Andrea Mares accompanied on the bongos. The kids offered prayers they had written. These were interspersed with the hymn, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying."



Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) students pose with one of their mosaics.

EASY Steps into Fall

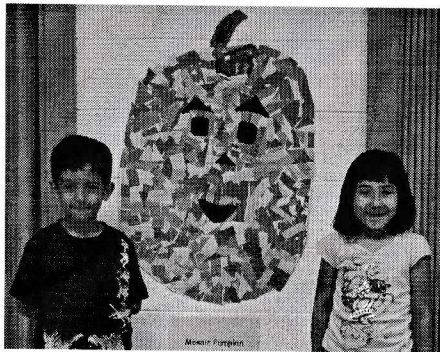
Emmaus continues to hold after school sessions for neighborhood kids. Seventeen boys and girls, some of whom have attended Neighborhood Camp and EASY in the past, are registered. There are still a few openings.

Claranna Vytlacil, Liz Ruvalcaba, who worked at Emmaus's Neighborhood Camp, and Nancy Smith are leading this program, which meets Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:15 p.m.

The members of Emmaus have stepped up to the plate again. A special thanks to Missy Porcaro, Diane Melander, Cathy Knuteson, and Linda Clinton who are volunteering their time on Thursdays to work with kids one-on-one on homework and reading. They also play educational games

with the kids. Anyone interested in volunteering, whether it be only once or twice a month on Thursdays, please contact Nancy.

Note the mosaic murals decorating the walls of Fellowship Hall. The kids spent quite a few hours designing, cutting and gluing bits of paper to their creations. They came to learn that this ancient art takes a lot of teamwork, perseverance and patience.



Giving Trees Arrive Soon

Be sure to note the Giving Trees in the narthex on Saturday, November 14. Each year Emmaus gets into the spirit of remembering and giving to those who do not have the means to provide their families with Christmas gifts and food.

Emmaus's tradition of helping includes families from Wadewitz, Racine Family Literacy, EASY, and our own at Emmaus.

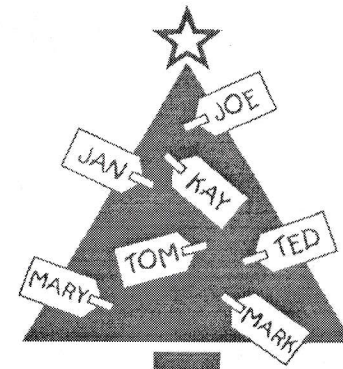
The giving trees are decorated with blue gift tags. Each gift tag describes an individual (sex and age) and the specific gift (clothing, toy/game,

book or gift card). Please take a tag(s). Once you have purchased the gift(s), wrap them, attach the gift tag to the gift(s), and place them near the trees. Each tag has a code which matches a master list.

Please return the gifts by Sunday, December 6. This will allow time for shopping and wrapping.

Monetary gifts are welcome. Envelopes are available on tables in the narthex. Make checks payable to Emmaus and put "Giving Tree" on the memo line. We have

shoppers who will do the walking for you. Your generosity lifts the hearts of those we touch with these gifts.



The Giving Tree

Needles of K1P1 Click

Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m., the women of Emmaus gather for fellowship, coffee, tea and goodies and conversation. Yes, along with a lot of laughter, they do knit and have they been busy little bees as they work on prayer and baptismal shawls, and hats, mittens and scarves for kids.



They were not idle over the summer, creating many colorful sets of hats, mittens and scarves. These items will go to kids at Wadewitz and be used for

Christmas gifts.

Come! Join the fun as we do God's Work with Our Hands.

Thanks to All Who Covered Office for Paul

Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the office during Paul's vacation last month: Denise Keller, Cathy Meyer, Skip Toslek, Diane Melander, Chris Lamberton, and Michele Kreimer.

Paul would also like to thank the crew who have helped put the Visitor together this year: Boots LeRoux, Al & June Beck, and Michele Kreimer.

Grab a Bag, Feed the Hungry

Worshippers this month are invited to come forward with offerings of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Grab a brown paper bag from the narthex or use the list below as a guide for some suggested items to help feed hungry mouths. Food baskets both for Thanksgiving and Christmas will be prepared, and the donated items will be used to bring a bountiful feast to a family in need. Anyone interested in working on this project should contact the church office.

Items not used for the Emmaus baskets will be taken to the Northside Food Pantry.

Gifts of money are welcome to help purchase turkeys and other perishable items for the baskets. Checks for this purpose should be made payable to Emmaus



Outreach with "Food Basket" on the memo line.

All loose offering money on Thanksgiving Eve will be used to help feed the hungry of Racine.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Basket Suggested Items

Canned meat/vegetables (corn, beans, carrots, peas, tomatoes, refried beans, jalapeños, chicken, tuna)

Canned soup
Cereal/oatmeal

Ground meat helper/macaroni & cheese

Pasta, rice, dried beans, tortillas, taco shells

Sloppy Joe seasoning mix and tomato paste or taco seasoning mix

Granola bars
Spaghetti sauce or taco sauce
Cookie mix or muffin mix
Pudding or gelatin dessert
Sugar

Canned fruit or apple sauce
Peanut butter or jam
Hot chocolate, tea, coffee, or juice

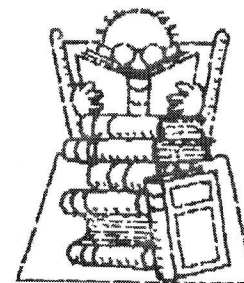
Book Clubs Read Diamant, Hicks

Emmaus has two book clubs which meet monthly. The morning group meets in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. The group will meet November 19 to discuss *The Last Days of Dogtown* by Anita Diamant.

The Fireside Exchange meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. If you cannot come every month, pick and choose among the dates when the

group is discussing books of particular interest to you.

Here are the titles the Fireside Exchange will discuss: November 9: *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. December 14: *Patty Jane's House of Curl* by Lorna Landvik. January 11: *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts. February 8: *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich. March 8: *A Thousand Pieces of Gold* by Ruthanne Lum McCunn. April 12: *Handle with Care* by Jodi Picoult. May 10: *The Quickie* by James Patterson.



Reformation Sunday Music Brings a Message of 'Yes'



The October 25 Sunday worship was enlivened by the music of Brenda Trumbauer and the Adult and Kids' Choirs. The kids enthusiastically sang "Yes, Lord,

Yes!" and the adults joined the choir in singing the arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress" by Michael Burkhardt.

The children's choir is next scheduled to sing on Thanksgiving Eve.

Get a Head Start on Holiday Shopping

We are still selling Scrip gift cards after the weekend services. We keep a supply on hand of the favorite gift cards, but we are able

to obtain those we don't have by the following weekend.

Stop by the Scrip table to see a complete list of gift certificates available.

Women's Circle Invites You

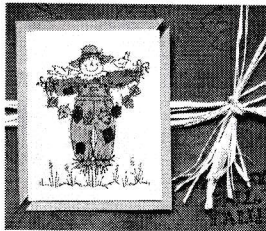
All women of Emmaus are invited to the monthly Bible study held in the Sunset Room at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of

each month. This month's meeting is November 4; the annual cookie pack will be December 2.

Enjoy Crafts Among Friends November 13-14

by Karen Sedgwick

Emmaus will be the host for a craft fair involving 20 vendors who will have a variety of hand crafted items for sale. Items available will include jewelry, wearable art, felted purses, silk scarves, baskets, photo art, home-made dog treats, hand stamped cards and gifts and much more.



variety of designs. Bring your own envelopes to stamp them to match your cards, or envelopes will be available for purchase. This is a perfect time to get your holiday cards done or to try your hand at making your own hand-stamped cards! Demonstrators will be be happy to help you get started.

Please bring your favorite adhesive or purchase it there. To preregister, contact Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188, or email her at stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com

Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 2 Valeria Salinas Diaz, 12
- Nov. 4 Gaby Gallegos, 12
- Nov. 8 Gabby Ludwig, 12
- Nov. 14 David Matson, Jr., 15
- Nov. 18 Bety Mares, 9
- Nov. 19 Zach Offield, 6
- Nov. 20 Lauren Geiger, 1
- Nov. 23 Rachael Cox, 6
- Nov. 29 Melanie Andersen, 17
- Nov. 30 Tavijon Yust, 6

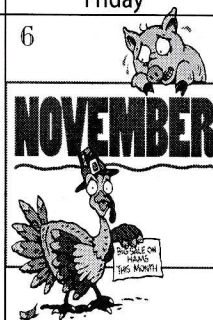

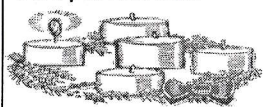
Stampin' Up! Stamp-A-Stack

On Saturday, the crafters will be joined by Stampin' Up! Demonstrators who will be offering a Holiday Stamp-A-Stack event. Come and stamp as many holiday cards as you'd like for \$1.00 a card. Choose from a

November Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Oct. 31 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 1 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Joy Lippmann	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Nov. 7 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 8 9:15 am	Gregg & Kyle Albright	Nancy Smith Shirley Velzka	Melissa Lemke	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Nov. 14 5:00 pm	Ev Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 15 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Chris Lamberton	Brenda Gieszler	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Nov. 21 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 22 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kathy Christensen Pat Jensen	John Knuteson	Team 2 R. Christensen
Wed. Nov. 25 7:00 pm	Pat Jensen Ev Larsen	Shirley Velzka	—	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Nov. 28 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 29 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick Joy Lippmann	Carol Yust	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Dec. 5 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 6 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Carol Eschmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 5 W. Meteyard

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
Nov. 1	Marge & Howard Jensen TBA	Ron & Pat Jensen	November: Valerie Crehan
Nov. 8	Eric & Beth Tepley Chris Lamberton		
Nov. 15	Jim Brown		
Nov. 22	Stan & Betty Breiwick Donna Hansen	Stan & Betty Breiwick	
Nov. 29	Eric & AnnMarie Larsen		
Dec. 6	TBA x 2	M. Porcaro, M. & A. Zielke	Dec.: Pat Jensen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: <i>ELW</i> Setting 10 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing 12:00 noon Spanish Communion service 1:00 pm Comida 5:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	2 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Bishop candidates' forum at Resurrection	3 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Bishop candidates' forum at Resurrect'n	4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm Worship service	5 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	6  NOVEMBER <small>BE CALLED ON NAME THIS MONTH</small>	7 10:00 am First communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Internship retreat</i>						
8 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am English Communion service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 noon Spanish Communion service 1:00 pm Comida 5:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	9 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange 7:00 pm Worship & Music	10 MARTIN LUTHER BORN 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	11 VETERANS' DAY 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm Worship service	12 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	13 4:00 pm Crafts Among Friends <i>Dec. Visitor</i> articles due in church office	14 9:00 am Crafts Among Friends/ Stampin' Up 10:00 am First communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Jhon Freddy vacation, Nov. 9-13</i>						
15 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 noon Spanish worship service 1:00 pm Comida 4:00 pm Girl Scout troop 5823 5:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	16 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	17 10:00 am Keenagers 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	18 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm Worship service	19 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST	21 10:00 am First communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am English Communion service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 noon Spanish Communion service 1:00 pm Comida 5:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	23 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 5:30 pm ESL class	24 5:00 pm TOPS	25 9:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Pizza Supper 7:00 pm Worship service 8:00 pm Pie social	26 THANKSGIVING <i>Office, EASY, Racine Family Literacy closed</i> 	27 TBA Leonhardt-Larsen rehearsal	28 10:00 am Leonhardt-Larsen wedding 2:30 pm First communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
29 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am English Communion service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 noon Spanish Communion service 1:00 pm Comida 5:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	30 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 	Dec 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	2 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult study 7:00 pm Worship service	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:30 pm ESL class	4 6:00 pm Synod Assembly at Our Savior's, Milwaukee	5 8:00 am Synod Assembly at Our Savior's, Milwaukee 10:00 am First communion class 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC

Keenagers in November

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, November 17.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, a program on Paul Berge's vacation in Italy at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.



Fun for Seniors

November Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 2	Myra Nielsen	3502 N. Green Bay Road	53402
Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 Saint Clair Street	53402
Nov. 12	Vern Svendsen	1539 Ostergaard Avenue	53406
Nov. 13	Hans Munch	3950 Erie Street #205	53402
Nov. 16	Janice Nielsen	1206 Fairway Drive	53405
Nov. 26	Judy Berndt	1525 Howard	53404

Keenagers to Feature Trip to Italy

Paul Berge will talk about his recent trip to Italy and share "some" of the hundreds of pictures that he took. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 17. Fellowship with coffee and goodies begins at 10:00 a.m. The program runs from 10:30- 12:00 p.m.

Lunch (Thanksgiving dinner) will be prepared by our fabulous chef, Pat Jensen, and served at noon.

October's gathering had a good turn-out. It was good to see Bill Irvine and Marlyn Christensen



join the group for last month's viewing of the movie "Earth."

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome!

It Is Time to Celebrate

by Jhon Freddy Correa

It is that time of the year to celebrate!

For some people, this time of the year when the days are shorter and the season changes and seasons warm weather is behind, losses are felt. Trees not only change their colors, but their leaves begin to fall. Depression can start taking its effects. Individuals, congregations and even our national church may feel it. How do you feel?

However, it is also the time of the year to praise God and to lift a prayer of thanksgiving for the "hundred and three" things that are happening among us. It is time to celebrate because Emmaus is learning how to work in partnership with many other congregations, especially with Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

It is time to celebrate for the 50 children who are preparing to live a better life with the sacrament of Holy Communion; for the 20 Latino/a young adults that are transforming our congregation. We celebrate because God has empowered Latino/a leaders to act and to transform our community.

Let us celebrate because Stephen Bouman, the president of the EOCM (Evangelical Outreach for Congregational Ministries of the ELCA) feels the pain that many

of our families are going through and speaks on behalf of them. As he said at our Fall Theological Conference, "Let us open our doors to all of those who come to us and let us allow them to bring their suitcases. They don't need to become like us. We are to love them not for what they become, but for who they are: children of God, brothers and sisters in this journey."

We celebrate because there are many national leaders in our church like Steve who have a vision of liberty and love for humankind.

There are so many things that I can share with you about why we can rejoice and give thanks. Space doesn't permit me to share everything, but I'd like to celebrate the recent trip sponsored by the ELCA that allowed five of us from Emmaus to travel to Orlando, Florida in October. There we attended the Latino/a Association for the ELCA. There I was privileged to be elected for a two-year term as Vice President of the Association. Elsa Valeriano, also from our group, was elected as the National director of Latino/a youth.

Let us celebrate, rejoice, smile, be gentle, kind and loving in the Lord, because God is great!



Pastor Mary Prepares for Move

Recently, neighbors on Carlisle Avenue asked Pastor Mary if she was moving from Emmaus. The answer was, "No, I'm not leaving Emmaus, but I will soon be moving from the parsonage."

After a lengthy renovation process, the old home purchased by Nancy and Art Smith will be ready in mid-November. The Smiths, whom Pastor Mary met over twenty years ago when she was an intern in Fairfax, Virginia, have sold their home there, relocating to Racine.

Art, who works as a systems analyst for Mitre Corporation,

currently makes his office on the kitchen table in the parsonage. In mid-November, he will finally have dedicated office space in the newly renovated home on South Main Street.

At that time, the Smiths and Pastor Mary will combine households, and the parsonage will welcome Jhon Freddy and Liliana as its newest residents.

As one of the older members of the church commented recently, "One thing we can always count on is change!" By the way, the home phone number for Pastor Mary will not change.

Advent-Madison Puts Green Ideas to Work

by John Berge

Advent Lutheran Church in Madison is reported by the Union of Concerned Scientists to be doing very well with their environmental stewardship. When Pastor Jeff Wild arrived in 2000, he found that "the concern for creation and the environment among members was a very important part of this church's mission."



showed that their site was not a good one for wind power, but was situated in a perfect position for solar power.

With a partial grant from Focus on Energy, they installed a 2.4-kilowatt solar array in 2002. The solar panels and their efficiency measures have reduced their conventional electricity consumption by 40% and their annual carbon dioxide emissions by 22,000 pounds.

The congregation had already started a restoration of native prairie grasses on the church's 7-acre site. An appointed task force replaced old light fixtures and appliances with energy efficient models. Professional assessors

Rossings Adopt Reformation Sunday

We extend our thanks to Pastor Lyle and Holly Rossing for adopting October 25 in honor of Julia Durand as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday campaign.

Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the Emmaus Visitor

and in worship bulletins on the first and third weekend of the month. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Crunching the Numbers

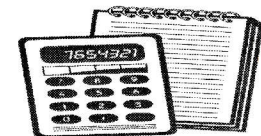
Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Oct. 25, 2009)

	2007			2008			2009			
	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.
Sept.	20	56	68	20	64	50	24	61	117	40
Oct.	20	64	53	20	73	57	24	68	128	42
Nov.	21	81	52	21	73	59				

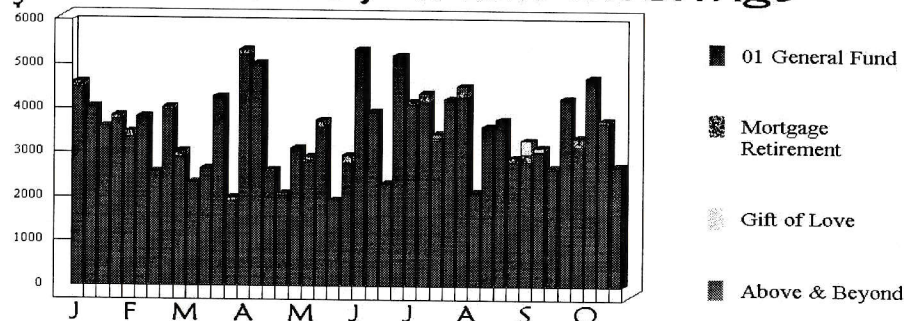
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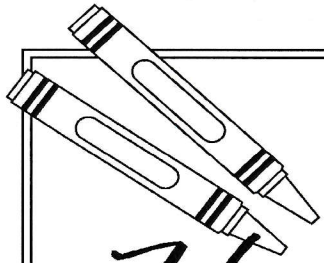
	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Sep. '09:	\$12,718.00	
Above-Beyond + Adopt -Bill + Lawn care donation:	457.50	
Correction for Mass on the Grass:	-213.83	\$146,050.10

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Sept. '09.....	\$250.00.....	Campaign TD: \$62,150.62
Mortgage payments in Sept. '09:		
Principal	\$676.47	
Interest.....	\$315.53	
Extra principal.....	\$0.00	
Total.....	\$992.00	
Principal balance as of October 14, 2009:	\$60,714.82	



Week by week offerings





Just for **KIDS**

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

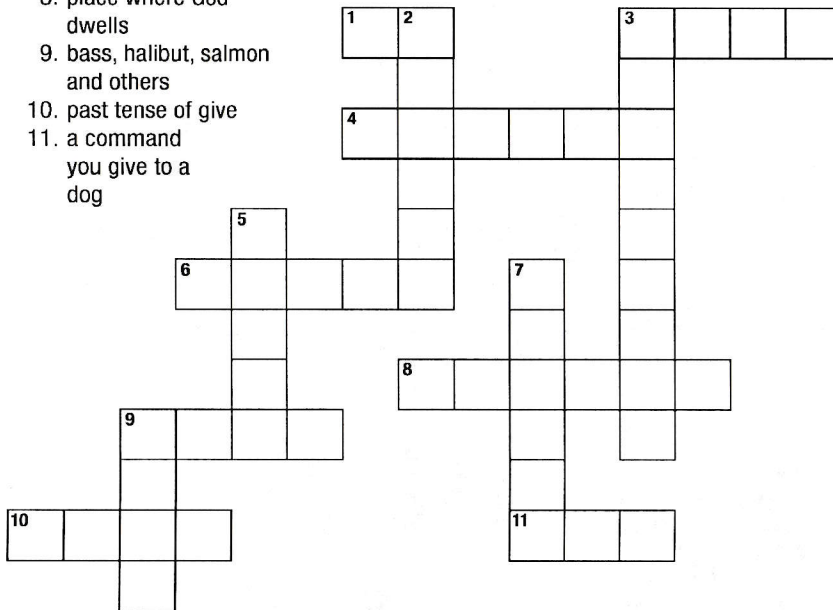
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

- opposite of down
- opposite of up
- more than one loaf
- peniless
- place where God dwells
- bass, halibut, salmon and others
- past tense of give
- a command you give to a dog

Down

- another name for humans
- twelve of Jesus' closest friends
- what a lawnmower cuts
- _____ giving
- odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five



Poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for Christmas will be ordered this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each
(# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

My name:

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:.....

Deadline to order and make payment is **November 30, 2009**. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24.

Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

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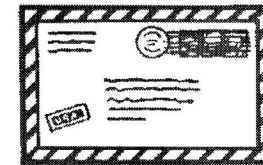
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Letters

Thanks from Lutherdale for Successful Fest

Thank you for Helping Make the 2009 Lutherdale Fest and Quilt Auction a success.

The 2009 Lutherdale Fest and Quilt Auction was an excellent event because of all the people who decide to make supporting Lutherdale a priority. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and, of course, the buyers! This event wouldn't



happen without you, and Lutherdale probably wouldn't happen without you. We can't

thank you enough for all the blessings you bring.

Over 286 quilts were sold, and Lutherdale raised over \$55,000. Again, thank you!

Synod to Choose Among 12 Bishop Candidates

by Mary Meyer

We now have twelve people who have consented to be in the election process to become bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA. Responses from the candidates to a the biographical information form and a list of eleven questions from our synod council were posted on our Greater Milwaukee Synod website (www.milwaukee-synod.org) on Tuesday, October 27.

The bishops' forums will begin on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, in Racine. Resurrection will host a second forum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 3. There will also be two forums held in the Milwaukee area: one on Thursday evening, November 5 at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W. Becher Street, West Allis; and one Friday evening, November 6 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 12012 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, both beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All voting members will be asked to attend two forums. The group of identified leaders has been divided into two groups – Group A and Group B. In order to listen to all identified leaders,

voting members and others interested should attend both sessions either in Milwaukee or in Racine. Group A will be heard Tuesday in Racine and Thursday at Mt. Hope Lutheran. Group B will be heard on Monday in Racine and Friday at Mt. Zion Lutheran.

Special Assembly

The special assembly to elect the new bishop will begin on Friday evening, December 4, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3022 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. The assembly will begin with opening worship followed by the first ballot.

The assembly will continue the next day, Saturday, December 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until we have the election of our new bishop. Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will preside at this special assembly.

Parking at Our Savior Church is somewhat limited so we encourage car pooling as much as possible. There is a parking lot behind the church and on-street parking is available.



Identified Leaders for Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod

Group A

Greg Van Dunk
Pastor, Atonement Lutheran Church, Muskego;
ELCA Mission Director, Greater Milwaukee Synod

David Dragseth
Pastor, Lake Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Susan Tjornehoj
Director of Evangelical Mission-
Minneapolis Area Synod

John Horner-Ibler
One of the pastors at Cross of Life

Lutheran Church in Brookfield.

Harvard Stephens
Dean of Siebert Chapel at Carthage College (2003-present)

Larry Clark
Senior Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

Group B

Jeff Barrow
Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Racine – Senior Pastor;
Assistant to the Bishop, Greater Milwaukee Synod

Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld
Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Waukesha

Jim Stein
Sr. Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee

Sandy Chrostowski
Senior pastor, Galilee, Pewaukee

Jon Jacobs
Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Joseph Crippen
Senior Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, Minnesota

Saturday, November 14, 2009
Village Church
130 E. Juneau St.
Milwaukee WI 53202
5:30 Dinner/Silent Auction
7:00 Concert

AZZ for Justice

Join us for an evening of live jazz, fellowship, food, and a silent auction!

Featured artists
Lincoln Center for the Arts Jazz Band
and
Tammy Ann Winn with Troy Fannin
Tammy Ann Winn is an award winning, internationally touring singer-songwriter and recording artist. Her eclectic collection of compositions highlights her talent for lyrical poetry and soulful delivery. In her fruitful multi-career, Tammy Ann Winn has sold and distributed thousands of recordings worldwide.

TICKET INFORMATION
(Includes dinner and concert)
Advanced Tickets: \$20
Seniors/Students \$10
At the door: \$25
Seniors/Students \$12

For more information
LHRA: 414-536-0385
Email: lhra@lhra.org

Sponsored by Lutheran Human Relations Association (LHRA), First United Lutheran Sheboygan, Bayshore Lutheran Whitefish Bay, and other contributors.

Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, LHRA confronts racism, and works for justice and reconciliation.

Lincoln Lutheran Sponsors Wine Tasting

Lincoln Lutheran Service Coordinators' sixth annual wine tasting event is Wednesday, November 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bay Pointe at the Atrium (3950 N. Main Street).

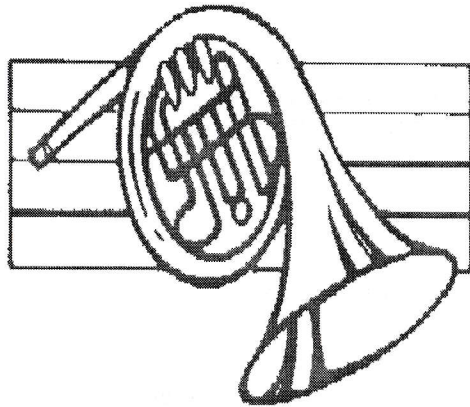
The event will benefit the Service Coordinator Program, which provides continual advocacy and empowers seniors to become more independent by linking them with supportive services within the community.

Music provided by pop/folk singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Mark Paffrath.

The cost is \$25/person. To purchase tickets, contact Kris Kurklis, LVN Service Coordinator by e-mail: kkurklis@llor.org or phone: 262-833-0138.

Carthage Wind Ensemble Performs

The Carthage College Wind Orchestra will present a concert at the A.F. Siebert Chapel on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform *Aseclepius*, a fanfare for brass and percussion by Michael Daugherty; *Asuka*, an evocative and energetic work by Japanese composer



Tetsunosuke Kushida; and *Prelude on Three Welsh Hymn Tunes* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Senior music education major Laura Kaeppler will be the featured soloist in *Sandburg Reflections*, a set of four songs for soprano and wind orchestra by Lew Buckley. The concert program is rounded off by *Overnight Mail* by Milwaukee native Michael Torke.

The concert is free of charge.

Zion Hosts Craft Fair

Saturday November 14 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church: 3805 Kinzie Avenue e-mail the church at zionlutheran_church@yahoo.com if interested in participation.

Stepping Out in Faith

During the past several weeks, the story of Abraham and Sarah has been the highlight for the kids' classes on Wednesday night. The kids imagined what it would be like to pack up belongings, animals and a tent and go to a far away place where they'd never been before.

The kids, sitting in a circle, surrounded a homemade altar of rocks and candles as they heard the age-old story. They sat in the darkness, with only candlelight, as they talked about the long journey of Abraham and Sarah. The kids also shared about what it was to trust.

In one of the discussions among the older kids, the subject of change was the topic. Kids talked openly, admitting that change can be scary and difficult. As one of the boys told of his experience of changing schools, tears were shed. Hearing about Abraham and Sarah and their journey of faith, the kids began to see important connections.

Just as God had walked with Abraham and Sarah, visiting them in the form of strangers, they also heard the promise of God being there for them as God's children. While not always easy to trust in the promises made by God (Sarah laughed at the prospect of having a child at her age!), the concepts of

trust and faith were emphasized. The "Stepping Out in Faith" banner, which is now hanging in the sanctuary, gives us a glimpse of what the children of Emmaus are learning.

As adults, we, like the kids, admit that change and moving into unknown territory can bring fear and anxiety. Whether the unknown territory is that of an operating room or a place other than a lifelong home or a new relationship, those transitions require trusting that God goes with us.

As we prepare to elect a new Bishop in our synod, there are many unknowns. Are we able to trust that the work of the Holy Spirit will provide for the type of leader that the church needs at this time?

As we continue to experience the unfolding of the Latino ministry at Emmaus, will we have faith in our God to lead us on this journey through untrodden territory? Will we be able to experience joy and laughter (that's what Isaac's name means!) as we move forward in faith?

God is leading us to new places. Let it be said that we are a people who follows in faith!

Your traveling partner,
Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

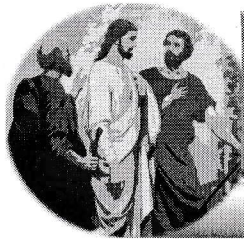
In the November Visitor:

- + *We Say Yes!*
- + *Give a Gift of Light*
- + *Mentors Are Positive
Role Models*
- + *Wednesday Nights*
- + *EASY Kids' Mosaics*
- + *Giving Trees*
- + *Thanksgiving,
Christmas Baskets*
- + *Energy Savings at
Advent-Madison*
- + *Poinsettia Order
Form*
- + *Synod Bishop
Candidates' Forum*
...and much more!

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December Worship Opportunities

- Saturdays* 5:00 p.m. Communion services
- Sundays* 9:15 a.m. English Language Communion services; children's program on December 20
12:00 noon Spanish Language Communion services
- Wednesdays* 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening worship services Dec. 2, 9, and 16
- Tuesday, Dec. 8* 6:00 p.m. Spanish Language Advent worship service
- Saturday, Dec. 12* 6:00 p.m. Santa Misa
- Thursday, Dec. 24* 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion; music of Brass Nickel
6:00 p.m. Spanish Language Candle Light service with Holy Communion
10:30 p.m. Candle Light service with Holy Communion; Adult Choir sings
- Thursday, Dec. 31* 11:00 p.m. Santa Misa

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Pastoral Acts

Funeral:

Doris E. Jensen
November 11, 2009

Doris joined the Emmaus congregation in 1996, when she and Pastor Mary were neighbors in Pheasant Run condos. Lately she was a resident of Becker-Shoop. She is remembered by cousins Linda Gerber of Racine and Lois Kurhajec of Franksville, and several other friends and relatives.

We Offer Our Condolences

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Betty Breiwick following the death of her brother, Gilman Aspenson, in Mindoro on November 11. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a breeder of American Kennel Club championship boxer pups. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, and four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Our sympathies also go out to Marion Andersen and family upon the death of her sister Doris Smader in La Crosse on October 30. When she lived in Racine, Doris worked at the family sausage shop. Doris was the widow of Louis Smader; they had three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Thank You, Karen Christiansen



The Worship & Music Committee would like to thank Karen Christiansen for all the diligent work and past years of service for scheduling lay readers. She has done a wonderful job; yet the time has come to ask

someone else to help with the task of scheduling lay readers.

The Worship and Music committee is looking for someone who might wish to contribute some time to become the new coordinator. If you have interest, please contact Caren Lamberton, 639-1712.

Three Services at Emmaus Celebrate Christ's Birth

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh--in Christ's body and blood -- so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

At the 4:30 p.m. service, organist Joyce Kaiser, together

with the Brass Nickel, will lead us in familiar carols. There will be a children's time. The afternoon service ends with Holy Communion and the congregation singing "Silent Night" in the midst of candlelight.

At 6:00 p.m., Pastoral Intern Jhon Freddy Correa will lead a Candle Light worship service in Spanish.

The 10:30 p.m. service brings us the music of the Adult Choir under the direction of Becky Smurawa. Brenda Trumbauer will join us as organist for the late-night service. Holy Communion and the singing of "Silent Night" in candlelight will bring the service to a close.

Join us for one or all of the December 24 worship services as we welcome the Prince of Peace!



Deck the Church with Boughs of Holly

by Kathy Christensen

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 5, at 9:30 a.m. There are lots of areas to decorate so we can use lots of helpers. If you can only spare an hour or two, please consider lending a hand for a short

time. Many hands make light work and a fun time together.



We can also use some strong men and boys to bring the decorations down from the attic on Thursday or Friday evening.

If you have questions, call Kathy Christensen at 886-2151.

Kids Prepare for Christmas Musical

This year's Christmas program is a musical about one of the most familiar parts of the Christmas story. Lowly shepherds sitting on a hillside near Bethlehem are tapped by an angel to be the first to see



the baby Jesus. "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior" will be presented on Sunday, December 20 at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

Come and see; the kids are excited and have worked hard to make this a fun and exciting production.

Church Council to Meet at Smiths'

The December 15 gathering of the church council will be held at 1530 Main Street at 6:30 p.m.

Council members and spouses are invited to bring an appetizer or beverage to share.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Church: 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374

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President:	Randy Sanders	Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	
Custodian:	Abelino Mares	Choir director:	Becky Smurawa	

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. A Spanish-language Advent service will be held December 8 at 6:00 p.m.; Santa Misa will also be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. December 12 and 11:00 p.m. December 31.

Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30, 6:00 and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, December 24.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

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After School and Wednesday Campers Give Thanks

by Nancy Smith

Our Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) kids created a banner that is hanging in Fellowship Hall titled "Kernels of Thanks." They made a huge ear of corn on burlap. Each kernel mentions something for which



they are thankful. The Thanksgiving word wall encouraged the learning of new vocabulary and helped them as they worked on a variety of puzzles related to the holiday.

For the kids' science experiment of the month, the kids learned that liquids have different densities. "Oohs" and "aahs" could be heard as they layered honey, karo syrup, water, lamp oil, dishwasher soap, cooking oil and rubbing alcohol in a certain order so that the layers didn't mix.

Wednesday Camp

Ask a question of any camper who attended Wednesday nights in November about the book of Jonah, and they will share many

different aspects of Jonah's journey. They presented "Jonah and the Basking Shark," a fun rap skit which has a humorous slant on the story.

One of the highlights of this study was the night Pastor Mary invited someone to come forward and tell as much as could about the story of Jonah. Santi Espinoza volunteered and took us a step by step journey of Jonah from memory. I challenge any adult to do likewise.

Youth Birthdays

- Dec. 6 Carissa Hansen, 2
- Dec. 9 Jacob Dresen, 17
- Dec. 21 Ashlynn Meteyard, 7
- Dec. 30 Alex Villalobos 12

Consider These Gift Giving Alternatives

There are many local ministries that could use additional funding to keep on giving to others. In lieu of tangible gifts, consider the following as gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends:

- HALO
- Giving Tree

- Racine Family Literacy
- EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth)
- Neighborhood Camp
- Northside Food Pantry

A display and envelopes will be available in the narthex. Make notation on check which ministry you would like to support.

Mt. Meru Farmers Say 'Asante Sana'

by Diane Melander

Asante Sana! These Tanzanian words mean thank you very much. Our friends there are so grateful for the help we give them when we purchase and drink Mt. Meru coffee. The average coffee farm is just one to three acres in size, and the average family income is \$400 per year.

It's amazing to see how the purchase of just one bag of coffee helps the farmers of Tanzania. Your purchase of just one twelve ounce bag of coffee for \$9.00 is used as follows: \$1.71.....goes directly to the farmer as profit \$2.25.....will go to Tanzania to help farmers grow better crops, to buy machinery for the farms and to help build their community. \$3.87.....is the cost of roasting, bagging, labeling and shipping the coffee.



\$1.17.....is overhead

This season is a great time to purchase Mt. Meru coffee. Do you need a hostess gift or a Christmas gift? Holiday gift packs are also available. These include a tote bag and a package of coffee. Tote bags and gift packaging was done by Pan-African Community Association of Milwaukee.

Another great gift that helps the Meru farmers, is your purchase of one square meter of land on the Makumira Estate in Tanzania. This farm project is working on developing a disease resistant strain of coffee trees. They work to try to make the coffee farmers small farms more productive.

If you have questions or want to special order coffee, gift packs or land, please stop by the Sunset Room on Sunday or call Diane Melander at 262-681-2796 or e-mail her at ironoreflicka@mac.com

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 3

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 3 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello?

The pans and



covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Response to Call for Food Is Strong

At a time when shelves of the food pantries are bare and more families than ever are in need of assistance, the people of Emmaus are responding generously. Our confirmation students used a number of grocery bags filled with food to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for four families in need.

Would you like to make a gift to help feed the hungry of Racine?

You may do so by bringing in a bag of non-perishable food items, buying a grocery store Scrip card and donating it, or giving a gift of money earmarked "Gift of Food."

These items will be used for Christmas food baskets. Any items left over from the Christmas food baskets will be given to the Northside Food Pantry.

Knitting, Sewing Groups to Wrap Gifts

Check the Giving Trees for any remaining tags. We will reach out to two families each from Wadewitz and Racine Family Literacy. We will also be remembering families from Emmaus and the EASY boys and girls. Please return the wrapped gifts to the

narthex by Sunday, December 6. It is important to return the gifts with the tag. The tag is the key for distribution.

Knit One, Purl One and the sewing groups will meet on Monday, December 14 to wrap gifts and enjoy a Christmas lunch. Thank you for your ongoing and amazing generosity.



Northside Food Pantry Seeks Donations

Now more than ever, there is great need this year for gifts of food or money to the Northside Food Pantry.

Remember the hungry as you fill up the grocery cart in the narthex. Useful items include:

- Meat & protein (most needed)
- canned fish (tuna, salmon)
 - Canned meats (Spam, ham)
 - peanut butter
 - canned chili and stew

Heat & eat

- canned spaghetti/ravioli
- pork and beans
- corned beef hash
- soup

Grains & vegetables

- breakfast cereal
- instant oatmeal, Cream of

Wheat

- muffin mix
- crackers, saltines
- corn meal
- flour, cake mixes

Fruit

- canned (any kind)
- juices (canned, bottled, or boxed)
- dried fruit (e.g., raisins)

Starches

- hamburger and tuna helper
- instant potatoes
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta (any variety)
- rice (plain or flavored)

Condiments/baking

- all-purpose spices (salt, pepper, etc.)

- sugar
 - cooking oil
 - mayonnaise
 - ketchup/mustard
- Vegetables
- canned (all varieties)
- Milk
- powdered milk



- pudding
- Miscellany
- toothbrushes, toothpaste
 - deodorant, antiperspirant
 - soaps (bath, hair, dish and laundry)
 - feminine products
 - food wraps
 - toilet paper
- Baby items
- diapers (medium to large)
 - baby shampoo
 - cereal
 - baby formula

Donations can be dropped off in the cart in the narthex. Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."

WELCA Bulletins

Women Gather for Cookie Pack

The women's Christmas gathering and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 2 in the Sunset Room. Please bring two dozen or more cookies to share with a shut-in and a Christmas memory, story, etc. to share (if you so desire).

All women of the congregation are invited. We hope you can



come, but if you are unable to attend, you can still donate home made cookies by leaving them in the kitchenette November 30 and December 1

— be sure to mark what they're for!

Memorials and Honoraria

Designated for "Gift of Light":

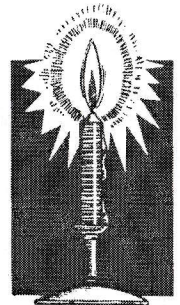
In memory of Bob & Margaret Christensen: \$100.00

In memory of Evelyne & Harold Isaacson: \$100.00

Non-designated memorials & honoraria:

In memory of Doris Jensen: \$25.00

In honor of Annemarie & Eric Larsen: \$100.00



Trying to think of a Christmas gift for the person who has everything? Members and friends of Emmaus are invited to give monetary gifts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more in honor or memory of a loved one. Consider giving the gift of light this season, lighting the entrance of the church.

Yes! I/We would like to give a gift of light!

Name/s

Amount of gift \$.....

In honor/memory of

(Please include an address if you would like the honored person/family to be notified.)

Address

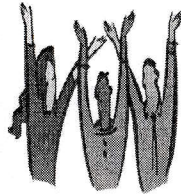
2010 Pledges Continue Our Mission

At press time, we have received 42 pledges for giving. The pledged amount comes to a total of \$107,600 for the year, or a little over \$2,000/week.

Most pledges maintain the same pledge made for

2009. Last year, we received 56 pledges for a total of \$138,385.

Thank you to all who have said "Yes!" to fulfilling the mission of Emmaus as the church council now proceeds with making our budget for the new year!



Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, so church council members and organizations of course anxiously look forward to preparing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week

before the January 31 annual meeting, the office would like reports turned in by January 15. Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Nov. 25, 2009)

	2007			2008			2009			
	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	Sun.	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.
Oct.	20	64	53	20	73	57	24	68	128	43
Nov.	21	81	52	21	73	59	17	61	126	33
Thanksgiving Eve			42			105				107
Dec.	13	83	39	15	85	65				
12/24	E: 102		L: 77	E: 100		L: 61				

Financial Figures

Total for month Year to date

General Fund offerings received in October: \$14,319.37 }

Above-Beyond + Gift of Love + Lawn care donation: 105.00 } \$160,474.47

Mortgage retirement offerings received in October \$350.00 Campaign TD: \$62,500.62

Mortgage payments in Oct. & Nov.: Principal \$1,370.21

Interest..... \$613.79

Extra principal..... \$0.00

Total \$1,984.00



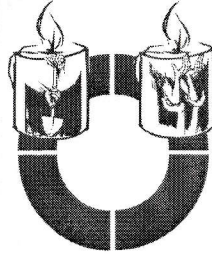

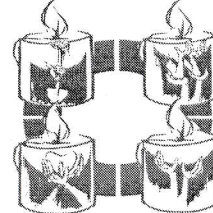

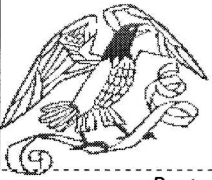
Principal balance as of
November 13, 2009:

\$60,031.45

December Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Commun'n Asst.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Dec. 5 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 6 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Carol Eschmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 12 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 13 9:15 am	Claranna Vytalacil Valerie Crehan	Diane Melander Randy Sanders	Randy Sanders	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Dec. 19 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 20 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Gregg Albright	Karen Sedgwick	Team 2 R. Christensen
Thu. Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen	Ron & Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	—	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Thu. Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Evelyn Larsen	Shirley Velzka, Cindi Larsen, Kylee Albright	—	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Dec. 26 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 27 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Chris Lamberton	Chris Lamberton	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Jan. 2 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 3 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	TBA	Kylee Albright	Team 1 Harold Miller

	Altar Flowers	Wreath Lighters	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
Dec. 6	Rich & Kathy Christensen	Audrey, Alex & Ashley Villalobos	Marge, Melissa & Amy	
Dec. 13		Ron Jensen, Debby, Sarah & Sam Albright	Dennis & Carol Eschmann	Dec.: Pat Jensen
Dec. 20		Kathy Christensen, Julie & Carissa Hansen		
Dec. 27	Cathy Meyer TBA	—		
Jan. 3	Tosleks Sanderses	—		Jan.: TBA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WORLD AIDS DAY 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee 	2 1:30 pm Lydia Circle/ cookie pack 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm Worship service	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's	4	5 9:30 am Decorating church for Advent 10:00 am 1 st communion class 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Pastor Mary on vacation December 25-January 1

Keenagers in December

Keenagers Meet for Festive Brunch

December and Christmas Brunch are synonymous for the Keenagers. Pat Jensen and her renowned gourmet touch will create the annual holiday brunch. A musical surprise is in store. All are welcome to



gather around the table as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

We gather together at 10:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, December 15.

December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	1450 Westridge Court #103	53406
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	6720 Mariner Drive #104	53406
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

Advent Letter from Bishop Hanson

We Stand In God's Grace, But Not Still

Sisters and brothers in Christ of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

I greet you with the words of the apostle Paul to the Romans: "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand" (Romans 5:1-2a).

Where does the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stand today? We stand together in God's grace, but we are not standing still. We proclaim



Jesus Christ and are fully engaged in this mission by actively caring for the world that God loves. God's mission is serious work that calls for serious commitment. We bring all that we are -- especially our rich diversity, our shared tradition and even our disagreements -- in service of God's mission.

We go forward in this mission trusting that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Evidence abounds of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon us and through us:

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Jhon Freddy's Column

Traditions Link Past to Present

In this Advent season I would like you to think of how many traditions you are aware of in your own life and in the life of your family. Because we do come from a number of different backgrounds, it is understandable that what one person reading this article may value as an important tradition may be either unfamiliar or misunderstood by another.

In an effort to better understand one another and to co-exist in this marvelous, gigantic, and super-diverse world, it is important that we better understand the traditions of one another.

I found that the word tradition comes from the Latin *traditionem/traditio*, which means "handing over, passing on." A tradition is a practice, custom, or story that is learned and passed down from generation to generation, originally without the need of a writing system. For example, we often speak of Christmas traditions of different countries, towns, and families. Traditions are often presumed to be ancient, unalterable, and deeply important. However, there is always the possibility that in the passing down of traditions orally, those traditions may be altered

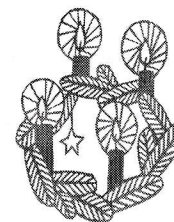
somewhat in the transfer of that information.

Jesus, the son of God, was born in a town that embraced many traditions. According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual of purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the first born, in obedience to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12, Exod. 13:12-15).

Other traditions were found in weddings, in the celebration of the Passover meal, and in Sabbath practices. In the time of Jesus, a number of different groups had their own traditions. Among those groups were the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Herodians, Zealots, Scribes, High Priests, Elders, disciples of John, and the rabbis. Can you imagine all the traditions that each group had? Washing hands, bowing, kneeling, eating, Sabbath practices are but a few of those practices. (Mt. 15:2-3, Mark 7:7-9, Jn.10:22 [Chanukah], Gal 1:14, 2 Thess. 2:15)

Are these traditions requirements from God? Are these traditions the core of our faith and salvation? Traditions, created by humans, have often been deliberately invented to highlight

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Evening Book Group Reads Landvik

The evening book group "Fireside Exchange" will meet Monday, December 14 to discuss *Patty Jane's House of Curl* by Lorna

Landvik. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. Their January book selection is *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts.

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the importance of a certain institution. We may still see evidence of that in our own traditions.

If we track down the origin of most traditions, we will find that it is the people who have created ways to express themselves and to celebrate important events or life passages. Although institutions have often embraced and taken ownership of a number of traditions, these traditions do not belong to institutions nor to churches themselves, but to the people. At the same time, many churches and institutions have altered traditions to make them fit their needs.

Plentiful Grace for All

Today, more than ever before, our congregation is comprised of people who are not the same, people who come from different backgrounds, different customs, traditions and experiences. An example is that, even among the people from Mexico, there is a big difference in food, music, dances, customs, and traditions,

depending upon the state or region of origin. I don't find this to be disturbing or threatening, but rather one of the most beautiful gifts that we have in our congregation. With this variety comes an opportunity to explore, learn, and to be in awe of our God, who has created each and every one of us as unique human beings.

How do we honor and respect the variety of traditions among the people in our church? Do we allow God to live among our varied backgrounds as Paul did in the Areopagus, bringing the message of the God to those of all traditions? We who are Lutherans bring our message: The Grace of God is plentiful for all.

As we share that message, we celebrate our God, who in the midst of everything, does not destroy our humanity, our invention, or our efforts to built community. God enters this world of varied traditions and cultures, bringing a message of hope and redemption for all of God's people.

Jhon Freddy Correa

New Flower Chart Posted

The 2010 Altar Flower sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. We'll print a dedication from each altar flower sponsor in

Saturday and Sunday bulletins. The secretary will phone you that week to ask how you would like the dedication worded.

Batteries Included in Good Stewardship

by John Berge

We Americans buy about three billion household batteries every year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. That is about ten per person and nearly all of them end up in landfills.

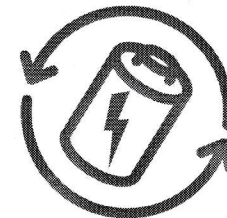
The Union of Concerned Scientists suggests that the next time you need to power up your gadgets, be good environmental stewards and choose rechargeable batteries instead. Unlike disposable alkaline batteries, rechargeable batteries can be reused hundreds of times, which not only saves money and resources, but also reduces global warming pollution associated with battery manufacturing and transportation.

According to an independent study, using a disposable battery to create one kilowatt-hour of electricity has a global warming impact equivalent to driving a car 283 miles. Using a rechargeable battery for the same power is equivalent to driving 10 miles!

Nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) is the most common rechargeable battery and comes in most sizes. Nickel-cadmium (NiCad) rechargeable batteries have more problems because of the toxicity of cadmium. Lithium-ion batteries are currently used mostly in high-end electronics, are more expensive, but have greater energy density.

Buy an Energy Star-rated recharger which can be 35% more energy efficient than the older models. Solar-powered battery chargers require no power off the grid at all. Also look for a "smart" charger that shuts itself off when the battery is fully charged. In any case, unplug the charger when not in use, since it will otherwise still draw current.

When a battery has finally fulfilled its lifetime, dispose of it correctly where it was purchased, at a hazardous waste collection (third Saturdays in Racine), or at volunteer sites such as Battery Plus.





Emmaus has placed our order for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas this year. If you didn't get your order in before November 30, please place your order today.

My/our name/s:

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each
(# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:

Deadline to order and make payment was November 30, 2009. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24.

Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

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January Newsletter Deadline is December 15

Articles for the January *Visitor* need to be in the church office or e-mail by December 15.



takes a few extra days for the post office to deliver our newsletter because USPS sends all of them — even the ones going to Racine addresses — through Milwaukee. Tack on one more day because January 1 is a holiday, and another because the bulk mail office closes early on December 31.

Why can't we wait until after Christmas to start thinking about the new year? Consider that it now

Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping?

A variety of Scrip gift cards are available for sale after Saturday and Sunday worship services. These make great holiday gifts, and we now have free gift card enclosures for your use.

If you don't see what you need, please ask; we can often

order additional gift certificates by the following weekend.

The last order before Christmas will be made on Monday, December 14. If you have questions or special requests, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Naples, Fla., recently purchased land for new ministry center. They also convened ELCA partners, seminaries, synods, and churchwide staff to envision together a vibrant, evangelical and multicultural Lutheran presence in south-western Florida.

Our new directors of evangelical mission, based in synods, are trained and ready to serve ELCA congregations that they might continue to grow as evangelical centers for mission.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi told Global Mission colleagues traveling in the region that they are ready to deepen their relationship with the ELCA so that together we can more generously and faithfully respond to malaria, HIV and AIDS. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, ELCA

coordinator for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, writes, "The ELCA, especially through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, will be part of a movement that changes the world. It's certainly going to change Malawi."

In summer 2009, 37,000 youth, young adults and adult leaders attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They spread throughout the city, wearing orange t-shirts in a witness of service that touched the hearts of residents and has them talking still.

ELCA chaplains Michael Lembke, Richard Brunk and Paul Dirksmeyer bore witness to God's mercy at Fort Hood, Texas. They ministered to families, friends and an entire nation grieving the tragic shootings at the nation's largest military base.

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These are just a few examples. Think of the signs of the Holy Spirit being poured out in your life and in your congregation! Thanks be to God for this continued outpouring of the Spirit among us.

When the ELCA Church Council faced the reality of reduced financial resources for mission, it made a difficult but necessary 10 percent budget reduction. The decision, however, does not diminish our resolve and commitment to engage together in God's mission for the life of the world.

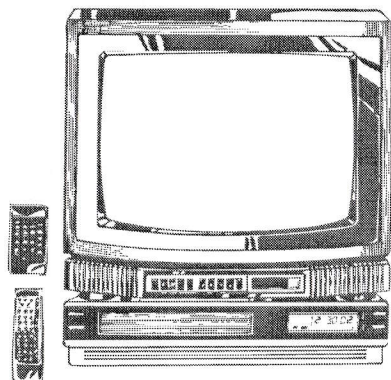
We will engage Christ's mission with everyone who stands together in God's grace, using the rich gifts that the Holy Spirit has poured into our lives:

Together we will proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord in worship spaces and workplaces, in online conversations and around kitchen tables.

Together we will develop new ministries in every synod in multicultural communities and among people living in deep poverty.

Together we will raise up and welcome faithful, wise and courageous leaders by sustaining vital and creative seminaries and campus ministries.

Together we will send missionaries to accompany new



and growing Lutheran churches throughout the world.

I invite you to deepen this conversation with me in an online town hall forum on Sunday, December 6, at 4:30 p.m. (CST); check www.elca.org for more details.

The apostle Paul wrote that where the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us, hope abounds and hope does not disappoint us (Romans 5:4-5). What a wonderful promise this is as we now enter the season of Advent! With our hope in Christ, we face the future together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the world that God so loves.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America

Elsewhere in Our Area

Carthage Presents Christmas Concert

The Music Department of Carthage College in Kenosha presents "Joy! A Carthage Christmas" Friday, December 4 and Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m. Admission to the festival of readings and carols is free, but reservations are required; phone 262 551-8500.

The concert features the Carthage College choirs, orchestra, and the majestic sounds of the Fritsch memorial organ.

Sing Along with Handel

Greg Berg will direct the fifth annual Community Sing-along Messiah at First United Methodist Church, 919 60th Street, Kenosha, at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13. Area choirs are invited to assemble at 5:30 in the sanctuary. Music will be provided for those without their own score.

A free will offering will be received to cover orchestra expenses.

Incarnation Hosts Organ Concert

On December 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Incarnation Lutheran Church, 1510

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West Keefe Ave, Milwaukee, will present a holiday organ concert. This is the fifth year of their organ concert series designed to raise



awareness of the pipe organ and raise funds to help maintain and expand it. This concert features favorites of the season played by

Incarnation's organist, James Stoebe, with special guests from Reformation Lutheran: tenor Gus Barnes and organist Dennis Wolfgang. Free will offering and a reception afterward.

Lutheran Choir Performs in Wauwatosa

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee, under the direction of David Mohr, will present its annual Christmas Concert, "Rise Up, Shepherd," on Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue in Wauwatosa.

Tickets are \$13.00, or \$10.00 for seniors or students, and may be obtained by calling the LAC Information Line at 262-521-4545, at the door, or online at www.lutheranacappella.org

Traditions, Rich and Varied

Traditions, customs and culture have been the topic of interest at Emmaus, including recent conversations during coffee hour, at the last council meeting and over lunch at Keenagers. As we hear of customs and traditions different from those we know, there are often questions, curiosity and musings.

Those of us familiar with Christmas carols, Advent candles, Advent calendars and the exchange of Christmas cards have come to expect those things each year as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. While many of us remember purple as the liturgical color for the season of Advent ("adventus," from the Latin word for coming), many Lutheran churches have moved to the color blue, the color symbolizing hope.

This custom of using blue is traced back to a medieval rite from the Lutheran church of Sweden. On December 13, the people of Sweden also celebrate the festival of light, remembering Santa Lucia (St. Lucy), the Christian martyr, who in some traditions is the patron saint of the blind.

December 12 is the festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the familiar Mexican symbol of the Virgin Mary. This 16th Century image of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is Mexico's most popular

religious and cultural image. The Emmaus Latino worshipping community will celebrate that festival the weekend of December 12 and 13.



Another of the Advent customs for Latinos is "Las Posadas" ("The Inns"), which originated in Spain. The nine-day celebration begins December 16 and symbolizes the trials of Mary and Joseph before finding a place for the birth of Jesus.

Each night of the Posada, a different Emmaus Latino family hosts the Posada for the entire group at their home. The children and adults come to that home as pilgrims requesting lodging. Songs, candles and children dressed as Mary and Joseph come to the door as the travelers

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requesting a place to stay.

Each evening, the weary travelers are refused lodging until they reach the last place. There, Mary and Joseph are invited in and all kneel around the Nativity.

This year, the final destination will be Emmaus on the evenings of December 23 and 24. On December 23, there will be a party for the children, and December 24 includes a Christmas Eve worship service around the Nativity.

Family, food, culture and tradition will be a part of our experiences and our memories as we journey through this season of

Advent. How will we honor familiar traditions, learn about new ones ... and most of all, welcome the birth of the Christ child, the One who enters "a world longing for light and hope"? That Word Made Flesh is the One who comes to all peoples of all traditions, bringing the promise of hope and new life.

Blessings to each of you in your Advent journey,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

FOLLOW THE LIGHT

Can you find your way through Advent to Christmas by using the letters L I G H T over and over in sequence? You can only go up, down, left or right, not diagonally.

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In the December Visitor

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