

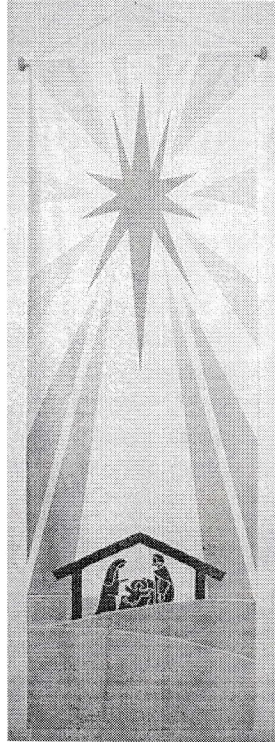
Emmaus Visitor

January, 2011

Seasonal Banners Are Gift from Lincoln Lutheran

The year-end elimination of the Chaplaincy Department for all the facilities of Lincoln Lutheran led to a number of religious articles made available to ELCA congregations at no cost. Emmaus was the recipient of several pieces of ceramic communion ware as well as other communion supplies.

In addition, we received the large gift of a complete set of seasonal banners imported from Belgium. Both the Advent banner and the Christmas banners have already graced the walls of our sanctuary, and the Worship and Music Committee is currently discussing how the complete set of banners will be permanently displayed.



Altar Candles Are Refitted to Be More 'Green'

The disposable candle inserts used for the altar and chancel candles have been replaced by permanent plastic inserts, which can be refilled with oil rather than thrown away after they have been used.

Not only will the replacement of the inserts be a savings in the long run, but we will eliminate the need to dispose of the pre-filled inserts. Undesignated memorials given in the name of Howard Jensen have made this change possible.

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Thank You to Evelyn Larsen

After many years of faithful service as co-chair of the Altar Guild, Evelyn Larsen is stepping down from that position. She and Pat Jensen have been



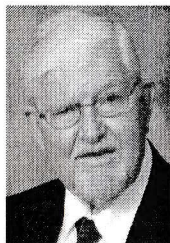
in charge of drawing up the Altar Guild service schedule, keeping procedures current, and checking the linens and communion hardware.

We give thanks to Evelyn for her years of ministry to the congregation!

Keep Family of Rev. Dale Larson in Prayers

Rev. Dale Larson died on Friday, December 10, 2010 after a medical procedure. Rev. Larson served briefly as interim Pastor at Emmaus in 1993, and had previously served Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

In the meantime, please keep Gloria and Dale's family in your



thoughts and prayers. Memorials may be made to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 5214 W. Luebbe Lane, Milwaukee, 53223, or Luther Manor Foundation, 4545 N. 92nd Street Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53225.

Mission Exploration Process Will Be Introduced January 16

The coffee hour time on January 16 will be dedicated to "Looking Back, Looking Ahead" as the Mission Exploration Team (MET) process and the MET team are introduced.

Where are we headed? What attempts should be made to become one



different worshipping expressions? What are the concerns and what are the opportunities that we face? The council wants to follow a process that is very intentional about listening to all voices of our congregation as we embark on this next phase of the overall ministry of Emmaus.

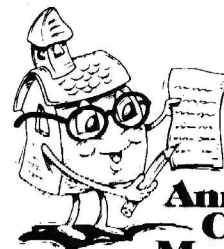
Please make every effort to attend and to be a part of this important process!

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Mark Your Calendar for Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation is set for Sunday, February 6 immediately following the morning worship service. As we look to the future, be sure to attend this important meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes election of a church council



Annual Church Meeting

and consideration of a budget for 2011.

Copies of the annual report will be available the weekend of January 22 and 23. Council members and program coordinators are asked to turn their

reports in to the church office by January 15.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2010 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices. Many Sundays are still open, including all of January.

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

each Sunday. The cost is now 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.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors: Rev. Mary L. Janz 1530 S. Main Street, 53403 262/633-3059

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Church office: Paul Berge emmausracine@sbcglobal.net ext. 10

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Education Coord.: Nancy Smith nnsdaisy@aol.com ext. 16

Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer Choir director: Becky Smurawa

Custodians: (position open)

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Wednesday evening services resume January 12 at 7:00 p.m. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

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 February VISITOR is January 14. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Maintenance, Utilities Exacerbate Deficit

Not accounting for the final week's offerings for 2010, it appears that Emmaus will end the year with a deficit of approximately \$20,000. Over \$6,000 of that amount is what is still owed to the Greater Milwaukee Synod for the pledged benevolence we have committed as a congregation. Other big expenses have been utilities and major maintenance and repair.

Although some designated



gifts were given for building and grounds expenses, they did not cover the added expenses of sidewalk repair, repair following water damage in the lower level, roof repair, repair of the lift pump and the replacement of a water heater.

To help defray the deficit, gifts of any size are welcome. They may be designated "Deficit reduction."

Custodian Replacement Is Being Sought

Abelino Mares, our part-time custodian, has informed us that he will no longer be able to continue his position with Emmaus. In addition to his full-time job with In-Sink-Erator, he now has the added responsibility of helping care for the newest member



of his family, baby daughter Alexandria, so that his wife can also work. We thank Abelino for the good work that he has done and appreciate his willingness to fill in from time to time.

Applications are now being accepted for the position, which will be 10-15 hours per week. Interviews will take place the first part of January.

Giving Tree Brings Joy at Christmas

Over 30 children received special Christmas gifts of books and games as a part of our annual Christmas giving tree. In addition, one family with extreme medical and financial challenges was



designated to receive a wide variety of gifts to help make their Christmas a bit brighter. Thank you to the many shoppers and elves who made this possible!

Member Care Offers Rides to Church

Seniors: would you like to continue attending worship services, but are hesitant to drive in winter weather? Emmaus volunteers would be happy to transport you to and from the Saturday or Sunday services.



transportation.

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

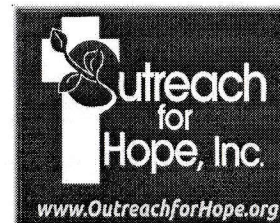
Hope Sunday Highlights Ministries of Emmaus, Other Grant Recipients

The synod Outreach for Hope Fund has notified Emmaus that we will be the recipient of a \$32,000 grant for 2011. Grants from the fund are intended for intentional outreach and ministries serving people in poverty.

Grant monies help fund our Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) program, Wednesday night programming, staffing for outreach, and special one-time

events such as the "Spreading the Word" Bible give-away for children this past December. Outreach for Hope also helps to fund the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps.

The musical group Caritas was featured at a special program at Atonement Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 9. Photos from the Emmaus Neighborhood Camp were featured in a slide show during the song "Cherish the Child," composed by Greg Berg.



Hams, Food Baskets Shared With Local Families

More than a dozen families received hams and food baskets from Emmaus during Christmas week. Emmaus members donated food throughout December, and these gifts were supplemented by individual donations of money to help

purchase perishable items. All Wednesday night offerings since Thanksgiving were also contributed to help buy the food for the baskets. Thank you to all who made this such a successful endeavor.



Lydia Circle Meets January 5

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

January 5. The monthly gathering meets in the Sunset Room on the first Wednesday of the month.

Intergenerational Stable Raising Was Huge Success

For many weeks, adults and kids alike brought their recycled bottle caps to Emmaus to be rinsed and sorted by color. The buckets of the multi-colored caps would provide the color for the large nativity scene.

Mark Falaschi used plywood to make the individual figures of Mary, Joseph, the cow, sheep, donkey, manger and star. He also created a stable out of plywood that would be primed and painted before the Wednesday night of the intergenerational "stable raising" event.

Adults came prepared with drills, and eagerly helped the kids screw the colored bottle caps to the wooden forms. Following the Wednesday night meal served by Carol Yust, Kim Howser, Karen Reikena and their families, approximately 75 kids and adults joined in the collaborative event. In less than two hours the project was completed and ready to display at the evening worship service.

The following week, Mark set up the nativity scene outside the front door of the church, complete with a spotlight for night viewing. Just two nights later the forceful

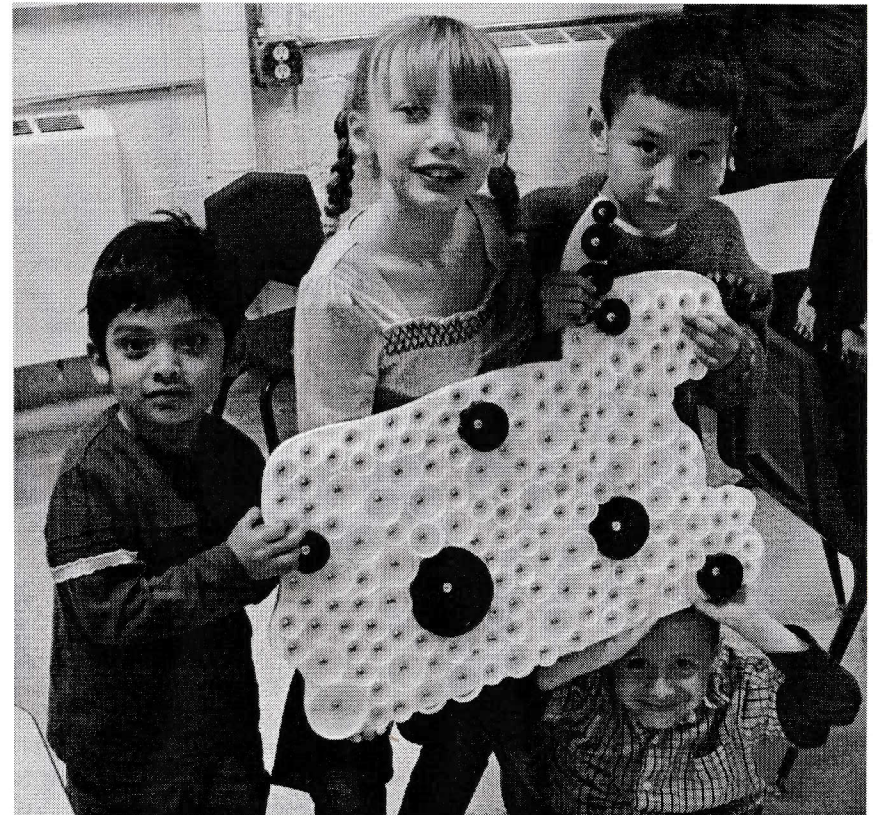


winds snapped the stable in two, and Mark returned to make repairs and raise the stable a second time.

A big thank you to coordinators of the project, Nancy Smith and Claranna Vytlicil. Thank you, too, to Mark Falaschi, to the drill team of Emmaus adults, and to all the young people who so enthusiastically made the nativity come to life in a very creative way.



Bottle cap artists create a nativity scene at Emmaus, December 1.



Education Programs Resume January 10

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) resumes Monday, January 10. Science on Tuesdays concludes our look at Sir Isaac Newton: "Exploring Prisms."

Wednesday Night activities return on January 12. Kids' Bible study will review the Baptism of Jesus and Holy Communion.

Kids' Stars Festoon the Church

Under the direction of Nancy Smith, the kids of Emmaus created dozens and dozens of stars to decorate the trees of the chancel, the narthex and the Sunset Room.

Star making took place on four separate occasions, involving the kids from the EASY program, the Wednesday night program, the Saturday morning first communion class, and the Sunday Spanish speaking worship service.

The kids used beads, glitter, painted wood, pounded metal, and other sparking and shining items to create this year's Christmas ornaments. Kathy Christensen and a number of adults helped round out the decorating crew for

Christmas 2010 at Emmaus. Thanks to all who hauled trees and ventured up those attic stairs!

Youth Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Patrick Austin, 13
- Jan. 4 Danna Trevino, 3
- Jan. 9 Daniella Zavala, 2
- Jan. 18 Cecelia Cruz, 12
- Jan. 20 Maraina Love, 1
- Jan. 26 Carina Saucedo, 2
- Jan. 26 Leah Talbott, 3
- Jan. 26 Carina Saucedo, 1
- Jan. 28 Kaitlyn Sodke, 11
- Jan. 30 Braelynn Stephens, 4
- Jan. 31 David Castañeda Jr., 3
- Jan. 31 Carlisle Bonillo, 14

Scrip Sales Continue in New Year

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.



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January Worship Leaders



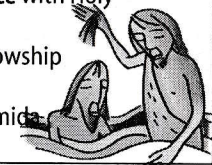

	Altar Guild	Fellowship Hosts	Ushers
Sat. Jan. 1 5:00 pm	tba	—	—
Sun. Jan. 2 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	tba	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Jan. 8 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—
Sun. Jan. 9 9:15 am	Marlyn Christensen Kathy Christensen	Villalobos	Team 6 J. McCray
Sat. Jan. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—
Sun. Jan. 16 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Eschmanns	Team 1 H. Miller
Sat. Jan. 22 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—
Sun. Jan. 23 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	tba	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jan. 29 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—
Sun. Jan. 30 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	tba	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Feb. 5 5:00 pm	tba	—	—
Sun. Feb. 6 9:15 am	tba	tba	Team 4 W. Meteyard

Readings for January 2011

January 1:	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:15-21
January 2:	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:1 or 10-18
January 6:	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
January 9:	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 16:	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 23:	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
January 30:	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
February 6:	Isaiah 58:1-9a or 12	1 Cor. 2:1-12 or 16	Matthew 5:13-20



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 ✉ emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org						1 NAME OF OUR LORD 10:00 am Choir (español) 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC
2 2 ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service ELW setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 pm Santa misa 1:30 pm Convivio y comida	3 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board	4 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte. 7:00 pm Music lessons	5 TWELFTH NIGHT 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 7:30 pm Choir (español)	6 EPIPHANY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 	7	8 12:00 noon Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 pm Santa misa 1:30 pm Convivio y comida 	10 9:00 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Piano lessons 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	11 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons	12 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper. Violin class 6:00 pm Wed. Camp, Tweens 6:00 pm Adult study groups 7:00 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir (español)	13 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	14 <i>Feb. Visitor articles, annual reports due in office</i> 5:00 pm Folk dancers	15 10:00 am Mundo Maravilloso. Choir 12:00 noon Drum lessons 1:00 pm Baptism 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
16 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Chicago Folk service w/HC 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 pm Santa misa 1:30 pm Convivio y comida 2:00 pm Girl Scout troop 5823 5:00 pm Dancing group; Youth group	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 9:00 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board	18 CONFESSION OF ST. PETER 10:00 am Keenagers 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg. 7:00 pm Music less'ns	19 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper. Violin class 6:00 pm Wed. Camp, Tweens 6:00 pm Adult study groups 7:00 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir (español)	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Bulletin deadline	21 5:00 pm Folk dancers 	22 10:00 am Mundo Maravilloso. Choir 12:00 noon Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in January

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, January 18.

Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.

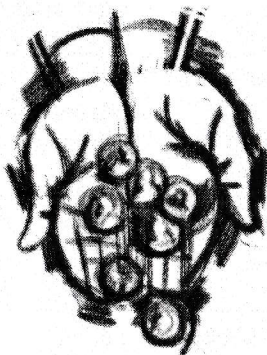


January Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Jan. 11	Oscar Haugsby	3900 N. Main Street #222	53402
Jan. 29	Jan Bertram	1400 8 th Avenue, Union Grove	53182

Please Turn In 2011 Pledge Cards

In spite of inclement weather the first weekend in December, those attending worship let their "little lights shine" through singing and their financial commitments to the ministry of Emmaus.



Pledges received thus far total \$114,380, compared with a total of \$126,160 for 2010.

Of the 46 households making a financial commitment, 13 of those pledges were increased from last year or new pledges for 2011. Commitment forms are still available in the church office; weekly or monthly pledges may also be made by phone

or e-mail, directed to the attention of Paul Berge.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Julia Durand & Howard Jensen: \$300.00

In memory of Howard Jensen: \$30.00

Designated for sidewalk repair:

In memory of Kerry Hunter: \$100.00

Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

We thank an anonymous donor for adopting a Sunday in December in honor of Boots LeRoux as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program.

We thank Ted and Karen Nelson for adopting a Sunday in memory of Karen's parents, Walter and Henrietta McDonald, and Ted's father, Alvie Nelson.

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, including addresses we had on file at that time. If you have not received your envelopes by the beginning of February, please call the church office at 634-5515.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Dec. 26, 2010)

	2008			2009			2010				
	Sat	Sun	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed.	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed
Nov.	21	73	59	18	64	136	47	14	64	211	78
								All Saints' Day: 128			
Thanksgiving			105				107				
Dec.	15	85	65	16	62	160	32	12	90*	165*	63
				Misas Advientos: 160 + 205				108+364+182 = 654			
		4:30	10:30		4:30	6:00	10:30		4:30		7:00
12/24		100	61		??	210	49		130		86
	2009			2010							
Jan.	19	101	62	17	65	180	33	* 12/19 11:00 am service is figured into both averages			

Financial Figures

	<u>Total for month</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
General Fund offerings received in November:	\$ 11,729.62}	
Thanksgiving + corporate donation:	252.00 }	\$ 160,026.10

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Nov. '10	\$200.00	Campaign TD: \$66,899.62
Principal balance as of November 12, 2010: \$51,554.98		

'Star Of Wonder' Pageant Plays to Standing Room Only

The combined service on December 19 included over 100 children, over 40 of whom participated in the Christmas pageant, "Star of Wonder." The sanctuary was filled, including the narthex, for the service that featured

music students and participants in the pageant. The chorus of enthusiastic kids sang a wide variety of songs, including "Look Up!" "A Big, Big Band of Shepherds," "Wee Three Kings," "God Chooses Who He Uses, and He Uses Everyone," with special solos by Maria Martinez and Fernando Rojas Luna.

"Stars" in the pageant were the Falling Star, Lucky Star, Shooting Star, North Star, Rock Star and Super Star—all leading up to the greatest star of all, Jesus! Mary, Joseph and a sleeping baby Jesus (portrayed by Mateo Correa-Moncada) were revealed as the shepherds, angels and stars converged at the stable in Bethlehem.

Special thanks go to Nancy Smith, Claranna Vytlacil, Brenda Trumbauer, Rich Benson, Andrea Macias, Jose Zuniga, Kathi Packard, Allie Gonzalez, the Emmaus sewing group and all the supportive parents

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and grandparents of the kids. It was an ambitious undertaking that was possible only because of the help of so many!

Following the service, over 250 people gathered downstairs for a feast which included everything



from chili to tamales to lasagna to fajitas—not to mention a wide array of salads and desserts. The Latinos of the congregation cooked and served the main meal.

A highlight for the over 100 children in attendance was receiving an age-appropriate children's Bible or Bible story book. Funds from the Outreach for Hope grant defrayed the cost of the cases of gift Bibles. For a majority of the children, it was the first time they had a Bible or Bible story book of their own, and many could be seen at the lunch tables sitting and reading their new Bibles. It truly was a day of "spreading the Word!"



Scenes from "Star of Wonder," December 19 at Emmaus.



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Letters

Millers Send Thanks for Holiday Cookies

Dear friends,

It was nice of you to think of us with a pretty pail of cookies and a great visit from Cindi and Loren

Larsen.

Thanks to the women cookie makers.

—Harold and Catherine Miller

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 3

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 3. 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. The casserole recipe is on line on the



Social Concerns page of our web site at www.emmaus-racine.org/SociConc.html (include the hyphen).

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

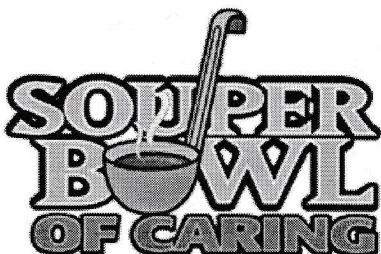
Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 6

Souper Bowl of Caring is on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help.

Since 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring has been turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. Last year, 13,031 fund raisers around the country raised \$10,176,764 to relieve hunger.

At the February 5 and 6 worship services, drop a dollar in a

souper 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.



Environmental Stewardship

Appliances, Gadgets Boost Energy Costs

by John Berge

In areas without natural gas, most of the electricity used goes to the furnace, the water heater, air conditioning unit, and lighting. To those of us who use gas for those first two uses, lighting, appliances and electronic items such as TVs, computers, DVDs, Blu-ray players and the like are the big users of electricity.

We can reduce our use of electricity, and thus our carbon footprint, not only by using compact fluorescent lamps, but by how we use our appliances and electronics. It was thought that increased efficiency would reduce our ever increasing need of electrical energy. Our insatiable desire for the latest technical gadget has overcome the efficiencies.

Many electronic devices are not truly off when you switch them off. The TV, microwave, DVD with its clock (blinking 12:00 all the time?) and computers that are not switched off at the surge protector are using electricity all the time. The switch on a surge protector can be a significant saver of electricity as well as protection in a storm. If something is not going to be used for a significant length of time, unplug it or otherwise cut off these

energy drains. While such "vampire" loads may be small — from 0.5 to 10 watts — it is estimated that a typical household will have 20 appliances pulling standby at any given time.

Other savings can be attained by looking for Energy Star-rated items. This program, launched in 1992 by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and U. S. Department of Energy, now covers more than 60 items. For example, replacing a clothes washer made before 2000 with a 2010 Energy Star one could save \$135 per year in electricity and also may save water, which requires energy to bring to your tap. Replacing a refrigerator made before 1993 could save \$65 annually. The savings would be even greater if the old model is not in good working condition. It can pay to invest in environmental stewardship.



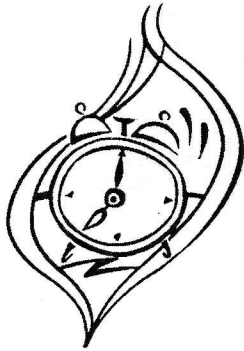
February Newsletter Articles Due January 14

Articles for the February Visitor are needed in the church office by January 14. So are committee reports for the annual report to the congregation.

In Between Times...What Is Yet To Come?

The hustle and bustle have subsided, the "to do" list is a bit shorter, and there is more breathing time now that Christmas day has passed. I write this during the "in between" week, waiting for the New Year to be ushered in.

"In between" times can take on many perspectives. We can look back, both with nostalgia and regrets, thinking about what was and what could have/should have been. That happens both in our individual lives and in the life of the congregation.



"Remember when..." becomes a mantra. Remember when the family used to get together for Christmas? Remember when times seemed less complicated? Remember when the kids were young and when weren't those empty places at the dinner table? Remember when gifts were simple, and we weren't hooked to so many electronic devices? Remember when our health was better and we had more stamina? Remember when...(you fill in the blank).

As we look back in nostalgia, often erased from our memories or

buried very deep, are those times that weren't all that pleasant. How often do we rewrite history so that the "good ol' days" are better than they may have been in reality?

We as a congregation are part of "in between" times as we move on to the next pages of our history.

What was—a congregation made up of nearly 100% members of northern European heritage—is no longer the case. What was—a neighborhood of mostly white faces—is no longer true. What was—the majority of families living with economic stability—isn't any longer a reality.

What was—the assumption that our kids and grandkids would be active in church life—is no longer a given.

It's into this changing reality, into this world that faces new challenges with each generation, that God appears in the flesh during this Christmas season. It's as a vulnerable baby, whose very life is threatened, and who has to live as a refugee in a foreign land, that the Son of God has his beginning on earth. Talk about "in between" times where the future must have seemed very uncertain!

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Pastor Mary's Column

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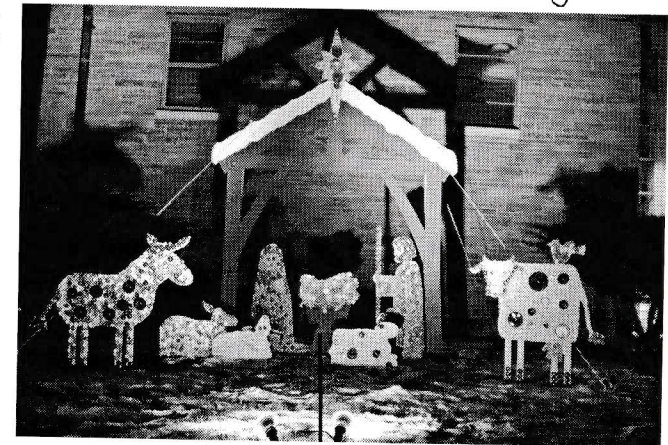
And God continues to look to the future, through Jesus, assuring us that God is not finished with God's story here on earth. God's salvation story is so much more than a vulnerable baby in a manger, and because of that, we have so much more to look forward to. We look forward to the season of Epiphany, the season of light and the season where God manifests God's very presence in new and surprising ways. It's not "business as usual" as God looks to the future.

How is the Spirit of God at work in our individual lives and in the lives of the congregation of Emmaus? No, things will never look like they once did, and at the same time, so much remains the same. As the church of this century is now filled with brown and black faces, as well as the white ones we grew up with, we still hear God's word of promise, forgiveness and grace. We still receive the body and blood of Jesus, being nourished for the journey and being assured of life eternal. We still hear the mandate to go and teach and to baptize ALL nations.

And, at the same time, we are challenged to move forward as the united Body of Christ, celebrating that God's love and God's promise is for ALL OF US. As we are part of this "in between" generation, our prayer is that God will give us the courage and faith to move forward, praying "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

May you see and experience God's kingdom appearing and at work in your midst each and every day as we move forward in faith! We can be certain of the future, because our faithful God walks with us!

Your traveling partner in
Christ,
Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



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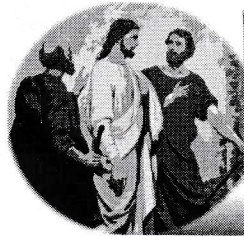
- ▶ Thankyou, Evelyn Larsen
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Congregation Meets to Elect Council, Decide Budget

The regular annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 6.

The agenda includes the election of 2011 church



council members, and approval of the 2011 budget.

Copies of the 2010 annual report are available at church.

Emmaus Responds to Kenosha Disasters

After hearing about the people displaced by the home explosion and the apartment fire in Kenosha, Grace Lutheran Church of Kenosha and the ELCA Urban Outreach Center, together with the Red Cross, stepped in to help. Immediately after the disasters, a number of those people were housed at the church, which also provided them with clothing and personal items.

Hearing about the need for money and personal items, many people throughout the synod responded with their help. Included in those responding were those attending the Wednesday night worship services at Emmaus. Offerings for two weeks were shared with those in Kenosha, and two members representing Diakonia, Joannie Williams and

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Pastors Meet With Churchwide Leaders

On Friday, January 21, Pastor Jhon Freddy and Pastor Mary traveled to Chicago with Pastor Sandy Chrostowski, Synod Director of Outreach and Evangelism. There they met with Ruben Duran, Director of Development of New Congregations, and with Hector Carrasquillo, Director of Latino Ministries of the ELCA.

Discussion included how our Latino ministry at Emmaus should be categorized and how that would influence funding from the Division of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission (EOCM). Concerns regarding the sustainability of the ministry were addressed, and other current and potential sources of funding were identified.

Support for the ministry will come from the national ELCA, the Greater Milwaukee Synod, Emmaus, partners and the Latino ministry itself.

Because the \$36,000 committed by the ELCA for 2011 will come from "New Start" allocations of the national church, the new ministry

is required to maintain a separate ministry budget for the time being. Pastor Jhon Freddy is considered a pastor mission developer, and will be officially sponsored by the ELCA for visa purposes.

As a part of the sponsorship, the ELCA will assume any legal and government expenses related

to the religious worker visa (R1) for which Pastor Jhon Freddy is now applying. Secondary financial support will include the parsonage provided by Emmaus and funding from other partners, including the synod's Outreach for Hope

Fund and the Love and Charity Endowment (LACE) fund of Bethania Lutheran Church. Partnerships with two other ELCA congregations of the synod are currently being pursued.

As the Mission Exploration process unfolds, it will be up to those of us who are participating, as well as to those from the neighborhood and wider community, to provide input that will help us envision how we best reflect being the Body of Christ together at the corner of Summit and Yout and beyond.



Racine Area Mission Strategy to Parallel with Emmaus MET Process

Racine ELCA church councils are considering this month whether their congregations will be a part of the upcoming Racine Area Mission Strategy (RAMS). It is the consensus of the Emmaus council that we will be a part of this citywide mission exploration process.

Much of the work of RAMS should coincide with what will be

done with our congregation's MET process. Assistant to the Bishop, Sandy Chrostowski, will be the facilitator for the RAMS process. As more details become available, information will be shared. Any member who would like to represent Emmaus in the Racine Mission Strategy should talk with one of the pastors or with Chris Lamberton for more information.

Mission Exploration Team Takes Shape

The Sunday morning coffee hour on January 16 was the setting for a lively discussion of Emmaus's upcoming Mission Exploration process.

Acting Council President Chris Lamberton and Pastors Mary and Jhon Freddy explained how the upcoming MET process would be a time to carefully listen both to members of Emmaus and to the people of the neighboring community. Those conversations will take place one-on-one, as well as in small and large groups during the next six to eight months. In identifying our mission, how will we honor our past and at the same time move forward to meet the changing needs of families and individuals?

It is clear that various points of view will emerge in the MET

process. Those viewpoints may include style of worship, time and format of children's education, expression of culture, or a balance between serving existing members and reaching out to the unchurched.

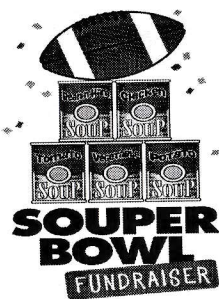
What is God calling Emmaus to be and do in the coming decade?

Rev. Chuck Brummond, Assistant to the Bishop, is scheduled to meet with the new MET team on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

At press time, those named to the team are: Chris Lamberton, Kathy Christensen, Dennis Eschmann, Melissa Lemke, Carolyn Wooster, Delia Orozco, Art Smith and Liliana Moncada. Additional people may be added to the group before the February 7 meeting.

Souper Bowl Offering Battles Hunger

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.



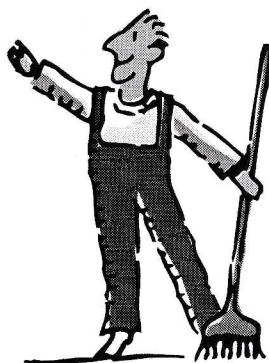
Bring your change for a "noisy offering" on February 5 and 6. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup kettle will go toward relief efforts for world hunger. All contributions will go to the Northside Food Pantry.

New Custodial Team Begins Work

Rich Benson and Antelmo Hernando began sharing the main custodial responsibilities at Emmaus on January 20. Both have been quite involved in the activities and worship life of Emmaus and have volunteered in various capacities.

Rich is married to Brenda Trumbauer, and they both have adult children who no longer live at home. Antelmo and his wife, Trinidad, have extended family living with them, including children, grandchildren, and Trini's mother.

Rich will be working during the week, and his primary responsibilities will consist of the main floor of the church. Antelmo's work on the weekends will focus on the church basement.



There will be other help from the Latino community concentrating on the second floor and special cleaning projects from time to time. If there is a special custodial or maintenance need observed by any of the members, please write it on the white board outside Pastor Jhon Freddy's office, put a note in the custodian's box or send an e-mail to the church office. It is best if requests are IN WRITING, if possible.

We welcome both Antelmo and Rich to the Emmaus staff.

A special thanks goes to those who have spent extra time and energy helping maintain the church during our recent custodial vacancy. Those who deserve extra kudos are Marta Luna, Nancy Smith and Loren Larsen. Your work has been greatly appreciated!

Member Care Offers Rides to Church

Seniors: would you like to continue attending worship services, but are hesitant to drive in winter weather? Emmaus volunteers would be happy to transport you to and



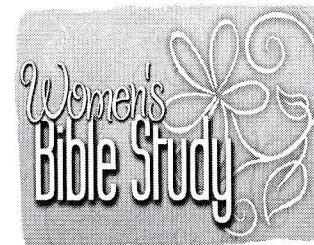
from the Saturday or Sunday services.

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

Lydia Circle Meets February 2

All interested women are invited to participate in the women's Bible study group, Lydia Circle.

The time of study and hospitality is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 2.



The group meets in the Sunset Room on the first Wednesday of the month from September to May.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Choir Director:	Becky Smurawa	Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	
Custodians:	Rich Benson, Antelmo Hernando			

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

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 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Moncada Assumes New Responsibilities

Liliana Moncada, wife of Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa, has been providing bilingual administrative support to the Spanish speaking ministry for the past several months. She creates the PowerPoint presentations for worship, helps schedule appointments and organize activities, assists members with paperwork in English, does accounting and other computer work, and is available to take many of the phone calls that need a Spanish speaker to answer questions. Her role as bilingual administrative assistant is a position that is funded through grants for the Latino ministry.

Newly added responsibilities

for Liliana include preparing and formatting the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter for Bethania Lutheran Church. The computer work is done by Liliana and then transferred electronically to Bethania. Bethania reimburses Emmaus \$400 for Liliana's work each month. Liliana will begin administrative work for Neighborhood Camp in February. She and Pastor Mary will prepare a grant request to be submitted to the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. In March, she will assume other responsibilities, including scheduling, budgeting, working with camp site coordinators, and hiring teen interns.

Synod Holds Town Hall Meetings

The Greater Milwaukee Synod will offer four town hall meeting opportunities in February in preparation for the synod assembly in June. This is an opportunity for clergy and lay leaders, particularly those elected as voting members, to be oriented to the process and to raise potential questions or concerns for potential assembly action. Synod



staff will have presence at all four meetings.

The Racine meeting will be Thursday, February 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road.

For more information, or the time and location of other meetings, contact your cluster dean or Pr.

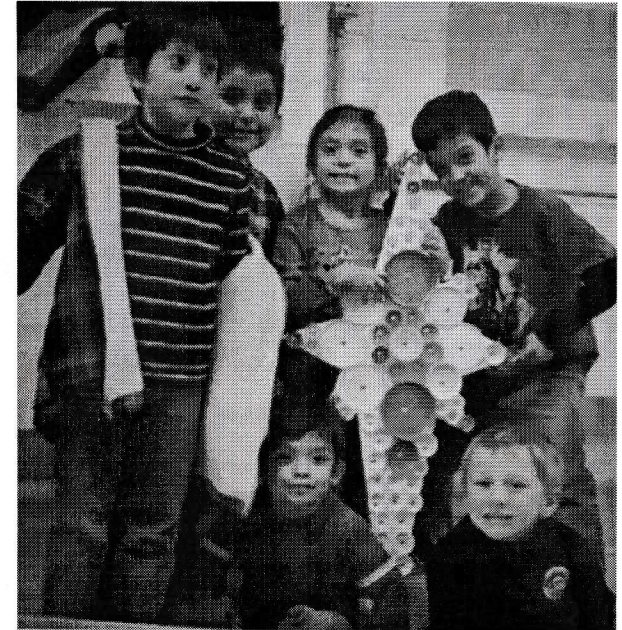
Chuck Brummond, Director of Rostered Leadership at 414-671-1212 or at chuck@milwaukeeesynod.org.

We Still Collect Plastic Bottle Caps

Yes, we are still collecting bottle caps – more projects lie ahead. Look for garden flowers this spring. Please save all plastic (no metal) caps. Brown and gold caps are really wanted. Next winter we hope to complete the stable. Thanks to all who have donated caps.

Check out YouTube. Type in your web browser:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8S1Um9uWeU> to view Bottlecap Art at Emmaus. Or type:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7uKeWy-EMw> to view Bottlecap Manger.



EASY Mentors Wanted

If you have an hour to give on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, consider spending it with an Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) student. EASY has grown to 29 kids from kindergarten to sixth grade.

Many of our boys and girls are responding to supplemental work in the areas of math, reading and language. EASY is like a one room schoolhouse. Each student is at a different academic level. The kids are really excited and respond when they get one-on-one help.

You can make a difference. All that is required is your ability to offer love, hope and encouragement to our kids.

Youth Birthdays

- Feb. 5 Jordan Gallagher, 12
- Feb. 6 Trista Meteyard, 5
- Feb. 18 Angelica Salinas, 9
- Feb. 18 Raigen Spaulding, 9
- Feb. 25 Abbygail Maranger, 17
- Feb. 25 Cameron Olle, 12
- Feb. 27 Alex Maryland, 16

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 3. 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.

You may bring your own container or borrow a pan from church. Either way, please tape your name to the pan so that it gets returned.

Thanks to Food Pantry Volunteers

by Cindi Larsen, Northside Food Pantry Co-Director

Special thanks is extended to June Beck, James and Mary Larrabee, Pat and Ron Jensen, Kathy and Rich Christensen, Ruth Copeland, Karen Sedgwick, Stan Breiwick, and Marge Zielke for their volunteer hours working at the Pantry to serve our clients.



Loren Larsen, Kathy and Rich Christensen, Marge Zielke, Dianne Melander, and Audrey Villalobos.

And finally my personal thanks to our Emmaus family who support the Pantry with donations and prayers.

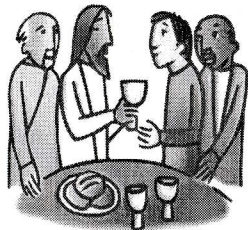
Volunteer Schedule

February 24: Ruth Copeland, Pat and Ron Jensen, James and Mary Larrabee

March 24: June Beck, James & Mary Larrabee, & Kathy and Rich Christensen

Wednesday Camp Highlights Lord's Supper

Wednesday night kids will gain a better understanding of Holy Communion. As part of this session Pastor Mary will be leading classes for



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those who will partake of their first communion. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Mary or Nancy.

February Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	HC Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Feb. 5 5:00 pm	Marge & Amy Zielke, Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 6 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Shirley Velzka	Gregg Albright	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Feb. 12 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 13 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Cindi Larsen, Pat Jensen	Kylee Albright	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Feb. 19 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 20 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kathy Christensen	Celia Bagley	Team 6 Jeff McCray
Sat. Feb. 26 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 27 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlačil	Chris Lamberton, Joy Lippmann	Chris Chan- A-Sue	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Mar. 5 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 6 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Pat Jensen	Ruth Copeland	Team 2 R. Christensen







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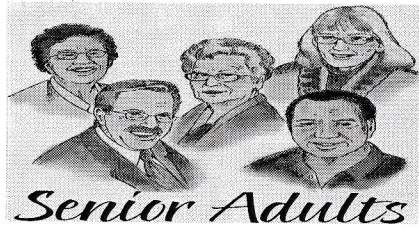
	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care
Feb. 6	open	Bonnie French	Cheryl Dexter
Feb. 13	Ron & Pat Jensen	Villalobos	
Feb. 20	Larry & Jan Nielsen	Christensen	
Feb. 27	open	open	
Mar. 6	open	open	Boots LeRoux

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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<i>Pastor Mary on vacation</i>						
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Pastor Jhon Freddy on vacation Feb. 28 - March 5

Keenagers in February



Emmaus' social group for the young-at-heart, Keenagers, meet on Tuesday, February 15 for a program to be announced.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.

February Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

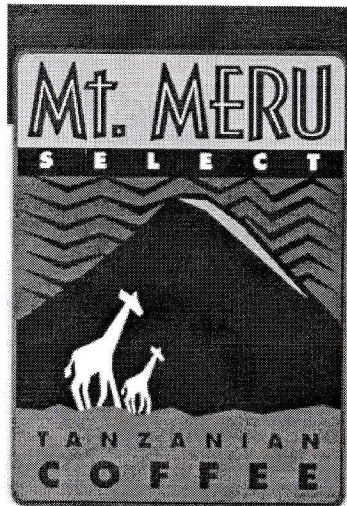
Feb. 1	Carol Saylor	4511 Harvest Lane	53402
Feb. 2	Pat Torine	2621 Donna Avenue	53404
Feb. 2	Hedy Wagner	4508 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Feb. 10	Alfred Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd., Woodlawn TN	37191
Feb. 14	Bea Holding	3709 Candle Ct. #6	53402
Feb. 20	John Demant	14132 56 th Road, Sturtevant	53177
Feb. 21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

Mt. Meru Coffee Is Easy on the Nerves

by Diane Melander

Did you know that Mt. Meru coffee contains half the caffeine of most commercial coffee? The use of Arabica beans and the fact that Mt. Meru coffee is grown in the shade on the mountainside are the factors that decrease the amount of caffeine in this coffee.

In addition, delicious Mt. Meru Coffee is a fair trade coffee. When we purchase



coffee, our money is sent to Tanzania to pay the farmers and help the people there improve their quality of life.

Check out their website for the whole Mt. Meru story at: <http://www.mtmerucoffee.org/>

Mt. Meru coffee is available after church on Saturdays from Cathy Meyer and at Sunday morning's coffee hour from Diane Melander.

Scrip Available After Services

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

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

Kenosha Disasters

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Georgia Hoerner, came to receive the gift of offering.

Following is an e-mail send by Joannie to Pastor Mary the following day: "Just wanted to let you know again how moved I was by the programming

and especially the joyful and lively worship service last night, and so



Help those in need

honored to be present. The grand total monetary donation was \$229.40. Absolutely incredible! May God to continue to bless your ministry to children."

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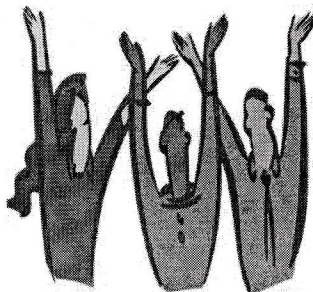
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Did You Receive Your Offering Envelopes?

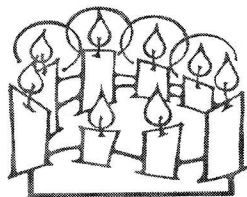
Our offering envelopes for our membership was sent to the February through May were ordered in December and should arrive at members' homes by February 1. All confirmed, active members are assigned an offering envelope number.



The database of

envelope company in early December, including addresses we had on file at that time. If you have not received your envelopes by the beginning of February, please call the church office at 634-5515.

Memorials & Honoraria



Designated for Hispanic Ministry:

In honor of Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa: \$25.00

Designated for Pastor's Discretionary Acct.:

In honor of Rev. Mary L. Janz: \$25.00

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In honor of Nancy Smith: \$25.00

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Jan. 26, 2011)

12/31	130			84							
	A.D. 2009			A.D. 2010				A.D. 2011			
	Sat	Sun	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed
Jan.	20	73	39	18	61	183	32	16	56	147	54
Feb.	22	69	72	27	67	190	99				

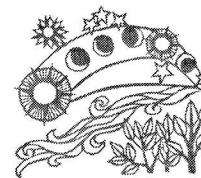
Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in December:	\$12,075.46 }	
Above-Beyond + Gift of Love+ Adopt-Bill + Xmas:	4,190.00 }	\$177,661.56
2010 offerings received in 2011:	\$1,370.00 }	

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Dec'10	\$210.00.....	Campaign TD: \$67,109.62
Mortgage payments in Jan. 2011: Principal	\$733.64	Principal balance as of
Interest.....	\$258.36	December 13, 2010:
Total.....	992.00	\$50,825.05

Green Congregations Take to the Web

Participants in Green Congregations will meet Saturday, February 12 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie St. They will begin with representatives from each group sharing what their team or congregation is doing regarding their relationship to this living planet Earth.



Then, Dr. David Rhoads will take us on a visit to the recently begun Racine Green Congregations web site, www.racinegreencongregations.org. Dr. Rhoads

hopes many people will regularly check out the new site.

Contact Betty Brenneman for further information at 637-3119.

Environmental Stewardship

Saving Water Saves Energy

by John Berge

It takes a lot of water to make use of energy and a lot of energy to make use of water. Saving water saves energy and saving energy saves water.



Fossil fuel (coal, oil and natural gas) and nuclear power plants use a minimum of 136 billion gallons of water every day to cool the steam after it goes through the turbines that generate 90% of all electricity in the United States. That doesn't include all the water used in extracting fuel from the ground, washing the coal and transporting it across the country.

Meanwhile, pumping, purifying, distributing and reclaiming water consumes 13% of the electricity generated each day. That figure includes heating the


water in our homes, factories and commercial establishments.

There are a couple of exceptions to the need for water to generate electricity. Once built and installed, wind turbines require no water and solar panels use only a little bit more to occasionally wash off the dirt and grime that may collect on them.

Some time back, I suggested to the head of the Racine wastewater utility that other communities have nearly eliminated the energy needs of their operations by installing cogeneration units to convert the methane from the sewage digestion process to electricity and heat. He said Racine would do so as soon as they can obtain the land for such a unit. Until then, we should all save water and save energy.

Readings for February

- February 6: Isaiah 58:1-9 or 12; Psalm 112:1-9 or 10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 or 16; Matthew 5:13-20
 February 13: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
 February 20: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
 February 27: Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34



A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

ELCA Relief Effort in Haiti Continues

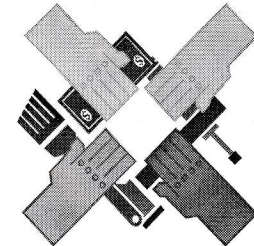
CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) continues to be actively engaged in Haiti, concentrating its efforts on a multiyear rebuilding effort there one year after a devastating earthquake struck. The church's efforts include meeting human needs by providing food, water, temporary shelter and medical supplies while focusing on longer-term efforts such as responding to housing needs, and providing educational and income-generating opportunities.

Members of the ELCA gave more than \$12.6 million for relief and recovery in Haiti after the earthquake, said the Rev. Daniel Rift, director of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Through January 12, about \$4.2 million has been spent for work in Haiti and for Haitians who were sent to the United States for medical care, he said.

As part of its long-term strategy today, the ELCA is working primarily through the Lutheran Church in Haiti and The Lutheran World Federation-Haiti, said the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director, ELCA Global Mission.

"We are committed to accompanying the people of Haiti as they rebuild their nation, their lives and their livelihoods," he said. "Given local conditions it will take us a little bit longer than we anticipated to accomplish the outcomes we set as a response to the earthquake."

A significant issue that has emerged is lack of land titles and the right to build on that land, he said. Malpica Padilla met with the chief economist of the government of Haiti on this topic. "The money is there. The people in need are there. But we cannot build a house on land where the person is not the title holder," he said.



Aid for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti

Working with the Lutheran Church in Haiti, Malpica Padilla said ELCA funds are helping to fund training for skills in trades such as masonry and carpentry. Another project aims to provide income generation opportunities through agricultural production.

In partnership with The Lutheran World Federation-Haiti, ELCA funds provided temporary schools to continue the education of youth and provide stability.

Another helpful ELCA link to Haiti has been through the companion synod relationship of

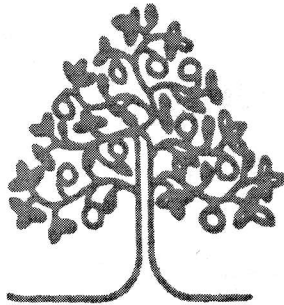
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Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Challenged by the Question 'What Legacy Shall I Leave?'

When I taught the Diakonia class* in December and January, part of the students' assignment was to write a short reflection paper on a different topic each week. They shared their thoughts and impressions of many areas, including mentors who had impacted their lives, sermons heard and worship services attended.

being intentional about supporting ministries, endowments or institutions that will have an impact beyond my blood family and relatives.



As I consider my greater family of sisters and brothers in Christ, I am now prayerfully discerning how I will include them in my will and as beneficiaries of a life insurance policy. I want to be part of a

legacy that is shared with Emmaus, Neighborhood Camp, the synod Outreach for Hope fund and perhaps Luther Seminary or Concordia College. Because I do not know what there might be to share at the time of my death, I am thinking in terms of percentages as I mull and determine how and where gifts can be given.

By birthing the new Latino ministry, Emmaus is also leaving a legacy to the greater community. What will Emmaus look like in the future? I am convinced that there will be new life and purpose that would have otherwise not have been possible had we only considered those closest to us.

As we of Emmaus continue to
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I read what one of the younger adults in the class asked herself in one of her reflection papers, "What is the legacy I will leave my family and the community?" and I was pushed to ask myself how I could be more intentional about leaving a legacy that could make some difference. And, how are we as a congregation being challenged to ask ourselves that same question?

I have to admit that up until now I have not been intentional about how to leave monetary assets after my death. At this point all those assets, including the proceeds from life insurance, would go to family. However, I am now asking myself how I might leave a greater legacy by

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invest in the children and families of our neighborhood, the legacy gifted to us through the cross of Christ will continue to live on. That's what it's all about—sharing the Good News with all generations and in all places. Let's share the legacy, which is pure gift to us in the first place!

*diakonia™ is a lay education program of the ELCA which meets once each week for two years during the school year. The program brings together students

and pastors and other teachers of theology from around the synod to study the Bible, Lutheran Confessions, Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Church and Society, Biblical Images of Ministry, and other topics. Students are also given the opportunity to discern what spiritual gifts they might have.

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Elsewhere in Our Area

But Lutefisk, Come Saturday, I Tink I Eat You Anyvay

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road in Wind Lake, invites you to reserve your seat at their annual Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner on Saturday, February 12. Servings are at 11:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 6:00

p.m. Call Joanne Jacobson at 262 534-6867 or Donna Hanson at 262 534-3862. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children under 10 (free for children able to fit in a high chair), or \$15.00 for seniors.



Haiti Relief

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the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

"The work in Haiti has been both challenging and inspirational," Rift said. "The witness of neighbors coming to one another's aid, of hope reborn,

children returning to school and those left lame from the earthquake being able to reclaim life, are a living testimony to the goodness and fortitude of many and a witness to caring presence."

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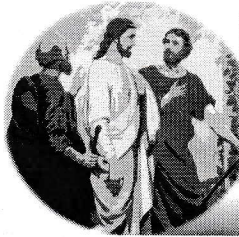
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▶ Staff Changes
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Wednesday Camp
▶ Mt. Meru Coffee
▶ What Legacy Shall
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...and plenty more!

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Congregational Meeting

Budget Proposal Passes with 'Challenge Amendment'

Even though the power was out for over an hour on Sunday, February 6, there was positive energy and discussion flowing at the annual congregational meeting. When it came time for the

approval of the proposed six-month budget, newly elected treasurer Art Smith proposed a challenge amendment, calling for

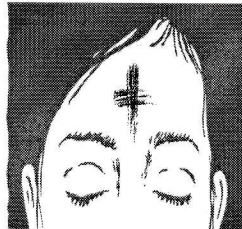
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Ash Wednesday Services Offered at Noon, 6:30

There will be two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

At noon Pastor Mary will lead a traditional worship service with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

In the evening, a meal will be served at 5:15 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by a service of meditation for both the Latino and English



speaking congregations. The service liturgy will include brief petitions of prayer and absolution with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The Adult Choir will sing an

anthem.

All are encouraged to enter the season of Lent by attending one of these worship services.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

Christopher Antonio Mendez
February 5, 2011

Christopher is the infant son of
Mark A. and Jamie E. Mendez of
Milwaukee. His sponsors are Henry
Harmon and Jennifer T. Kisiel.

Mt. Pleasant Hosts Cluster Assembly

The Racine Mission Cluster Assembly is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 South Green Bay Road. Greater

Milwaukee Synod Bishop Jeff Barrow will commission the Dream Teams for the Racine Area Mission Strategy (RAMS).

Mission Exploration Team Welcomes Input

The first meeting of the MET (Mission Exploration Team) was held on Monday, February 7, led by Chuck Brummond, Assistant to the Bishop. Melissa Lemke will serve as the Recording Secretary and Kathy Christensen will serve as the Chair.

The MET will divide into three groups: Mission/Vision, Self-Study and Staff Needs. These groups work to identify challenges and opportunities for Emmaus and

will be asking for input from all who are members and/or worship at Emmaus. Kathy can be reached at 909-4799; call Melissa at 994-8943.

Kathy and Melissa will be responsible to communicate our progress regularly to the Emmaus

congregation. Please keep these people in your prayers as we begin the MET process.



Start Your Lenten Discipline Early

Here's something else you can give up for Lent: one hour of sleep on the morning of Sunday, March 13. Daylight Savings Time begins

on the first Sunday of Lent, so be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, and come to church 60 minutes early.

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Congregational Meeting

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additional giving to close the \$9,000 deficit. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility of such a challenge (it would mean a commitment of an average increase in giving of approximately 10% per household). Other possibilities for closing the gap may come from fundraising. As the issue of long-term sustainability of the congregation was discussed, the reality of an aging congregation was addressed. Several ideas for cutting costs and generating revenue were surfaced. When it did come time for the vote for the proposed budget, as amended, it was approved, with two abstentions.

In addition to approving reports, acknowledging outgoing council members and the approval of the amended budget, a new slate of council members was voted on and approved. Members of the 2011 Emmaus council include:

- Chris Lamberton – President
- Jeff McCray – Vice-President
- Missy Porcaro – Secretary
- Art Smith – Treasurer
- Caren Lamberton – Financial Secretary

- Joe Gonzalez – Building and Grounds
- Cathy Meyer – Member Care
- Diane Melander – Social Concerns
- Carolyn Wooster – Stewardship
- Gregg Albright – Worship and Music
- Rich Benson – Youth

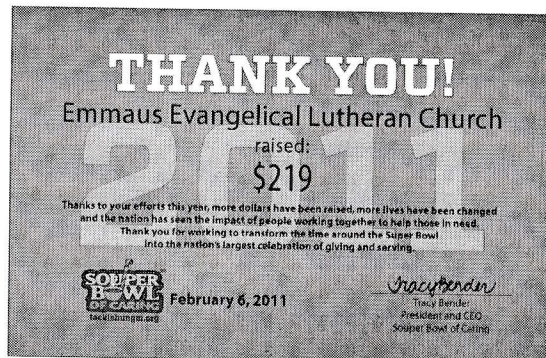
Members of the Mission Exploration Team (MET) were introduced. They include: Kathy Christensen, Dennis Eschmann, Melissa Lemke, Liliana Moncada, Delia Orozco, Art Smith, Chris Lamberton and Carolyn Wooster. Other Latino members of the team include Rosalinda Ortiz, Edilberto Martinez, and Raul Luis. Facilitator for

the group will be Chuck Brummond, Assistant to the Bishop.

Simultaneous with the MET team doing their work of listening and gathering information, it was suggested that we not wait to begin brainstorming and sharing ideas for further direction of the church. Those conversations are taking place at the regular Sunday morning coffee and fellowship hour, and everyone is encouraged to join in on the ongoing discussion.



Souper Bowl of Caring Tops \$8.4 Million



As of February 22, over \$8.4 million has been reported through the 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring. Emmaus raised \$218.54 through a "noisy offering" on February 5 and 6. The money collected at Emmaus has been donated to the Northside Food Pantry.

Scrip Sales Continue After Services

We 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.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

Ash Wednesday services are offered March 9 at noon and 6:30 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 April VISITOR is March 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

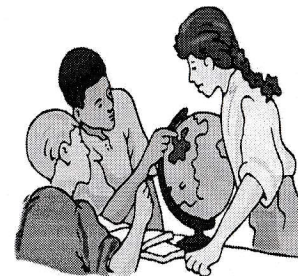
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Tweens Meet for Discussion, Brainstorming

What do Joseph, Mary, Pharaoh, MLK Day, Pakistan, texting, racism, equal rights, respect, abuse, love, justice, truth, and honesty have in common? Answer: Wednesday nights and Emmaus Tweens! There is a group of more than 15 young people in grades 6 through 8 who gather Wednesday evenings to discuss topics like those listed above.



Middle School Notes

In September, Rich Benson and Brenda Trumbauer agreed to lead this lively group starting with a meal together, an hour of discussion, and 30 minutes of worship with communion. When asked what interests the kids had, the responses were very ambitious and the ideas flowed: Help at the homeless shelter or soup kitchen, volunteer at the animal shelter, bake cookies for shut-ins, bowling, skating, rent-a-tween to help at church and at members' homes, bake sales, have a lock-in, go to a museum, go to a ballgame.

Well, in our time together since September, the group has: performed a skit about Joseph, helped assemble food packets for Pakistan at State Fair Park in Milwaukee, gone bowling Thanksgiving weekend, and

assembled bottle cap nativity scene and Christmas pageant; and are now planning to go skating in late February.

We are truly blessed to have such a great bunch of kids and all the good things they bring to our church family. If you know a family with children of this age, tell them about the program. Everyone is welcome to join us. Stay tuned for upcoming news

and activities of this group.

Youth Birthdays

Nolan Meteyard	Mar. 3	1
Paul Velasquez Jr.	Mar. 6	12
Marilena Velasquez	Mar. 7	13
Fernando Cruz	Mar. 9	2
Jackson Tepley	Mar. 12	7
Katie Maranger	Mar. 15	12
Logan Geiger	Mar. 17	4
Lukas Burns	Mar. 23	6
Brandon Miannecki	Mar. 26	2

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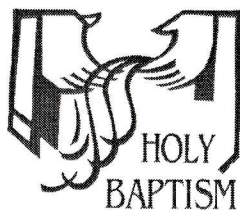
Non-designated honoraria:

In honor of Pastor Walter Hermanns: \$500.00

You Are Invited to Mateo's Baptism

Save the date! Please join us for Mateo's baptism. Date: Saturday, April 2, 2011. Worship service: 2:00 p.m. (Reception with a meal follow the service).

Pastor Jhon Freddy and Liliana want to invite you to their son's baptism worship service.



Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus from Holy Cross in Menomonee Falls will lead the bilingual worship service. A reception with a meal

will follow after the ceremony.

Emmaus Serves April Community Meal

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 7. 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.

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.



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.

Northside Food Pantry Schedule

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

March 24: June Beck, James & Mary Larrabee, & Kathy and Rich Christensen

If you are unable to work your scheduled date, please trade with someone on the schedule. Please do not leave only two people on duty. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

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Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Hosts are needed for fellowship time – the coffee hour after the 9:15 worship service on Sunday morning – this spring.

Please sign up on the sheet on the Sunset Room door to hosts and/or to provide treats on a Sunday morning. Thank you!

Environmental Stewardship

'We Are the Earth'

by John Berge

In this month's article, I quote solely from David Suzuki's little book *The Legacy: An Elder's Vision for our Sustainable Future*. Suzuki is a Canadian of Japanese ancestry and an internationally renowned geneticist and environmentalist.

"The first thing every infant needs is a breath of air to inflate its lungs and then announce its arrival to the world. From that moment on to his or her dying breath, every person need air fifteen to forty times a minute ... Our great boast is the possession of intelligence, but what intelligent creature, knowing the critical role of air for all life on Earth, would then proceed to deliberately pour toxic materials into it? We are air, so whatever we do to air, we do to ourselves."

"Every person in the world is at least 60 percent water by weight ... The hydrologic cycle of evaporation, condensation and rain ensures that water cartwheels

around the planet. We are part of the hydrologic process ... Again, we say we are intelligent, but what intelligent creature, knowing that water is a sacred, life-giving element, would use water as a toxic dump? We are water, and whatever we do to water, we do to ourselves."

"Soil is alive, created by life and supporting an astounding array of organisms ... every cubic centimeter of soil teems with billions of microorganisms ... Every bit of the food we eat for our nutrition was once alive, and most of it comes from the soil. We take the carcasses of plants and animals, tear them apart and incorporate them into our very being. We are Earth. We say we are intelligent, but what intelligent creature, knowing the role earth plays in constructing our very bodies, would then use the earth as a dump for our waste and toxic material? We are the earth, and whatever we do to the earth, we do to ourselves."



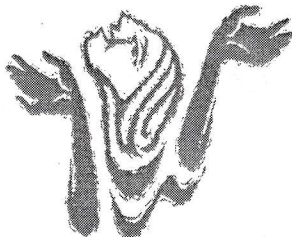
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Grace Lutheran Rejoices Over Gift

Dear Pastor Mary Janz, Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa, and our Sisters and Brothers at Emmaus Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice over the gift of money you gave to us here at Grace Lutheran Church. Your gift will be used to help offset costs incurred assisting the victims of the fire and house explosion and the remainder used to help fund our continued outreach to the



community. It is our understanding that many of the children at Emmaus helped collect the money that you gave. Here at

Grace, we had our children bring forth that gift at the time of our offering.

Again, we thank you and keep you in our prayers.

God's peace,

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Pastor John Bischoff and the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church

Gift Given in Honor of Pastor Walter

Enclosed is a contribution from Audrey Shannon in gratitude of the ministry of the Rev. Walter Hermanns at Lincoln Lutheran facilities The Atrium and Lincoln Village.

In addition to this aspect of his work, we also wish to acknowledge his contribution to the greater Racine community

through his letters and editorials in the Racine *Journal Times*. His voice is that of religious understanding and tolerance, which sadly is underrepresented in today's society.

Yours truly,
John Shannon
For Audrey Shannon.

Women's Circle Meets March 2

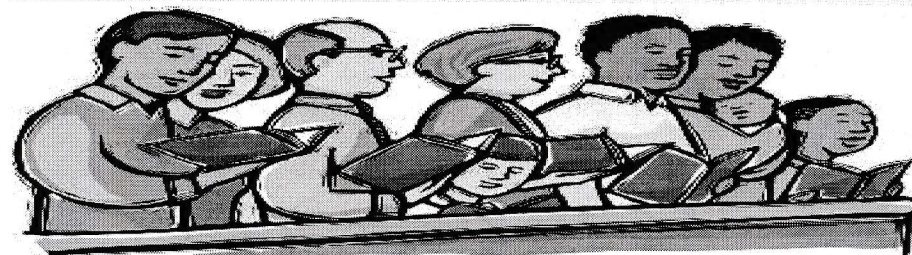
Emmaus' women's Bible study group, Lydia Circle, will meet in the Sunset Room at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. All

women are invited to join the group, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May.







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March Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Mar. 5 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 6 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Pat Jensen	Ruth Copeland	Team 2 R. Christensen
Wed. Mar. 9	Cathy Meyer; Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Claranna Vytlačil	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Mar. 12 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 13 9:15 am	Caren Lambertson	Karen Sedgwick Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Mar. 19 5:00 pm	Amy Zielke Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 20 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Nancy Smith	Amy Haman	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Mar. 26 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 27 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Gregg Albright	Jennifer Haman	Team 6 J. McCray
Sat. Apr. 2 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 3 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Shirley Velzka	Bev Hansen	Team 1 H. Miller



	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
Mar. 6	Brenda Trumbauer	Stan & Betty Breiwick	Boots LeRoux
Mar. 13	D. & C. Eschmann	Woodward - McCray	
Mar. 20			
Mar. 27			
Apr. 3			TBD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ST. DAVID 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons	2 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper; violin 6:00 pm Wed. Camp, Tweens, Adult Bible study 7:00 pm Worship	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	4 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 	5 9:30 am Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
		Pastor Jhon Freddy on vacation, Feb. 28 – March 5				
6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Communion service (English) 10:30 am Coffee & conversation 10:30 am Blood pressure tests 12:00 m Santa Misa (español) 1:30 pm Convivio & comida 5:30 pm Youth group 	7 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Piano lessons 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board 6:00 pm Choir (español) 7:30 pm MET meeting	8 SHROVE TUESDAY 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee 7:00 pm Music lessons	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 noon Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion 3:00 pm EASY 5:15 pm Supper 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion	10 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	11	12 9:30 am Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
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Visitation Ministry Offers Rides to Church

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 talk to Cathy Meyer or contact the church office (634-5515).

Need a Ride?



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.

Keenagers in March

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, March 15.

Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.



Fun for Seniors

March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	130 23 rd Ave., Kenosha	53150
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

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Feb. 21, 2011)

	2009			2010				2011			
	Sat	Sun	Wd	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed
Jan	20	73	39	18	65	180	32	16	58	144	54
Feb	22	69	*	27	67	190	27	15	49	148	52
Ash Wed. totals			72			12+40+192					
Mar	27	60	57	18	75	199	47				

* Aside from Ash Wednesday and two canceled services, only one Wednesday service was held in February 2009, at which attendance was not recorded.

Green Teams Tout 'Meatless Mondays'

by John Berge

On February 12, ardent representatives of about ten congregations in and around Racine with Green Teams or Green Congregation committees met to review what their congregations have been doing and to adopt plans for the immediate future.

Among the future common projects adopted was to have each congregation urge its members to participate in Meatless (or vegetarian) Mondays during



Lent this year. By going meatless one day per week, you can reduce your carbon footprint, save money and precious resources such as fresh water and fossil fuels, lower your caloric intake by up to 450 calories. You may reduce your risk of chronic, preventable conditions such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity.

It has been said that reducing our meat intake by one-seventh saves as much energy as buying locally produced food for the whole week. The energy required to produce eight ounces of soy or other types of beans is over 23,000 calories *less* than to produce the same weight of corn-fed beef.

The Meatless Mondays program was started in association with the John Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health and it asks us to do just what its name states - skip eating meat one day per week.

If you don't have enough meatless or vegetarian recipes, you can go to www.meatlessmonday.com, or www.racinegreencongregations.org, or run your own search of the web for meatless (organic?) recipes.

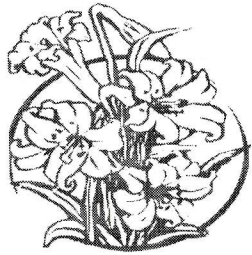
Crunching the Numbers

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2011 to date
General Fund 2011 received in 2010	\$1,345.00 }	
General Fund offerings received in Jan. 2011	\$16,533.60 }	
Adopt-a-Bill + Xmas:	\$5,670.00 }	\$23,548.60

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Jan. '11	\$280.00	Campaign TD: \$67,389.62
Mortgage payments in Feb. 2011: Principal	\$737.37	Principal balance as of
Interest.....	\$258.63	January 14, 2011:
Total.....	\$992.00	\$50,091.41

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 24.



Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by April 10.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$9.50
_____	7" cineraria	\$10.00
_____	6½" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	6½" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	6½" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$10.00
_____	7" azalea	\$16.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$17.00
	Total enclosed	_____

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

ELCA Presiding Bishop Accepts Appointment to Presidential Advisory Council

CHICAGO (ELCA) — The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said his appointment to a presidential advisory committee strongly affirms the involvement of ELCA members "in serving our neighbors."

On Feb. 4, President Barack Obama announced his intention to appoint Hanson to the President's Advisory Council for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which makes recommendations to government on how to improve partnerships. The council brings together religious and secular leaders, as well as scholars and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations.

"We are known as a church whose members roll up their

sleeves, get to work, solve problems and give generously," Hanson said. "The council will provide new opportunities for us to expand partnerships in local and global contexts and to address priorities for our nation."

"Lutherans learn from the Bible and our heritage that government can be a way God is active in our world when officials are reminded to work to preserve creation, work for the common good and to build up peace," said the Rev. Andrew D. Genszler, ELCA director for advocacy, Washington, D.C. "Presiding Bishop Hanson's seat on the council provides a direct opportunity to act on this belief -- both by challenging and affirming public officials, and building relationships on behalf of people otherwise unheard."

Living as a Christian Is Radical

Some years ago, Dom Helder Camera, Brazil's Roman Catholic bishop, said: "When I gave food to the poor, they called me a saint; when I asked why there were so many poor, I was called a Communist."

Jesus was sometimes considered radical. He talked to a Samaritan woman at a well. He

healed and ate grain from a field on the Sabbath. He hung out with sinners.

The Pharisees and the Sadducees didn't work to get rid of Jesus because he spoke of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Rather, it was because he denounced the unjust leaders he called hypocrites (see Matthew 23).

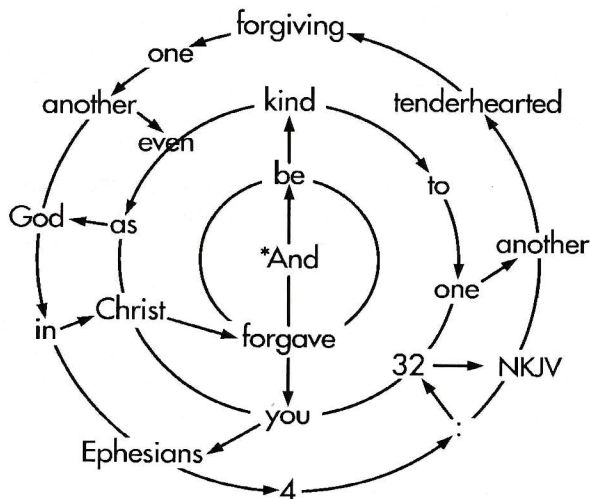


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



“And _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

Elsewhere in Our Area

Soup Event Aids Hunger, Homeless Programs

Empty Bowls 2011, a hunger-fighting event to remind us that there is always an empty bowl, will be held at the Racine Masonic Center Monday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enter at 1012 Wisconsin St. Choose a handmade ceramic bowl filled with soup prepared by Racine’s finest chefs and enjoy live music.

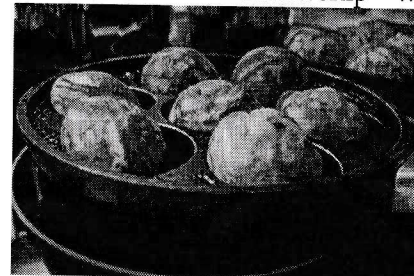
The cost is \$15 per meal (you keep the bowl), \$5 for children under 10 (paper bowl), or \$7 for “soup to go.”

Since 1997, Empty Bowls has donated over \$60,000 to hunger and homeless assistance programs in Racine. Bring a canned good donation and/or an empty bowl from a previous year and earn an additional chance to win a special bowl set.

Bethania Hosts Æbelskiver Brunch

It may be later this year, but Bethania has not forgotten the æbelskiver tradition. Who: Served by the Bethania Lutheran Church Parish. What: Fat Sunday Æbelskiver Brunch. Where:

Fellowship Hall, Bethania Lutheran Church 4120 Wright Avenue, Racine. When: Sunday, March 6, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. How much: Tickets are \$4.50/Adults, \$3.00/Kids 6-12, Kids under 6 – Free. Why: To enjoy fellowship with the parish of



Bethania and to enjoy some tasty Danish treats. Bring your family and friends for fellowship, fun, and this favorite Danish food. This is an important

fundraising event for the ministries of Bethania!

Auxiliary Hosts Spring Book Fair

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary will hold its Spring Book Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23 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. Please come and invite your friends. The Auxiliary receives 10% of the profits.

Whose We Are And Where We Are Going

What one often hears when they are asked about the 40 days of Lent is, "What are you giving up for Lent? Chocolate? Desserts? Something you really like to eat or do?"

This season of Lent, we as individuals and as a congregation are being challenged to take very seriously who we are following and why. We are reminded that Jesus' journey to the cross was filled with difficulties, heartaches and hardships. At the end, even those who were close to him abandoned him.

Here was one who stood up for the poor, the lame, the outcast. However, his calls for justice and works of healing and teaching seemed to be forgotten by those who were his followers.

We are asked again during this Lenten season to declare and show where our allegiance lies. Are we ready to make an even deeper commitment to what it is that Jesus is all about? Will we pray fervently for the wellbeing and peace of all the world, or will we fall asleep as did the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane? Will we be loyal to Jesus and his compassion for the poor, or will the "thirty pieces of silver" of our

day allure us, leaving us betrayers of the very one who came to bring healing and forgiveness and life? Will we sing "Hosanna" in the good times, only to later join in the words, "Crucify him"? These are the challenges before us as we embark on our Lenten journey.



One Lenten discipline I intend to take part in this year is "\$40 in 40 days." Daily, as I take one dollar bill and put it in an envelope, I will pray for all the members of Emmaus. Many of you will be remembered by name. But my prayer won't stop there. I will be praying for those in our neighborhood and our city who are poor, who are struggling—many I don't even know. I will pray for the most vulnerable—the children, the elderly, those with mental illness, those with other frailties.

Will you be a prayer partner with me during Lent, as we recommit ourselves to what it means to be a follower of the One who made the journey to the cross? If you would like to be a part of this prayer venture, it is my hope that it will also lead to a number of

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\$40 gifts to Outreach for Hope.

For those committing to supporting Outreach for Hope, the arm of our synod that reaches out to the most poor and vulnerable, there will be an opportunity to sign the pledge at worship on Ash Wednesday. If you are unable to come on Ash Wednesday, feel free to give me a call (633-3059) so that

I can visit you later that week and bring you communion if you would like.

Let us pray for one another as we enter this Lenten journey together.

Pastor Mary
--Pastor Mary

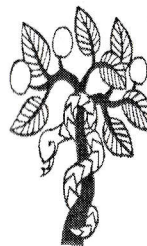
North Cape Lutheran Women Offer Craft Fair

The women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, April 9. The craft and bake sale will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and feature a display "From Our Grandma's Kitchen."

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 on Highway 45 just south of 5 Mile Road.



Readings for March

March 6: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

March 9: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

March 13: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.

March 20: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.

March 27: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

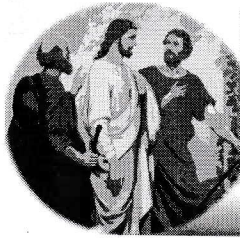
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Holy Week Services Recall Jesus' Passion and Resurrection

The 9:15 a.m. worship service on Passion Sunday, April 17, will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms.



HOLY WEEK

Wednesday

On Wednesday of Holy Week, April 23, step back in time and experience the final days of Jesus' life on earth through a Prayer Walk of the Passion at 6:15 p.m. The kids of our Wednesday evening program will dress in costume and act out the Passion story from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial.

Before the Prayer Walk of the Passion, all are invited to dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maundy Thursday on April 21 with a

worship service in English at 6:30 p.m. and another in Spanish at 8:00 p.m. The Last Supper is the focal point of both services.

Good Friday

You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at the 6:30 p.m. worship service on Friday, April 22. The Adult choir will sing. We offer a Good Friday worship service in Spanish shortly afterward at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m.,
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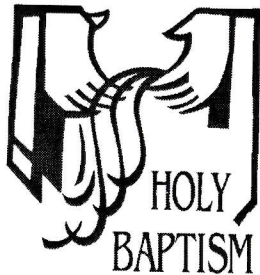
Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Angel Mateo-Perez March 12, 2011	Angel is the son of Andrés Mateo and Maribel Perez. His sponsor is Carmela Mendoza.
Vanessa Garcia March 26, 2011	Vanessa, 26, is the daughter of Vicky Gomez and William Perez. Her sponsors are Cassandra Guterrez and Gabriel Gomez.
Angel Uriel Gomez March 26, 2011	Angel is the son of Cassandra Gutierrez and Gabriel Gomez. His sponsors are Bravlio Soria and Vanessa Garcia.
Funeral: Virginia Bloom Haugsby March 11, 2011	Ginny was a member of Anna Circle and the Altar Guild. She taught kindergarten at S.C. Johnson Elementary until her retirement in 1993. Ginny is survived by her husband of 61 years, Oscar; their three children, Shelly Costello, Vicky Haugsby, and Lisa Leicht; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

You Are Invited to Mateo's Baptism

Please join Pastor Jhon Freddy and Liliana for Mateo's baptism, Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Jhon Freddy and Liliana want to invite you to their son's baptism



worship service. Pastor Meredith Bedker Musaus from Holy Cross in Menomonee Falls will lead the bilingual worship service. A reception with a meal will follow after the ceremony.

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Emmaus After School for Youth:
In memory of Ginny Haugsby: \$50.00

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Holy Week Services

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an Easter Vigil worship service in Spanish is offered. The service includes blessings of fire and water and celebration of First Communion. There will not be an English language 5:00 p.m. service that day.

Easter Morning

We celebrate the empty tomb Easter Sunday, April 24. The English language 9:15 service will feature festive floral decorations, music by the Adult Choir, Brenda Trumbauer, and the Brass Nickel with Joyce Kaiser, and the proclamation of the Easter message.



EASTER

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at the festival service.

New this year is a children's Easter worship service at 11:00 (see complete story on page 4).

Our Spanish language Easter service will commence at noon.

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.

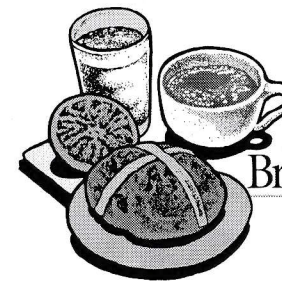
Congregations Unite for Easter Breakfast

Beginning at 10:30 Easter morning, a congregational breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. Those attending the 9:15 worship service are invited to contribute muffins or fruit for the breakfast.

The Latino community will be providing eggs and "pan dulce."

Manuel Gallardo will be the chief cook for the morning. The meal will be served between the hours of 10:30 and noon, allowing people from both worshipping communities to participate.

A free will offering will be received, dividing the proceeds between the two youth groups.



Easter Breakfast

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Emmaus Introduces Kids' Easter Service

Emmaus will offer a new opportunity for children to worship on Easter Sunday this year. Kids are invited to a thirty-minute worship service, which will include the

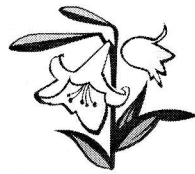


unburying of "Alleluia" and the wonder of the empty tomb. The service, which begins at 11:00 a.m., will be followed by an Easter egg hunt and a light lunch for the kids.

Easter Floral Arrangement Help Sought

How would you like to help arrange our Easter garden? Pat Jensen welcomes anyone who would like to help Saturday morning, April 23 at 9:30. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

A note on Easter flowers: we would like to keep as many as possible of the Easter flowers in the chancel through the noon



worship service. If you feel you must take your flower home after the early worship service, please contact Pat Jensen (681-1466) before April 23 so that your flower isn't placed in the middle of the arrangement.

Brass Nickel to Make a Joyful Noise

The Brass Nickel will provide special music for our Festival Easter services on April 24. Donations to help defray the cost can be earmarked "Easter Music" on your



offering envelope. 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.

Story Teller Mary Helena Relates Passion

Guest story teller Mary Helena will share portions of the Passion story at the Wednesday

evening worship service at 7:00 April 13. We offer supper at 5:00 and Bible study at 6:00.

Emmaus Serves April 7 Community Meal

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church falls on April 7. We can always use volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make a casserole, jello or cake; the casserole recipe is on the Social Concerns page at <http://www.emmausracine.org>.



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.

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English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

On Wednesday of Holy Week (April 20), Emmaus offers a Prayer Walk of the Passion at 6:15 p.m. instead of the usual 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening service.

Maundy Thursday services on April 21 are at 6:30 p.m. (English) and 8:00 p.m. (Spanish).

Good Friday services on April 22 are at 6:30 p.m. (English) and 8:00 p.m. (Spanish).

Spanish language Easter vigil on April 23 is at 8:00 p.m.; there will not be a 5:00 p.m. English worship service that day.

Easter worship services on April 24 are in English at 9:15 a.m.; a bilingual children's service at 11:00 a.m.; and in Spanish at noon.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed on the afternoon of April 22.

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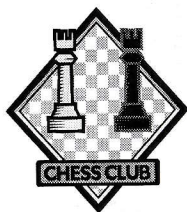
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EASY Initiates Chess Club

Volunteers are needed to support our after school kids on the following Thursdays: April 7 and May 5 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Many of our kids want to play and/or learn more about chess. There is not enough time during the Monday – Wednesday schedule. When told we would begin a chess club the kids really perked up. Please consider giving two hours of your



time on the first Thursday of April and May. Questions? Check with Nancy Smith.

Youth Birthdays

Sarah Albright	April 4	11
Jennifer Haman	April 7	17
Rafael Carrasquillo	April 9	1
Camaria Cardenas	April 10	1
Natalie Longrie	April 14	16
Michaela Keller	April 18	13
Brisa Antonio	April 20	2
Jordan Schweitzer	April 29	10

Women's Bible Study Meets April 6

The April women's Bible study will meet in the Sunset

Room at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

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.

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 previously adopted in honor or memory of loved ones



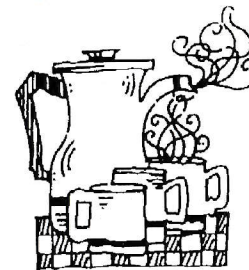
were planted last fall.

This would also be a good time to check out the landscape

Coffee Project Appreciates Support

by Diane Melander

Do you enjoy the coffee we serve in church? Did you know that it's delicious coffee from Tanzania? Your support of our coffee project directly helps the farmers of the Meru



region of Tanzania. Our coffee is a fair trade coffee, so the farmers who grow the beans earn a fair wage on the sale of their beans.

The Mt. Meru coffee project began when a coffee farmer in the Mt. Meru region of Tanzania asked a visiting Milwaukee pastor the simple question: "We grow coffee; you drink coffee; would you buy your coffee from us?" With an answer of "Yes," the Mt. Meru Coffee Project was born.

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project, Inc. is incorporated as an independent not-for-profit business entity and is a part of and supported by the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The Project is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. The day-to-day operations in the US are managed by a Project Coordinator.

An average of nine tons of Mt. Meru Select Tanzanian Coffee are imported, roasted, packaged and sold annually. Sales are made through "Ambassadors" and "Missionaries" in church

congregations. If you want to learn more about this project you can go to: <http://www.mtmerucoffee.org> There is also additional news and information on the synod web site under partnerships at: <http://www.milwaukeeesynd.org/>

You may purchase coffee during coffee hour, or you can e-mail your order to Diane Melander at emmauscoffee@me.com or call her at 262-412-2070. Coffee is available in whole bean, drip grind and regular grind in regular or decaf and in 12-ounce and four-pound packages.

Council Meets April 12

Because of Holy Week, the April meeting of the church council will be moved up to Tuesday, April 12. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Northside Food Pantry Volunteers

April 28: James and Mary Larrabee, Kathy and Rich Christensen, and Karen Sedgwick

We Still Sell Scrip

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.

Environmental Stewardship

If Bacteria Freak You Out, Skip This Article

by John Berge

The phrase "exponential growth" is frequently used to describe populations and other environmental factors — used correctly sometimes, but often incorrectly. Exponential growth means that the rate of growth at any time is proportional to the number of persons or other elements present at that time. When there are not many present the growth is slow; when there are many, the growth rate is that much faster.



A good illustration of exponential growth would be a test tube full of nutrients to grow bacteria. One bacterium is added to the test tube and it begins to grow, dividing once per minute. The bacterium represents us and the test tube represents the planet. At time zero there is one bacterium; at one minute there are two; at two minutes there are four; three minutes there are eight and so on. That is exponential growth.

At sixty minutes the test tube is full of bacteria and there is no food left. When is the tube 50% or half full? At fifty-nine minutes, of course. At fifty-eight minutes it is one-quarter full. At fifty-five minutes it is only about 3% full. If at that moment, one of the bacteria points out that they have a population problem, others would jeer, "97% of the test tube is empty and we've been around for fifty-five minutes!" Yet they would be only five minutes from total collapse.

People must start with two rather than one as for the bacterium, but shortly thereafter the calculus, or arithmetic, is the same. We have had wars, famines and plagues to delay the inevitable, but we also have less drastic means to control our population growth if we are willing to use them. Population may well be the controlling factor in most, if not all, environmental problems.

Keenagers in April



Senior Adults

Cristo Salvador, in Argentina last March.

Because of Holy Week, Keenagers will meet a week earlier than usual this month. Emmaus' social group for the young-at-heart will meet on Tuesday, April 12.

Please come and join us for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.

John and Lila Berge will show and tell us about Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church's mission trip to their sister congregation,

April Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Apr. 14	Mavis Agerholm	15827 N. 138 th Ave. Surprise AZ	85374
April 26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	53402
April 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Ave. #204	53404

Wisconsin ELCA Bishops Urge Governor, Legislature to Respect Rights of All

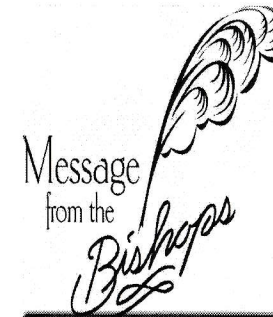
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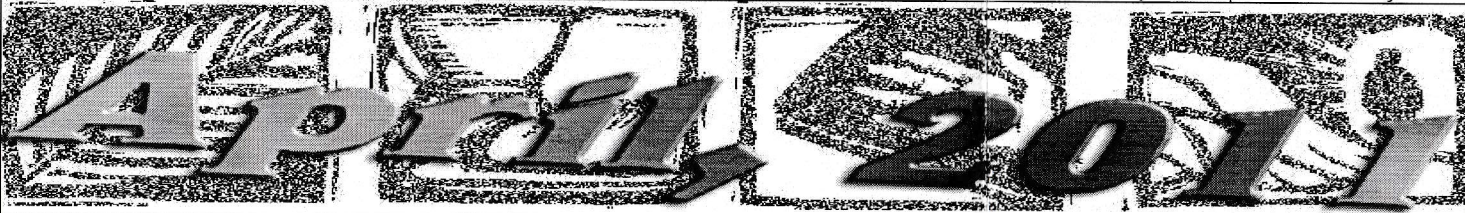
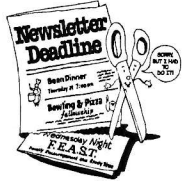


As faith leaders representing 809 congregations with 468,000 members throughout the state of Wisconsin, we wish you to know that we are upholding you in our prayers. It is clear that you face difficult discussions and decisions in the weeks and months ahead. May our good and gracious God grant you the wisdom and

strength to face it all with compassion, collegiality and peace.

We pray that the rights of all people will be respected and represented with dignity and opportunity for fair and equal exchanges. We pray that negotiations and debates will be guided by genuine care for all opinions. We pray that partisanship will give way to community-building and shared effort for the public good.

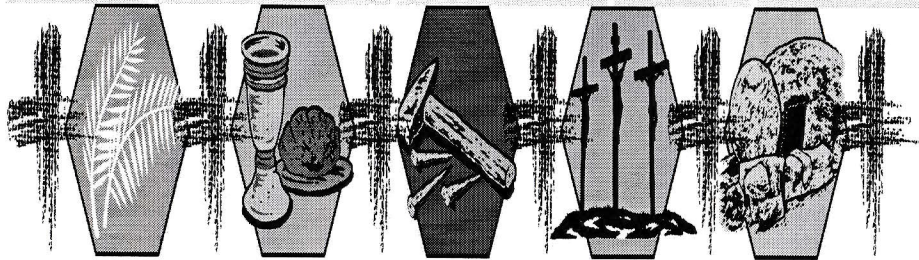
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Pastor Mary on vacation						

April Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	HC Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Apr. 2 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 3 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Shirley Velzka	Bev Hansen	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Apr. 9 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 10 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	Chris Lamberton Diane Melander	Ron Jensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Apr. 16 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 17 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kylee Albright	John Knuteson	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Thu. Apr. 20	Caren Lamberton	TBD		Team 4 W. Meteyard
Fri. Apr. 21 x:00 pm	—	—	Melissa Lemke	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sun. Apr. 24 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Joy Lippmann Ron & Pat Jensen	Cindi Larsen	Team 6 Jeff McCray
Sat. Apr. 30 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—		Team 1 Harold Miller
Sun. May 1 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Cindi Larsen	Chris Lamberton	Team 2 R. Christensen



Altar Flowers

Fellowship

Candle Care

Apr. 3	Jeff & Linda Clinton	
Apr. 10	Boots LeRoux	Eschmanns, M. Jensen
Apr. 17	Mark & Grace Falaschi Brenda Trumbauer	
Apr. 24	Easter garden	Easter brunch
May 1	Brenda Trumbauer Nebares-Cardenas	Grace Falaschi

Bishops' Letter

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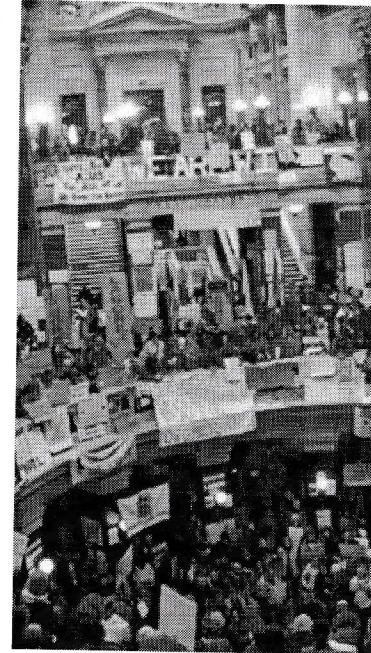
workers, public and private, be held in high regard. We ask that decisions that involve the livelihoods of those workers be made with compassion and shared understanding.

We ask that you defend the rights of those in our state who are most vulnerable. We ask that legislation pending would defend those whose needs are met through medical assistance, job training, child care, hunger assistance and fair and equitable housing support. We assert, with respect, that future legislation not place undo challenges on those in our state who can least afford to bear those burdens.

Like you, we face times when we are tempted to push one agenda at the expense of another. Like you, we hear from people who wish to have their way rather than seek a fair and equitable compromise. Like you, we are well aware of pressures that form when difficult decisions must be made.

We agree that there are serious financial challenges before us all. Our consciences demand that we earnestly defend the rights and the dignity of the weakest and poorest among us. We hope you will seek to do the same.

We give thanks for your service to the people of Wisconsin. We wish you to know that our prayers for your best efforts and personal well-being are on going and heartfelt. We call on you to do your best to insure good-faith debate and legislation



for the benefit of all.

With respect,
Bishop Thomas Skrenes,
 Northern Great Lakes Synod
Bishop Duane Pederson,
 Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Bishop Jim Arends,
 La Crosse Area Synod
Bishop Jeff Barrow,
 Greater Milwaukee Synod
Bishop Jim Justman,
 East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Bishop Bruce Burnside,
 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

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 24.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by **April 10.**

Quantity	Description	Cost per plant
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$9.50
_____	7" cineraria	\$10.00
_____	6½" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	6½" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	6½" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$10.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$10.00
_____	7" azalea	\$16.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$17.00

Total enclosed: _____

Your name(s): _____ Phone _____

Given in memory honor of: _____

I will take my plant home. I will leave it at church.

Counters initial if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

MET Team to Publish Questionnaire

by Kathy Christensen

The MET team meeting on Monday, March 7 was an opportunity to learn more about one another by sharing our faith stories as we proceed in the process of identifying challenges and opportunities for Emmaus. We will take advantage of

opportunities for one-on-one training provided by the RAMS (Racine Area Mission Strategy) either on Monday, March 21, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer or Saturday, March 26, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Two of the small teams met individually on March 14 to discuss the areas of Self-Study, and



Mission/Vision. The Self-Study team will be preparing written questionnaires for both congregations in the near future with the hope that people will be willing to take advantage of an opportunity to express their opinions. There will be one-on-one interviews at a later time.

The Mission/Vision team began looking at areas of mission that are important to both Latino and Anglo worshippers. The teams will report their progress to the entire MET Team at our next meeting on April 4.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Mar. 27, 2011)

	2009			2010				2011			
	Sat	Sun	Wd	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed
Feb	22	69	*	27	67	190	27	14	52	136	52
Ash Wed. totals			72				12+40+192				10+226
Mar	27	60	57	18	75	199	47	14	60	167	44
Apr	25	103	113	17	92	170	36				

* Aside from Ash Wednesday and two canceled services, only one Wednesday service was held in February 2009, at which attendance was not recorded.

Financial Figures

Total for month	2011 to date
General Fund offerings received in Feb. 2011	\$11,861.31 }
Above & Beyond:	\$15.00 }
	\$ 35,424.91

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Feb. '11	\$180.00	Campaign TD:	\$67,569.62
Mortgage payments in Feb. 2011:	Principal	\$737.37	Principal balance as of
	Interest	\$254.63	March 14, 2011:
	Total	\$992.00	\$49,354.04

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.

Synod Assembly Slated in June

Would you like to represent our congregation at the annual Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly? It will be held on June 24-26 at Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road in Pewaukee. Not only can you give direction to the

work of our Lutheran church in this area, but you can grow in faith and fellowship, as well. Please call Pastor Mary or Pastor Jhon Freddy (634-5515) or Council President Chris Lamberton (639-1712), if you think you'd like to attend.

Emmaus Hosts AA Meetings

Emmaus now hosts a weekly meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Meetings are held in the Fireside

Room on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Elsewhere in Our Area:

Concert Launches HALO Campaign

Join the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) for the HALO endowment campaign kick-off concert featuring the music of young artists Mike and Antonio, Mia Pinero, Sam Harris, Luke Patterson and Shoot the Moon, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at First

Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for anyone under 18, and are available from First Presbyterian (262 632-1686), HALO (262 633-3235 x142), or Colleen Patterson (262 681-3868). All proceeds go to HALO's endowment fund.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Volunteers Invited for MS Walk

Volunteers are needed for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Wisconsin Chapter's Walk MS 2011 at UW-Parkside on Sunday, April 17. Volunteer positions include registration, set-up, clean-up, breakfast, cheering, lunch, and route support. If you are interested in becoming a part of this annual event, please contact the Wisconsin Chapter at 262-369-4400.

Parking is available in the lot northeast of the student union (the first parking lot west of Wood Road on the Outer Loop Road). Check-in is at 9:00 a.m. The walk starts and ends at the student union.

Milwaukee Choir Performs Passion

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will present its Spring Concert, "What Wondrous Love," on Friday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at First Immanuel Lutheran Church, W67 N622 Evergreen Blvd., Cedarburg; and on Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa.

The concert will feature music of Holy Week, and include

works by Bach, Duruflé, Weelkes, Gibbons, Lotti and Stroepe. The featured work on the first half of the program is the St. John Passion by John Ferguson, which includes the reading of the Passion narrative combined with hymns and anthems reflecting on the text.



Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for students and seniors, and can be obtained online at www.lutheranacappella.org, by calling 262-521-4545 or at the door.

North Cape Women Host Craft Event

The women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, April 9. The craft and bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be held between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. featuring chicken salad and shrimp salad, plus fruit and vegetable salads and an array of other main dishes. Tickets for the luncheon are \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for ages 4-12) and are available at 262 835-2206. North Cape Lutheran Church is located on Highway 45 just south of Five Mile Road.

A Stark Reminder

Some of our midweek Lenten studies this year, both for adults and kids, have had the Last Supper and the time following as a focus. It was that Passover feast shared by Jesus and his disciples the night before Jesus' crucifixion that has come to be known as the Last Supper. In our First Communion classes we have looked back at the scenario of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey and the Passover meal that was shared shortly after that. We have also emphasized the servanthood of Jesus in the account of the foot washing as recorded in the gospel of John's account of the Last Supper.

This journey to the cross during the forty days of Lent highlights our remembering those last days and hours in the life of Jesus. It's not an easy time or a comfortable time as we acknowledge the brokenness in the world we live in, which is the same sin and brokenness that brutally took Jesus to his death on our behalf.

This season of Lent is a time of prayer, of repentance and of remembering. It is also a time of

facing the harsh reality of the crucifixion. Before we can celebrate the empty cross on Easter morning, we must first remember Jesus' journey to the cross. We must never forget Jesus being betrayed, deserted, arrested, tried and mocked just as we must never forget the painful suffering on the cross leading to Jesus' death.



The crucifix at the front of the church during this Lenten season, draped in purple, (not only the color of royalty, but also the

color of penance), with the dry reeds at the foot (symbolizing death and the wilderness) is a stark reminder. Martin Luther emphasized in his "theology of the cross" that God is found in the very suffering of Jesus on the cross. This visual reminder of a dying Savior on the cross is not easy to look at!

Perhaps you, like I, have been raised in a Lutheran church devoid of the image of Christ on the cross. I most often associated that image as one that was Roman Catholic, and I was taught in the

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the resurrection with an empty cross as a reminder.) I must admit that when the figure of a dying Christ on the cross, draped in purple, was placed in the front of our church this Lenten season, it made me pause and remember. Every time I look at it I am reminded of the suffering and death of Jesus in a way that didn't happen when there was not such a stark visual right in front of me. This cross is the center of our faith, according to Martin Luther.

Oh, how I yearn for the empty cross with the white cloth draped over it. Oh, how I yearn to sing Alleluia again. Oh, how I yearn to hear of the empty tomb. Oh, how I yearn to hear again how God has conquered death itself in

the Resurrection of Jesus. Isn't it Easter yet?? However, I'm reminded that as I write this we are still in Lent. We are still focusing on the way of the cross and the crucifixion. Yet the discomfort and the suffering do not/will not have the last word. Even as we stare death in the face, we have the hope of the Resurrection, the image of an empty tomb and of an empty cross ahead of us. Easter IS coming, and I give God thanks for that hope that comes through and beyond the cross!

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Check Out Green Congregation Web Site

by Dave Rhoads

Check out the Racine Green Congregation website: www.racinegreengregations.org. There you will find new information for your congregation.

1. Information on Meatless Monday project, including meatless recipes
2. Sign up for a "Carbon Fast" for Lent through the Massachusetts UCC church.



3. Prepare for Earth Sunday with resources from the National Council of Churches

4. See the information about Youth Restoring Earth, a new program for Racine involving three of our churches.

5. Check out the reports from congregations in our network
6. Get ready for June as transportation month. All the resources are here.

Keep informed!

In the April Visitor:

- + Mateo's Baptism
- + Easter Children's
Worship Service
- + EASY Chess Club
- + Mt. Meru Coffee
- + Keenager Program:
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- + Bishops' Letter
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Congregational Meeting Convenes June 12

The semi-annual meeting of the Emmaus congregation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 12 in the Sunset Room. The budget and any other new business to be considered will be

included in the agenda of the meeting.

The church council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, rather than on May 17.



Emmaus artists-in-residence at work: please see article on page 6.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Mateo Correa-Moncada April 2, 2011	Mateo is the son of Liliana Moncada and Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa. His sponsors are Richard and Mari Kidney and Rev. Mary Janz.
Mark Nunez April 23, 2011	Mark, 10, is the son of Yolanda and Gaspar Nunez. His sponsors are Esiderio and Carmela Valencia.
Funerals: Harry E. Larsen April 15, 2011	Harry, a longtime member of Emmaus, passed away surrounded by family on April 12. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he later worked at Precise Corporation. He was fond of golfing and handy work. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Evelyn; and their children, Dave (Maggie) Larsen and Ellen (Mark) Petersen; three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.
Elizabeth Karcher Johnson April 28, 2011	An avid fan of the drum corps, Betty was known as the uniform lady for the Racine Kilties; she was a lifelong Avon Lady, Girl Scout leader and softball coach. She joined Emmaus in 2007. She is remembered by her loving husband of fifty years, Gordy; three children, Daniel (Kristine) Johnson, Rebecca (Robert) Remster, Jonathan (Wendy) Johnson; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
Elizabeth Ann Bernett	Please see details in the June <i>Visitor</i> .

Four Baptisms Planned Wednesday, May 4

Four young people who are regular participants in our afterschool and Wednesday night programs will be baptized at the 7:00 p.m. service on Wednesday, May 4. Pastor



Mary has met with the children, their sponsors and their parents in preparation for this special day.

First Communions to Be Celebrated May 11

Four of the five children to be baptized May 4 and 7 will join six other young people on Wednesday, May 11, as they receive their First Communion. Pastor Mary held Wednesday night classes for the group, discussing Passover, the Last Supper and the sacrament of Holy Communion as we know it today.

Each of the young people will receive their First Communion

using hand made chalices they have decorated and created themselves. The chalices were made at the premises of a local pottery business. The middle school youth group joined the first communicants in making these special chalices, which are gifts from the Emmaus congregation.

An ice cream reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the May 11 worship service.

MET to Canvas Congregation

Assistant to the Bishop, Chuck Brummond, opened the Mission Exploration Team's (MET) April 4 meeting with a devotional gathering around the baptismal font. Emphasizing our Christian unity through our baptism, we blessed one another in English and Spanish languages.

Our meeting was primarily a serious in-depth conversation regarding Emmaus' ownership of the Latino Community and Emmaus as one community.

During the past month, several of us have taken training to be able to conduct one-on-one interviews with members of the congregation. These interviews will take place starting in late June and continue through the summer.



It is important that if you are asked to be interviewed you should take the opportunity to be candid with the interviewer. The results of the interview will never identify you but your views will be included in the deliberations of the team discussions. The interviews will nominally be for one-half hour although more time can be taken if the interviewee desires.

The Self-Study Committee has developed a survey that will be distributed to the Anglo congregation during the month of May. Look for it in the center pages of this *Visitor* as well as the weekly bulletins. Please take advantage of this opportunity to express your opinions in order to assist the MET in our process of discerning the future of Emmaus.

Lenten Banks, Offerings Are Due May 2

Thanks to everyone who has been filling their Lenten banks with gifts for Outreach for Hope, the arm of our synod that reaches out to those in poverty in the Greater Milwaukee area. Kids brought their decorated banks on the last two Wednesday nights in Lent, and a number of adults have also brought cash or checks as a part of their designated Lenten offering.

The total offering will be counted May 3, and there will be one check made out to Outreach for Hope on behalf of Emmaus. Please get any last-minute



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donations to the church office by May 2 so that they can be included in the total.

It is Outreach for Hope that helps fund our after school, Wednesday night and Latino ministries at Emmaus. We are scheduled to receive \$32,000 for the ministries of Emmaus throughout the coming year. Racine Neighborhood Camp, hosted by four ELCA congregations, also is slated to receive \$17,000 this year. In addition, other important ministries in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine receive funding from Outreach for Hope.

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English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

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 16. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Our Savior's Hosts Revival

by Rhonda Hill

The Urban Strategy Education Team of the Greater Milwaukee Synod has organized a two night revival on May 13 and 14 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Racine. They would be honored to have you celebrate Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in Racine with them.

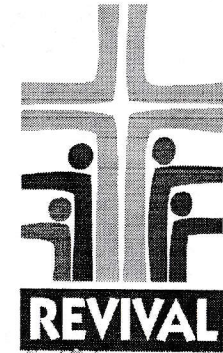
Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening. Saturday afternoon there will be a workshop and youth choir practice from 3:00 to 5:00. All children and teens present that afternoon will

learn songs to sing in evening worship that Saturday night. The afternoon session will be followed by dinner.

The theme is "Go! Spring Training for Outreach." The goals are simple, but bold: to raise awareness of the diversity of members of the community, to promote participation, innovation, and empowerment of the community and congregation, thus, transforming the cultural and spiritual landscape of the Greater

Milwaukee Synod.

There will be more information in the weeks ahead.



*GO! Spring Training
for Outreach*

Green Congregations Meet May 7

Representatives of Racine's Green Congregations will meet at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7. Trustees and Property Committee personnel are urged to attend. Pastor Mary will lead the devotions for the meeting.

Jon Young representing WE Energies will present ideas for congregations to reduce energy,



save money, and lower their carbon footprints. Jon will explain free energy audits and incentives for action. Do not miss this half-hour presentation at 8:30. Refreshments served.

Alert: WE Energies offers congregations free energy audits, reports with recommendations, some free energy saving devices, and many incentives on products to reduce energy. Even if you have done this before, it is worthwhile doing it again and taking it to the next level.

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Meet Our Artists in Residence

Several middle school kids have been working on a creative painting that will depict the theme of "growing your brain." Michael Macias, Marilena Velasquez and Lucero Zuniga each created their design for this theme. They agreed on a central idea and are in the final stages of applying acrylics on a large canvas. These three, along with Paul Velasquez, are enjoying a drawing and painting class at Wustum Art Museum.

Anyone interested in helping kids grow in the arts and would like to donate to a scholarship fund, see Nancy Smith. Wustum is interested in encouraging kids and

is offering the church a discount for EASY kids to take classes.

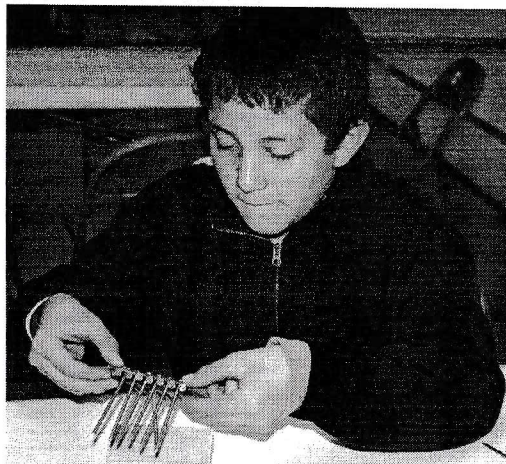
Youth Birthdays

- May 2 Lauren Longrie, 14
- May 4 Kaylee Trevino, 2
- May 4 Nate Robinson, 11
- May 4 Erin Keller, 11
- May 9 Elias Orozco, 5
- May 10 Selina Rodriguez, 16
- May 11 Alexis Christensen, 13
- May 14 Ella Briere, 4
- May 21 Kallie Boutell, 2
- May 21 Jayanah Montes, 4
- May 24 Ashley Villalobos, 12
- May 25 Alex Zavala, 4
- May 26 Cesar Herrera-Saucedo, 5

Science Experiments Challenge EASY Kids

This past month has seen the kids baffled and excited as they try to figure out how to approach challenging experiments. Have you ever tried to balance eleven nails on top of the head of one nail? How about pouring water along a string, which is stretched from one cup to another? Yes, there were mishaps and frustrations but once they understood how to do it, wow!

You could hear shouts of delight from all around the room. "I did it!" "Wow! This is cool!" Yes, we do talk about



gravity and adhesion and cohesion.

We Hope to Recognize Graduates

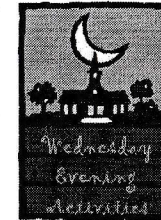


We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates in the June *Visitor*.

If you are graduating this spring (or were graduated this past winter or fall), please call Paul Berge at 634-5515, or e-mail emmausracine@sbcglobal.net.

EASY, Wednesday Night Will Celebrate Year

Join Emmaus After School for Youth for their year-end celebration on May 18. Family Dinner - 5:30 p.m. Closing Program - 6:30 p.m. The kids will present highlights of the



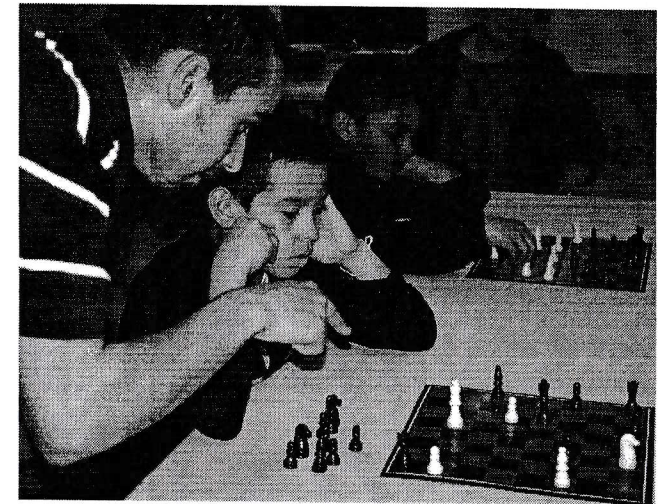
year through drama, music, art and science.

A highlight of the evening will be a piano concert by Brenda's students who have been taking lessons since October.

EASY Chess Club Commences

The next first Thursday Chess Club will meet May 5 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. With the help and encouragement of Carolyn and Dan Wooster's grandson, David Gonzales, an interested group of kids sat across the table from one another for a quiet afternoon of "tournament" play. David was impressed by the interest and knowledge of the kids for the game. Thanks to Rich Benson who

took the time to participate. We need more volunteers. Come and play! See Nancy Smith.



Chefs Offer Bounteous Brunch

A big thank you goes out to chef Manuel Gallardo and the many people from the Latino community who made the full brunch a possibility on Easter morning. In addition to the fare of

pancakes, eggs, fruit and ham, pizzas and hotdogs were added to the offering for the kids following the Easter egg hunt. Nearly 200 hungry mouths were fed Easter morning!



Easter Kids' Worship Was Well Attended

Over 100 kids energetically sang "Alleluia" as they welcomed in Easter at the children's service, a new offering this year. They heard the story of the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus as Pastors Mary and Jhon Freddy told the story. A large Alleluia butterfly was released from the cocoon and displayed on the front wall. Following the brief worship

service, the kids were each given a brightly colored bag to use for gathering their eggs in the Easter egg hunt in the church yard. There were 144 dozen filled eggs to be found before the kids headed to the church basement for lunch. A big thank you goes out to Nancy Smith and the many volunteers both young and old who helped fill and hide the eggs.

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Spring Cleaning Slated May 13

Spring cleaning - outside! Grab your shovels, rakes, gardening gloves, and buckets. It is time to spruce up the grounds. All help will be appreciated on



Friday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex, or contact Sandy Strini.

Latinos Help Spruce Up Church for Easter

The Saturday before Easter was bustling with activity at Emmaus. In addition to the long-time members who helped set up flowers and prepare the sanctuary for Sunday, there was a lot happening elsewhere. In Fellowship Hall and near the front entrance of the church, over twenty friends from the Latino community were busy at work. With rakes, shovels, brooms and

garbage bags, a crew of folks cleaned up the area leading to the main entrance of the church. At the same time, an entire crew of painters was busy at work in Fellowship Hall, giving the walls a needed fresh coat of paint.

We thank each and every one who worked so hard, taking pride in having an inviting church for those attending Easter Sunday, and the weeks beyond!



Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 12. These geraniums will be blooming in 5" pots and can be purchased for \$7.00 each or \$70.00 per dozen. Please pass this order form along to your family and friends.

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 31.

Office use: Pmt. Order list

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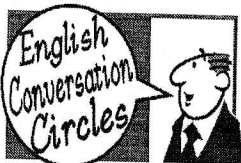
Remember Mom with Scrip

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.

English Conversation Circles Expand

A number of Latino people who attend Emmaus are very eager to practice their English and are coming to church at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday nights to do just that. Emmaus members Kathy Christensen,



Diane Melander and Dennis Eschmann have gotten the ball rolling and are giving their new Latino friends hints about how to express themselves in certain situations.

Some of the possible scenarios include:

What would you say in each of the following situations?

- ▶ You want to catch up on the latest news.
- ▶ You are very grateful for a favor.
- ▶ You are very happy to meet someone.
- ▶ You stepped on someone's foot.
- ▶ You didn't understand what someone said.
- ▶ You want to know how things are going for your friend.

- ▶ You expect to see someone later on.
- ▶ Your English-speaking friend is talking too fast.
- ▶ Someone knocks on your door.

- ▶ You offer someone a seat.
- ▶ You need to go through a crowded room.

Other situations might be:

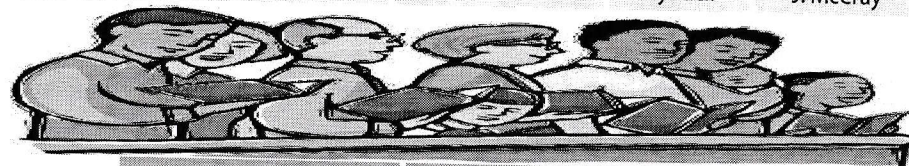
- ▶ You want to ask someone where he or she works.
- ▶ You want to order something to drink.
- ▶ You want to know the time.

What conversation might take place at a grocery store, a bank, a party, a doctor's office, a pharmacy, a post office, a school conference for a child?




It has been suggested that a second time for the English conversation groups might be Sunday mornings following the 9:15 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in knowing more about being a part of the English conversation groups, please let Kathy Christensen know so that an expanded schedule can be set for those who would like to participate.

May Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Apr. 30 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. May 1 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Cindi Larsen	Chris Lamberton	Team 1 H. Miller
Sat. May 7 5:00 pm	Marge, Amy Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. May 8 9:15 am	Marlyn & Kathy Christensen	Claranna Vytlacil	Jeff McCray	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. May 14 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. May 15 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kathy Christensen	Nancy Smith	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. May 21 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. May 22 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	Nancy Smith Carol Eschmann	Sandy Strini	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. May 28 5:00 pm	Denise & Brian Keller	—	—	—
Sun. May 29 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Joy Lippmann Pat Jensen	Al Svendsen	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Jun. 4 5:00 pm	TBD	—	—	—
Sun. Jun. 5 9:15 am	TBD	Shirley Velzka	Claranna Vytlacil	Team 6 J. McCray



	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Candle Care
May 1	Brenda Trumbauer	Grace Falaschi; Jen & Andrew Palmgren	
May 8	Clintons; Tosleks		
May 15	Diane Melander		
May 22	Porcaro, Zielke; C. Meyer	Audrey Villalobos	
May 29	S. Velzka; B. Trumbauer		
June 5	Eschmanns; Lambertons		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 2 ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES 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 3:00 pm Grupo de jóvenes	2 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Latino Youth Advisory Board 7:00 pm MET	3 11:00 am B. Bernett funeral 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Worsh. & Music 7:00 pm Music lessons
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Education

Teaching children and youth Christian values	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing opportunities for children and youth to be together in a Christian context	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing members with sufficient opportunities to learn more about the Bible and/or the Christian faith	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing new and prospective members with sufficient opportunities to learn about the Bible and/or the Christian faith	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5

Part II

Please respond to the following statements with regard to how you personally feel about your congregation. Indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (Circle one number for each statement)

1 = Strongly Agree 2 = Agree 3 = Disagree 4 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Not Sure

If I had to change my membership to another congregation, I would feel a great sense of loss	1	2	3	4	5
This congregation has helped me grow as a Christian	1	2	3	4	5
It is important for me to be a member of a Lutheran Church	1	2	3	4	5
It is important for me to be a member of a congregation associated with the Evangelical Church in America	1	2	3	4	5
Embracing and uniting with the Latino population at Emmaus is necessary for the growth of Emmaus.	1	2	3	4	5

On average, how often do you attend worship at Emmaus? Check (✓) one.

- _____ Once a week or more
- _____ Two or three times per month
- _____ Once a month
- _____ Less than once a month, but more than twice a year
- _____ Once or twice a year or less

Part III

Please indicate your feelings regarding the following statements

1 = Strongly Agree 2 = Agree 3 = Disagree 4 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Not Sure

Many people in our community who are not members of Emmaus could tell you where the church is located if its name were given to them. 1 2 3 4 5

Most members of Emmaus would agree, if asked, on one or two things the congregation stands for. 1 2 3 4 5

Many area residents who are not members of Emmaus know what this congregation stands for. 1 2 3 4 5

All things considered – worship, programs, policies, people – Emmaus appears much the same as it did 5 or 10 years ago. 1 2 3 4 5

There is a sense of excitement among most members of Emmaus about our congregation's future. 1 2 3 4 5

Emmaus has an effective witnessing ministry involving many members in sharing their faith. 1 2 3 4 5

Part IV

1. Name (optional) _____
2. Age: 12-18 19-27 28-40 41-50 51-64 65+
3. Sex: Male Female
4. Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed
5. Number of children living at home: 1 2 3 4+
6. Indicate how long you've been attending Emmaus less than a year 1-3 years 4-6 years 7+ years
7. How did you come to attend Emmaus?
 Invited by a friend Liked the pastor Lived nearby
 Saw advertisement Like church program Raised here
8. Before attending Emmaus, what was your situation?
 Not attending any church Attending another local church New in community
9. Are you officially a member of Emmaus? Yes No
10. If you transferred here from another church, was your former church Lutheran? Yes No

11. Please indicate your feelings regarding the following statements

1 = Strongly Agree 2 = Agree 3 = Undecided 4 = Disagree 5 = Strongly Disagree

Emmaus has placed a high priority on reaching the unchurched. 1 2 3 4 5

There is an enthusiasm and excitement among our members that attracts newcomers. 1 2 3 4 5

I am satisfied with the quality of worship at Emmaus. 1 2 3 4 5

People look forward to our worship service each week. 1 2 3 4 5

Emmaus wants to grow in size. 1 2 3 4 5

I want Emmaus to grow in size. 1 2 3 4 5

I am satisfied with the variety and content offered in Emmaus' programs. 1 2 3 4 5

If I desired to become part of a small study group or fellowship group, I feel the opportunity would be there. 1 2 3 4 5

12. List, in your own words, the three greatest strengths of Emmaus.

- a.
- b.
- c.

13. In what three areas does Emmaus need improvement or have unrealized potential?

- a.
- b.
- c.

EMMAUS CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Part I

This survey is an effort to more effectively share Christ's love with others. Listed below are a number of tasks a congregation is likely to perform as it seeks to engage in Christian ministry.

- 1) In your judgment, how *important* should the task be in our congregation? (Circle one number per item)
 - 2) How satisfied are you with our congregation's current performance of each aspect of our ministry listed below? (Circle one number per item)
- 1=Very much 2=Somewhat 3=A little 4=Not at all 5=Not sure

Worship


Providing worship that deepens members' understanding of their faith	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing worship that strengthens people to live out their daily lives as Christians	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing worship that reaffirms the Lutheran tradition in hymn, liturgy, and sacraments	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing worship that expresses the Gospel in contemporary ways	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Providing worship that is meaningful to the first-time visitor	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5

Mission & Outreach

Encouraging and motivating members to invite members to worship	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Sharing the Good News of the Gospel with the nonchurched	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Carrying out acts of charity to people in need	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5

Spiritual Development

Providing for the growth of members' spiritual lives	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5
Helping members develop a stronger personal relationship with God	Important	1	2	3	4	5
	Satisfied	1	2	3	4	5

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm Wednesday Camp; Tweens 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm Baptism service	5 CINCO DE MAYO 9:30 am WCATY 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	6	7 8:30 am Green Congregations mtg., LC of the Resurrection 1:00 pm Baptism service 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Cena y música
11 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm Wednesday Camp; Tweens 6:00 pm Bible study 7:00 pm First communion 8:00 pm Ice cream party	12 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	13 9:00 am Grounds clean-up 7:00 pm Revival at Our Savior's	14 10:00 am Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 2:00 pm Jimenez baptism 3:00 pm Revival at Our Savior's 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
18 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm Family supper 6:30 pm Closing program	19 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	20 LIZA DOOLITTLE DAY 5:30 pm Orozco-Gonzalez rehearsal	21 8:00 am Stampin' Up! 10:00 am Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 2:30 pm Orozco-Gonzalez wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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25 	26 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	27	28 2:30 pm Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 2:30 pm Angelina baptism 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Latino congregat'n fund raiser
June 1	2 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's	3	4 10:00 am Mundo maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 noon Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC

Keenagers in May

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, May 17. John and Lila Berge will show and tell us about Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church's mission trip to their sister congregation, Cristo Salvador, in Argentina last March (program rescheduled from April).



Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.

May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

May 5	Carolyn Wooster	4825 Indian Hills Drive	53406
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 17	Janet Thomsen	6296 Backridge Rd. Woodlawn, TN	37191
May 20	Marge Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
May 23	John Psiones	Vets Ctr., Boland Bldg. 21425G Spring, U.G.	53182
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406

Synod Assembly Meets June 24-26

The 2010 Synod Assembly will be held at Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha on Friday through Sunday, June 24-26. Registration and pre-assembly workshops will begin on Friday afternoon; dinner, worship and first plenary session to follow. Saturday will be a day of plenary sessions concluding about 3:00 pm.



The activities for Sunday, June 26 will be away from Country Springs and are still being finalized. Sunday morning will

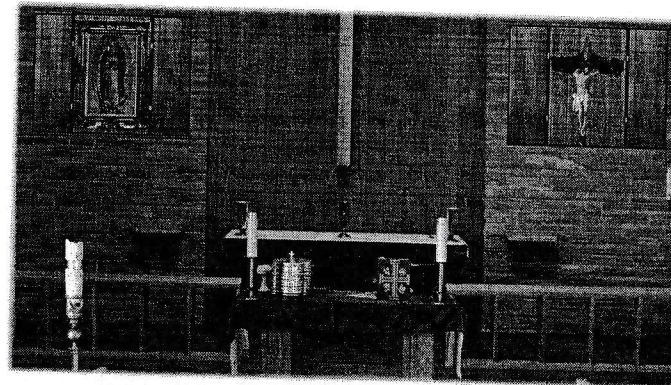
involve worshipping at one of several chosen congregations in the synod, and the afternoon will feature activities at a park in the city of Milwaukee. Many more details will be coming! The theme of the assembly is "Going Public."

Pre-assembly reports should be about one page in length, giving us information about this year's activities and ministries of your group. Please send it to Mary Meyer, mary@milwaueesynod.org so they can be posted to the synod website. If you have any questions, please be in touch! Thanks so much.

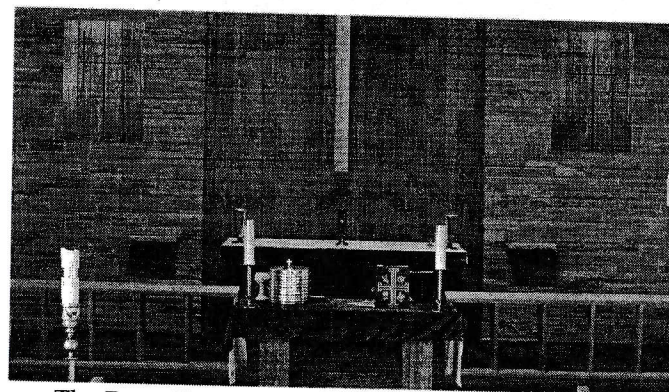
Triptych Proposed by Leadership Groups

The Emmaus church council and the leadership group from the Latino worship community have both discussed and approved a proposal to place two triptychs in the chancel area of the church.

The wooden cabinets would allow for the display of a piece of religious art in each one. They would be made of the same wood as is behind the main cross at the front of the church and would be placed on the stone area on either side of the large cross. They could be either open or closed, depending upon the desires of those worshipping at any particular time.



the northern European and the Mexican traditions that are prevalent at Emmaus. When the triptychs are closed, they reflect the original architecture and design of the church. When open, the triptychs would allow the picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe and the crucifix to be visible. Both are images that have special meaning and significance to those of Mexican heritage.

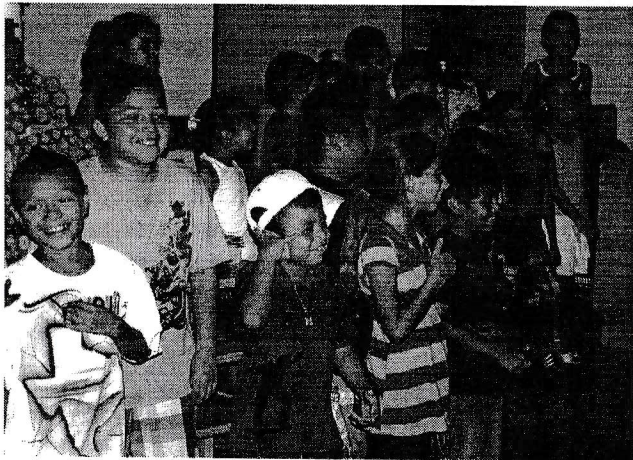


The Rev. Chuck Ruehle, retired ELCA pastor and artist, made the first model of the proposed triptychs in an effort to honor both

The funding for the project is being undertaken by the Latino community. The total cost will be \$1,825.00. Mark Falaschi, the master carpenter who built our freestanding altar and who placed the wood panels behind the cross, will be contracted to complete this project.

Neighborhood Camp Opens June 20

Less than two months and counting: Emmaus Neighborhood Camp this year will be held from Monday, June 20 through Thursday July 28. There will be no camp the week of July 4.



Camp is held Monday through Thursday, and each day includes a nutritious breakfast and lunch (brown bag on field trip days). These meals are coordinated and created by dedicated members and

friends of Emmaus. Last year some of the teen volunteers helped with the meals.

We will need people:

- ▶ To buy food
- ▶ To provide cookies, fruit, gelatin and snacks
- ▶ To partner and coordinate meals for one week

▶ To prepare and/or serve meals

Please check the poster that will be in the narthex and tap Nancy Smith on the shoulder to ask questions and offer your help.

Neighborhood

Camp means a lot to the kids who attend. They so appreciate the meals that are served. The success of camp depends upon willing minds and caring hearts.

Neighborhood Camp Registration Begins

Those who attended camp in the summer of 2010 will have the opportunity to register for camp by May 20. Potential new campers will be placed on a waiting list and will be invited to attend camp after May 20.

Camp is offered to those who live in our neighborhood, attend

our EASY and Wednesday Night Camp, or are Emmaus members. Enrollment will be a maximum of 60 campers. Registration forms will be located on the bookcase in the Sunset Room and on the bulletin board outside Nancy Smith's office in the basement.

Craft Corner Seeks Stuff

Items needed for this summer include gallon milk jugs, microwave containers, scrapbook quality scraps of paper for mosaics, plastic deli containers, bottle caps (yes, metal ones for a "minute to

win it" challenge), all sizes of paint brushes, playing cards, magazines. Check the poster in narthex for material updates. Thank you! Thank you!

Passion Prayer Walk Was Well Attended

It was amazing! It was moving! The sanctuary was filled with families as the Wednesday Night kids re-enacted a narrative

the soldiers arrested Jesus, the frightened disciples scattered throughout the sanctuary.

The congregation witnessed the Pharisees turn Jesus over to Pilate. There were shouts by the crowd to free Barabbas and to crucify Jesus. All witnessed the long walk of Jesus to the cross as he was beaten over and over again by the soldiers. As he stumbled, Simon was pulled from the crowd to carry the cross.



version of the last days of Christ. The kids in costume and waving palms welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.

Jesus Christ, portrayed by Chris Lambertson, washed the disciples' feet and led them in the Last Supper. After witnessing the payment of thirty coins to Judas by the Pharisees, they moved to the Garden of Gethsemane. Lo, the disciples all fell asleep. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, and as

The final scene experienced was that dark journey to the tomb and the tomb itself. There, the candles and grave clothes were a stark reminder to all as they each placed a nail at the graveside. As the children returned to the sanctuary, they gathered around the piano and cello, joining in the song, "Were You There?" It was truly a time of visuals and emotions as the passion of Jesus was remembered.

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.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Harry E. Larsen: \$975.00.

Designated gift of Easter banners, Christ Candle and stand:

In memory of Harry E. Larsen: \$180.00.



Crunching the Numbers

Monthly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Apr. 24, 2011)

	2009				2010				2011			
	Sat	Sun	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed
3	27	60		57	18	75	199	47	14	60	185	45
4	25	103		*	17	92	170	36	21	82	204	93
5	23	75	142	46	26	60	180	43				

* Wednesday evening attendance for April, 2009 was not recorded.

	2009		2010		2011	
	Early	Late	English	Español	English	Español
Maundy Thu.	n/a	76	n/a	66	18	106
Good Friday	no count	37	56	120	43	182
Easter Vigil	n/a	n/a	n/a	170	n/a	23
Easter Sunday	59	146	173	192	134	274

Financial Figures

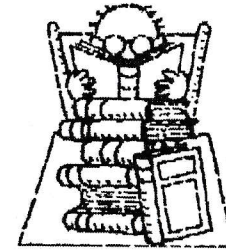
General Fund offerings received in Feb. 2011 \$13,814.06 } Total for month
 Above & Beyond, Lent: \$552.21 } 2011 to date \$49,791.18

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Mar. '11	\$200.00	Campaign TD:	\$67,769.62
Mortgage payments in April:	Principal.....\$1,478.52	Principal balance as of	
	Interest.....\$498.00	April 14, 2011:	
	Total.....\$1,976.52		\$49,354.04

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Lincoln Lutheran Holds Fund Raiser

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary is having a fund raiser on Saturday, May 7 at Barnes & Noble. The Auxiliary will get 10% of every "in-store or online" purchase that day. This includes anything in the store except memberships, renewals and gift cards.



The purchases can be from any Barnes & Noble in the country as long as you have the Auxiliary's ID#: 10441202, or just tell the cashier you want to support "Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary." Your family in California, Texas, anywhere can help out also, since

it includes all stores or online purchases.

This support does not add any cost to your purchase either. It is a "win-win" situation for everyone. Free gift wrapping will be available that day in the store, and volunteers will be on hand to help you make a Mother's Day card for that special woman in your life.

Come on out and join the Auxiliary for a great cause. Online purchases can be made from May 7 to May 12, using the website: bn.com/bookfair and entering the special ID# 10441202. Thank you for your continued support.

Emmaus Hosts Stamping Event May 21

by Karen Sedgwick

On Saturday, May 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, demonstrators from Stampin' Up! will hold an All-Occasion Stamp-A-Stack event in Fellowship Hall. You can create as many all-occasion cards as you'd like for \$1 a card. Choose from Birthday, Get-well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, Congratulations, and Best Wishes cards. Make any or all of the cards the demonstrators will have for your choosing.

All materials, except for adhesive will be supplied. Please bring your favorite kind, or there

will be some available for purchase. Envelopes will be available for sale (25 cents each) for you to stamp and match your cards. There will be raffles of selected quality stamping products.

You may just drop in to make cards, or 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 so that we can better prepare enough materials.



Group Plans Local Food Cooperative

To the members of Green Congregations,

We are hoping to garner support and assistance from the Green Congregations in town. We feel that the faith-based communities within Racine will be a wonderful asset to our mission and dream of making Wild Root Market a reality in the near future.

A group of interested and concerned people are working toward opening a full-service grocery cooperative (a "co-op") in Racine which would provide quality, fresh food. The goals of the future Wild Root Market include promoting healthy, local

food; championing sustainable agriculture; supporting our community by being easily accessible to our residents; keeping our money in the local Racine economy; and offering good jobs with honest wages. Those interested in keeping informed about the progress and activities can add their email at www.wildrootmarket.com to receive newsletters and event announcements. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thewildrootmarket.

Our many thanks,
The Wild Root Market Steering Committee

Synod Promotes Coffee Partnership May 8

by Aleta Chossek, Mt. Meru Partnership Committee

Sunday May 8 has been designated as Partnership Sunday by Bishop Paulo Akyoo and Bishop Jeff Barrow of the Diocese of Meru and the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

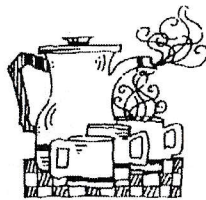
On Sunday May 8, we will join with others in the synod in praying for the people of Meru even as they will pray for us in their worship.

Before we connect through coffee or assistance with health care, food or education, it is our shared faith in the Risen Christ

that binds us together in one family of God.

During May, a special financial appeal is being made to support our mutual ministries in the partnership. Emmaus will be participating in that offering. If you wish to contribute please designate the Meru appeal on your envelope.

For information about the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, contact Diane Melander at 262-681-2796 or e-mail her at emmauscoffee@me.com. Or check out the partnership website at: www.mtmerucoffee.org



Environmental Stewardship

Don't Cry Over Spilt Mercury

by John Berge

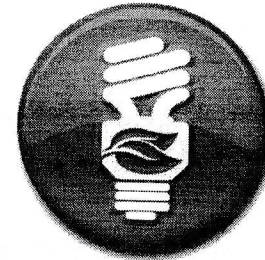
Some people are averse to using compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) because of fear concerning the small amount of mercury that they contain and the possibility of breakage. There is much more mercury in the long fluorescent lamps one may have in the workshop or the circular lamps in many kitchens. We have had up to three dozen fluorescent lamps in our house for years and never broken one.

If you do break a CFL, the EPA suggests the following cleanup procedure.

Have other people and pets leave the room, closing the door to the rest of the house. Air out the room for 5-10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoors. Shut off the central forced air heating or air conditioning and collect your cleanup materials (stiff paper or cardboard, sticky tape, damp paper towels or wet wipes and a sealable container).

Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder. The sticky tape does an excellent job in picking up the small pieces that one can hardly see. Place all bulb debris and cleanup materials in the sealable container (plastic bag or glass jar). Promptly place this container outdoors or in a

garage or storage shed until it can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste site (open on the third Saturday of every month from April to October, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).



The City of Racine trash collection allows burned out or broken fluorescent bulbs in the trash, but if you have seen the way the trucks crush the long fluorescent bulbs, you know that

is not a good idea.

Continue to air out the room where the bulb broke and keep the forced air circulation system off for several hours to be on the safe side. A broken bulb is rare and should not cause panic or reluctance to use CFLs. Just use some common sense.

Most incandescent bulbs will soon be unavailable. Then there are LEDs (light emitting diodes) which contain no mercury, are awfully difficult to break, but are still rather pricey.

**NorthSide Food Pantry
Volunteers**

May 26: Pat & Ron Jensen and James and Mary Larrabee

On the Other Side of Fear

Wasn't the tomb found empty? Weren't the reports that He had risen from the dead? Hadn't death been conquered after all?

If all this was true (and it was!), why were the followers of Jesus so distraught? Why were they so afraid? Do you suppose they wondered what would be next? Were they afraid to go out into the neighborhood because they could get hurt or even killed? Maybe it was safer to stay huddled inside together.

It's into the middle of the unsettling fear about what is next that the resurrected Christ shows up! Even when the disciples were huddled together in fear, with the doors locked tight, Jesus manages to enter in. He comes and pronounces a word of peace. His very presence offers hope for the future.

How often are we bunkered down, peeking to the outside world, but afraid to really engage and confront the powers out there. It just seems too impossible! How often do we tend to be like those early disciples, who were probably wondering if God were in charge after all. We look at that outside

world and wonder where there is a sign of hope in the aftermath of violence and death.

In this Resurrection season, expect the resurrected Jesus to show up when you least expect him—in the midst of the dark places of fear and grief and despair. Somehow God manages to break in even there, and maybe especially there. Who brings you a word of peace and hope when you are most down and despairing? Do you see the face of the Resurrected One in that person?

"I'm so afraid"...of the diagnosis I just received, of the upcoming divorce, of the possibility of having to move from my home, of financial instability, of the path my grandchildren seem to be on, of changes taking place within the church, of losing health care, of what is happening to education in our community... Those fears may grip us and prevent us from living today to the fullest.

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The One who conquered death itself isn't afraid to walk into our dark places. He shows up with words of assurance, "Be not afraid," and offers the peace that only he can give.

Let's read and absorb those post-resurrection accounts with special attention this Easter season. The empty tomb isn't the end of the story—it's the beginning! More than ever, we need to step

out beyond those fears and welcome the resurrected Christ in the weeks following Easter Sunday. We need to move out beyond those paralyzing fears and allow the risen Christ to bring a word of hope and life.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Bible Readings for May

- May 1: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.
May 8: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.
May 15: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.
May 22: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.
May 29: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

Pastor Mary to Attend Conference

Pastor Mary has registered to attend the national Festival of Homiletics, a preaching conference to be held in Minneapolis the week

of May 16. Nationally renowned preachers from mainline traditions will lead worship and workshops during the weeklong event.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Breast Cancer Walk Slated May 7

American Cancer Society's 16th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k Milwaukee walk is Saturday, May 7. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the walk

begins at 10:00 a.m. at Discovery World on Milwaukee's lakefront. Contact Kathi Hayen at kathi.hayen@cancer.org.

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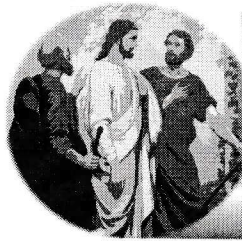
- ▶ **First Communion**
- ▶ **MET Interviews**
- ▶ **Revival at Our Savior's**
- ▶ **EASY Science Lab**
- ▶ **Chess Club**
- ▶ **Kids' Easter Worship**
- ▶ **Spring Cleaning**
- ▶ **English Conversation Circles**
- ▶ **Leaders Propose Chancel Triptych**
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And plenty more!

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Eleven Celebrate Their First Communion

Using hand-made chalices made by them and their friends, eleven young people approached the altar on May 11 to receive their First Communion. The young people, who had all completed the Wednesday night communion classes with Pastor Mary, were surrounded by godparents, parents and grandparents on this special occasion.

Those receiving the Sacrament at the Wednesday night service were Marissa Espinoza, Kate Maranger, Lili Cruz, Sebastian Cruz, Lexi Cruz, Tony Guerrero, Marco and Mario Posadas, Michael and Jaime Macias, and Rylee



Brown. Each child received a hand-painted wooden cross made in El Salvador. The crosses were decorated with symbols of Holy Communion. The chalices were also a gift from the congregation to each of the young communicants.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Cameron James Palmgren May 1, 2011	Cameron is the son of Jennifer and Andrew Palmgren. His sponsors are Jason Howser, Tippanie Howser, Seth Yust and Amy Kratochvil.
Marco Antonio Posadas Mario Alberto Posadas Emilio Espinoza May 4, 2011	Marco and Mario are sons of Nancy and Mario Posadas. Their sponsors are Art and Nancy Smith. Emilio is the son of Ana Guerrero and Fidel Espinoza. Emilio's sponsors are Sara Espinoza and Jason Scott.
Marissa Espinoza Rylee Brown Joshua Isaac Huitron Christian Hernandez May 7, 2011	Marissa is the daughter of Ana Guerrero and Fidel Espinoza. Marissa's sponsors are Karen & George Murillo. Rylee is the daughter of Brittany Stephens. Joshua is the son of Jessica Gonzalez and Celso Huitron. Christian is the son of Gabriela Gonzalez and Edgar Hernandez.
Weddings: Amy Jean Meteyard & Fernando Nebares-Cardenas April 30, 2011	Amy, a child care teacher, is the daughter of Bill & Linda Meteyard and granddaughter of Floyd & Helen Mickelson. Fernando is a QA foreman at Fair Oaks farm.
Delia Orozco & Jose Gonzalez Jr. May 21, 2011	Delia is owner of Bilingual Professional Services in the Uptown area, and she also teaches Spanish part-time. Joe is part owner of a Kenosha business that specializes in audio equipment for cars. He was recently elected to serve on the Emmaus church council in the area of building and grounds; Delia serves on the MET team.
Funeral: Elizabeth Jane Zilla Bennett May 3, 2011	Betty lived across the street from Emmaus, joining the church in 2007. She had been a switchboard operator at St. Mary's hospital and Wisconsin Bell. She died on April 26; her memory is cherished by children Linda Peterson, Laura Bennett, Stuart Bennett, Karen Yakos, Steven Bennett, Spencer Bennett, and by 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Council Proposes Modifications to Church Budget

At press time, the church council is still grappling with final proposals to be presented at the June 12 congregational meeting. The meeting, scheduled in the Sunset Room at 10:30 a.m., will address the budget and the financial issues facing Emmaus for the next six months and beyond. The current deficit of approximately \$20,000 will be addressed, with suggestions for methods of decreasing that deficit.



Among considerations to be discussed is the possibility of Pastor Mary moving from full-time to three-quarters time beginning in August. Other ideas for fundraising will be presented. In addition to financial matters, there will be a report from the Mission Exploration Team (MET) as to their ongoing process of listening, gathering information and discerning next steps for Emmaus as a part of the greater ELCA body of congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Custodians:	Rich Benson, Antelmo Hernando	Choir director: Becky Smurawa

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon.

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 July VISITOR is June 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Emmaus Bids Farewell and Godspeed to Becky Smurawa

Becky Smurawa, director of the Emmaus adult choir for the past three years, has announced that she will be pursuing graduate study in Europe during the coming year. Becky, a graduate of Carthage College, has been teaching middle school music in the Kenosha school district since completing her college studies. She has also been involved in a variety of roles in choral music in southeast Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

This past spring, Becky traveled to Amsterdam to audition for a Masters in Music program offered there. She has since been offered a full scholarship to pursue her studies in the yearlong program. Traveling to the Netherlands in mid June, Becky will study the Dutch language, preparing her for the beginning of her Master's studies beginning in August.

Becky has combined her love of choral music with her gentle, yet strong gift of teaching as she has so aptly directed the Emmaus choir during her tenure here. As a person of faith, steeped in a solid liturgical tradition, Becky has

enriched the Emmaus worship experience through her leadership and gifts. Whenever Becky's incredible voice led worship, echoed a descant or refrain, or shared a message in a solo, those sitting in the pews were truly blessed.



Pentecost Sunday, June 12, will be Becky's last Sunday at Emmaus prior to her departure for Amsterdam. In addition to a musical offering during the 9:15 a.m. worship service on June 12, the choir will honor Becky with a special reception in the Sunset Room at the 10:30 a.m. coffee hour on June 5.

Thank you, Becky, for sharing your love of music and your vocation with us! We wish you Godspeed as you pursue the next step in the adventure of your life's journey!

Take Scrip Shopping

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.

Chancel Triptychs Are Commissioned

Ongoing discussions over the past year have led to the decision to move ahead with the proposed set of triptychs for chancel area of the church. The triptychs are being created by Mark Falaschi and will house religious symbols and art meaningful particularly to the Latino community. They will allow for the possibility of having their doors open or closed, depending upon the occasion and the desires of the worshipping

community. Special donations designated for the construction of the triptychs have been made and will cover the entire cost of building and installing them.

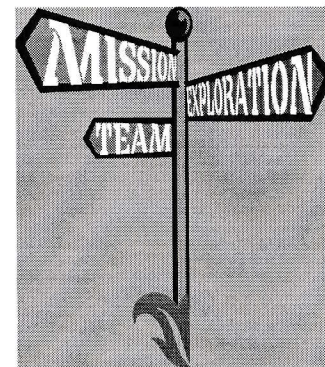
Falaschi, who crafted the freestanding altar and the wood paneling behind the cross in the front of the church, is creating the triptychs to match them in design and style. They will be dedicated in June during one of the Spanish-speaking noon services.

Help MET Chart Direction of Emmaus

by Kathy Christensen

The MET (Mission Exploration Team) team is now in the process of meeting with Emmaus members and friends for one-on-one interviews. The purpose of these interviews is to listen to the stories of our members' experiences at Emmaus Lutheran Church as well as concerns and hopes about the direction in which we are being led. It is our hope to meet with people from all age groups and levels of involvement as we are genuinely interested in knowing how you feel about Emmaus.

Please assist the Mission Exploration Team in our task of determining the future of Emmaus.



There are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the church office where you can indicate a convenient time for your meeting. If you prefer, contact one of the MET team from the following list

and schedule a time.

Delia Orozco	752-7134
Art Smith	456-7050
Carolyn Wooster	498-4201
Kathy Christensen	909-4799
Melissa Lemke	993-8943
Dennis Eschmann	989-0928
Chris Lambertson	639-1712

Celebrate Gift of the Spirit

Pentecost Sunday, celebrated this year on June 12, we will celebrate the Holy Spirit at work at Emmaus and in our lives. Becky Smurawa will direct the choir for the last time before embarking on her new venture of graduate study in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The service will include the dedication of a Pentecost banner in her honor, a gift to Emmaus from Pastor Mary. In addition to an



offering by the adult choir, the service will include a scripture reading in various languages from the book of Acts and a farewell and godspeed for Becky.

Pentecost marks the second anniversary of the Spanish speaking worship at Emmaus, and the noon service will highlight blessings of the Spirit as experienced throughout this time of growth. Come! Celebrate the gift of the Spirit on June 12!

Thanks to Spring Cleaning Volunteers

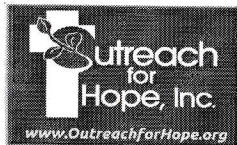
Thank you to Sandy Strini, Rich and Kathy Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, Al Svendsen and Loren Larsen for sprucing up the grounds on spring cleaning day.

Friday the thirteenth was a cool, overcast morning, so we appreciate your efforts all the more.

Outreach for Hope Sends Thanks

by Jim Bickel

Thank you all for participating in Dollar a Day for Poverty with Outreach for Hope. You helped spread the Word in Lent of a loving God who came to walk among us and give his life for us. Outreach for Hope Churches make that message real in everyday ways.



I would like to ask one more favor. Would you take a few moments to fill out a 10-question survey to help us gauge how things went this year, and if a similar program might work for next year? The survey is on line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B92RJTP>.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2011! We reached some of our graduating seniors, who shared their post-graduation plans:

Justin Haman graduates this month from MATC with a degree in Fire Science. He is a volunteer firefighter at Somers Fire Department and works full time at Medicare Ambulance in Milwaukee. He recently had an interview with the Brookfield Fire Department and is waiting for the results of that. He is still living in town with a couple of buddies, one including Brian Fields.

Nathan Lamberton is graduating from University of Wisconsin Whitewater with a B.A. in Inter-personnel Communications. He plans to move back to Racine, where he continues to

work at Rogan's Shoes. He is seeking a position in the Sales or Advertising profession.

Ryan Lamberton is graduating from Horlick High School and plans to attend University of Wisconsin - Parkside in the fall.



We're Proud of You!

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

Youth Birthdays

- June 10 Mason Bagley, 17
- June 12 Christopher Mendez, 1
- June 16 Ciara Williams, 14
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 18
- June 28 Mario Posadas, 11
- June 30 Tayshaun Carothers, 5

Readings for June

- June 5: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.
- June 12: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
- June 19: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.
- June 26: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

Neighborhood Camp Starts June 20

The staff has been interviewed and selected. Over 40 registration forms have been returned. Staff members have researched ideas and projects. Supply lists are being readied. The kids are looking forward to another fun filled summer.

Neighborhood Camp will start June 20. It meets four days a week. One of the days each week is designated for a field trip. The camp session will last five weeks ending on the evening of July 28 with the picnic/closing program. There will be no camp the week of July 4.

Meals

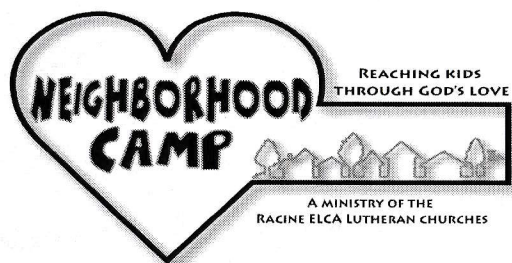
Breakfast: Coordinator: Denise Keller. Assistants Kathy Denneau, Michaela Keller, Marge Zielke and Missy Porcaro.

Lunch: Coordinator: Claranna Vytlacil. Check the sign up poster in the narthex. Needed: Cooks, servers and bakers of cookies and gelatin salads/desserts. Manuel Gallardo has offered to cook each Monday of camp.

Afternoon snacks: Donations of juice, lemonade (boxed drinks

are ok), pretzels, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, bananas, oranges and apples.

Themes for this year are:



Exploring Ancient Egypt; Construction Zone; Art-a-Palooza; Down Under: Animals of Australia; and Fun with Robotics.

People are asking, "How can we help?" You have been so supportive of this ministry. Supplies Wish List: Lego sets, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs (used or new), ping pong balls, playing cards, microwave containers, paint brushes, (all sizes), toothpicks, bags of mini marshmallows, Pringles canisters, brown plastic bottle caps. This list will change as projects are formulated. Please check the poster in the narthex for updates.

Northside Food Pantry Volunteers

June 23: June Beck, James and Mary Larrabee, Karen Sedgwick, and Stan Breiwick

July 28: James and Mary Larrabee, Marge Zielke, and Stan Breiwick

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June Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	HC Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. June 4 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	---	---	---
Sun. June 5 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Shirley Velzka	Claranna Vytlacil	Team 6 Jeff McCray
Sat. Jun. 11 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	---	---	---
Sun. Jun. 12 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Kylee Albright Karen Sedgwick	Lee Woodward	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Jun. 18 5:00 pm	Marge & Amy Zielke, Missy Porcaro	---	---	---
Sun. Jun. 19 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Chris Lamberton	Carol Yust	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jun. 25 5:00 pm	Linda Clinton Cathy Meyer	---	---	---
Sun. Jun. 26 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	Cindi Larsen K. Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. July 2 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	---	---	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sun. July 3 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Gregg Albright	Gregg Albright	Team 4 W. Meteyard

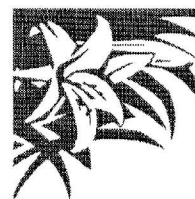
Fellowship Hosts

Altar Flowers

Candle Care

June 5	Adult Choir	Eschmanns; Lambertons	Hispanic congregation
June 12	Jeff & Lynn McCray	Zielkes, Porcaro; McCrays	
June 19		Cheryl Dexter	
June 26		Rommelfaengers; "Jimena T."	
July 3		Shirley Velzka	

Memorials



Designated for Christ candle, stand and Easter banners:

In memory of Harry Larsen: \$100.00

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Carol Jensen: \$50.00

Non-designated:

In memory of Betty Johnson: \$20.00

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 http://www.emmaus-racine.org						
<i>June 2011</i>						
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Worship service w/HC (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 pm Santa misa 3:00 pm Youth group (español)	6 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board 7:00 pm MET	7 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Music lessons	8 SHAVUOT 	9 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso teachers meeting 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	10 	11 ST. BARNABAS 10:00 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 n Drum lessons 1:00 pm Gonzalez presentación 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC (English)
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19 TRINITY SUNDAY; JUNETEENTH DAY; FATHERS' DAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Chicago Folk service w/HC (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 pm Santa misa 2:00 pm Girl Scout troop 5823 3:00 pm Youth group (español)	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIDEAST PEACE 6:00 pm Latino Youth advisory board	21 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Music lessons	22	23 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso teachers meeting 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 	25 10:00 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 n Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
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Coffee Prices Increase

by Diane Melander

For ten years, the Mt. Meru Coffee Project has striven to be justice-based, paying a fair and equitable price for the Meru farmers coffee harvests.

Mt. Meru farmers have been able to provide for their children's education. They have been able to purchase the building materials needed for improvements to their homes and farms, as well as, purchase their food, clothing, animals, and the seeds and plants for additional crops and new coffee trees to sustain their farms for the future.

Because of the Mt Meru Coffee Project, the other coffee buyers in the region have had to increase and pay a fair and equitable price for the coffee harvests on a yearly

basis. Also because of the existence of the coffee project, the Meru Diocese region has experienced a positive impact on the overall economy and well being of the families of the community.



Coffee prices are increasing. This is due in part to climate change, either too much rain or not enough rain having a devastating effect on coffee production. Therefore, effective June 1, the cost of a 12 ounce package of coffee will increase to \$10 and 4 pound packages will be priced at \$45.

Thanks to the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, your support and purchase of coffee have provided a better and sustainable way of life to farmers of the Meru Diocese, one cup at a time.

Keenagers Break for the Summer

Emmaus Keenagers will not meet in June, July or August. Join us again on the third Tuesday in

September for conversation, a program, and a delicious lunch.

June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

June 1	Marcie Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	1455 W. Ridge Court #103	53406
June 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402
June 19	Renate Doughty	1921 Arcturus Avenue	53404
June 21	Lee Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
June 26	Jean Rommelfaenger	2513 Jean Avenue	53404
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405

After School Program Concludes Year

The EASY and Wednesday Night programs ended the year on a high note. Families and friends joined the kids in a "Science in Action" Fair. The kids demonstrated many of the experiments they had learned during EASY. There was a sweet, sweet spirit present as the kids encouraged their guests to attempt the challenging and fun projects that were available. A few eggs were broken, water spilled from bags, and glasses and small rockets were popping. It was fun!



Brenda Trumbauer's students played some of the pieces they have been learning. One group played the familiar "Ode to Joy"; another "Rain, Rain, Rain." Up to eighteen kids from grade 1 through grade 7 have met on Monday's after EASY to learn music on keyboards. Some of the kids were able to keep a keyboard at home so they could practice.

The Wednesday Night Prime Time Players presented "Up, Up and Away!" which was based upon the third appearance of Jesus to Peter and the disciples after he rose from the dead. (Who were all those colorful wiggly fish?) Jesus questioned Peter about his loyalty three times and said, "Follow me." Then when the disciples met Jesus on a mountain he told them to go and tell and make disciples of all the different peoples of the world.

Thanks were expressed to the staff and others whose help was crucial to carrying out the different facets of the EASY program. Missy Porcaro, Diane Melander and Pastor Pam Lange were acknowledged for their one-on-one mentoring with students. Ryan Lambertson's attention to the sound system gave the kids an audio boost for their various dramatic presentations.

The after school program, under the direction of Nancy Smith, served twenty-eight students this year. Thanks to Claranna Vytlacil, Jose Zuniga, Andrea Macias and Kathy Packard, whose dedication to help kids learn is an inspiration. There is a lot of firm love and a lot of

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Emmaus Serves Community Meal June 2

Emmaus' next turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church is on Thursday June 2. We welcome volunteers to

help serve the food.

The recipe for the casserole is posted at www.emmaus-racine.org/SociConc.html

WELCA Announces Spokane Convention

"Renew! Respond! Rejoice!" Women of the ELCA will hold their Eighth Triennial Convention/ Gathering in Spokane, Washington on July 14-17. Registration closes on June 10.

Carole Ropel, President of the Women of the ELCA, Greater Milwaukee, encourages all women to attend. It is not necessary to be an active member of a congregational unit.

Delegates will approve a budget, receive reports from the



officers and executive director and elect new officers and a Board at the Convention. The Gathering portion of the Triennial includes Bible study, speakers, workshops, servant opportunities and worship.

For further information, contact Robin Fatla, Triennial Promoter for the Greater Milwaukee Synod: rlwfatla@gmail.com (Telephone: 262-377-0046).

Crunching the Numbers

Monthly worship attendance averages (calculated as of May 22, 2011)

	2009				2010				2011			
	Sat	Sun	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed	Sat	9:15	12N	Wed
4	25	103		*	17	92	170	36	21	82	204	93
5	23	75	142	46	26	60	180	43	19	72	169	83
6	23	56	58		21	54	139					

* Wednesday evening attendance for April, 2009 was not recorded.

Financial Figures

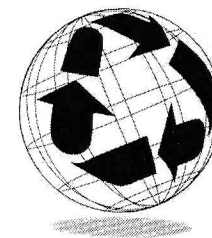
Total for month 2011 to date
 General Fund offerings received in Apr. 2011 \$14,842.22 }
 Above & Beyond, Lent, Easter, Adopt-Bill: \$2,822.11 } \$67,455.51

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Apr. '11.....	\$260.00.....	Campaign TD: \$68,029.62
Mortgage payments in May:	Principal.....\$.	Principal balance as of
	Interest.....\$.	May 13, 2011:
	Total.....\$.	\$48,612.92

Remember to Reuse, Recycle

by John Berge

On our recent mission trip to Argentina, we witnessed men eking out a living recycling trash from along the roads and in the fields. Some had motorized carts, other carts were pulled by horses and even a few were man-powered. They picked up and recycled cans, bottles, plastics, scrap metal and just about everything except the ubiquitous plastic grocery bags.



Here in our area, volunteers do the cleanup along our highways. The local group of the Sierra Club recently picked up eleven large bags of trash and almost as much recyclable material along a three-mile stretch of Highway 38. (If you would like to help on our three times a year program, give me a call at 633-8455.)

EASY

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encouragement as well as learning that take place in this "one room school house."

A special moment of recognition was given to Michael Macias, Marilena Velasquez and Lucero Zuniga who designed and created an original painting entitled "Grow Your Mind." This painting has been framed to be hung in the church to remind all

With the good recycle programs of our local municipalities, we should all be recycling everything possible and properly disposing of the rest. The city does not accept plastic grocery bags in its recycling program, but most grocery stores do. Talk to the employees or manager so that they know you want and appreciate this service.

As for those bags the newspaper is delivered in, many are reused to clean up after pets. If you don't reuse all of yours, check with your delivery person to see whether he or she would like to reuse them. They have to buy these bags, so they and the environment would appreciate their being used more than once.

who come to "Avoid Brain Freeze." Keep your brain active. Education is so important!

After a slide show of EASY and Wednesday Night highlights, the kids closed with song. The finale, "Look Up! Look Up!" was the rousing song from the Christmas Pageant, *Star of Wonder*, which declared "... something's going on in the heavens tonight."

**ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE
RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS**

MAY 2011

www.elca.org/disaster

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Midwest on May 22, 2011, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled the parts of community, killing at least 89 people. Residents describe the city as "unrecognizable."

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms.

ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornadoes, rising waters and leveled by destructive winds. Our church is

reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing the needs—working together for as long as it takes.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to communities affected by these disasters. **Gifts designated to "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used in full—100 percent—to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover.** Donations given "Where Needed Most" help to respond immediately and effectively where it is needed most. Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery. Thank you!

Yes, I want to help!

- ELCA Disaster Response: *U.S. Severe Storms* \$ _____ DDG0074
- ELCA Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ DDG0010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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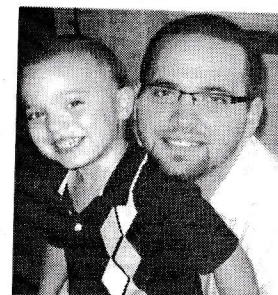
Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:
ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300
write "U.S. Severe Storms" or "Where needed most"
on your check's memo line.



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Benefit Held for Peter Sukus

There will be a benefit for the family of Peter Sukus Sunday, May 29 at Bindelli's Safari Bar, 2232 Roosevelt Road, Kenosha, from 2:00 to 5:00. Peter, 31, was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma last December. He is the son of Jan Sukus and grandson of Arvilla Nemer.



folk rock. A \$5.00 cover charge includes beer and food. Raffle tickets for prizes including a laptop and a flat-screen TV are available at the

benefit or by calling 262-654-9304 or 308-3823. Visit www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=120969481313487

Entertainment will be provided by Larry Hinds, who specializes in rock, Americana and



Ali's Fight for Flight
Rising from the ashes of Leukemia!



A benefit to help the Mbise family with medical bills and other expenses related to Aliliywa's Leukemia treatment.

Saturday, July 9th, 2011
12 Noon - 10:00pm
Racine County Fairgrounds
Donation: \$10.00

Live Music

Food & Beer

Grand Prize: Trip for two to Las Vegas
 Second Prize: One year membership to FLEX Gym
 Third Prize: One Dominos pizza a week for a year
 Fourth Prize: Two tickets to a Green Bay Packers game (includes bus transportation to the game)
Drawing at 9:00pm. Winners need not be present to win.

For more information visit our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/alisfightforflight
 To get tickets email: alisfightforflight@yahoo.com

Kids Games

"Fear of a name only increases fear of the thing itself."
 J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

In Midst of Turmoil, Our Refuge and Strength

Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

In times of turmoil, where do we find our refuge? When troubled, where is our support?

In a conversation with a friend recently, she shared the story of her good friend who lives in Georgia. The mother of two, her friend was widowed at a young age. After remarriage and the birth of a third child, life seemed to once again be going very smoothly. However, there was further major disruption in the family when the 43-year-old father was diagnosed with incurable cancer. The disease has weakened the once vibrant dad and husband.

He now is unable to work and is undergoing treatment to prolong his life for what may be 12 to 24 months. The family is about to lose their home, and it feels as though the entire world has shaken beneath their feet.

When my friend asked the struggling mom and wife what would be of most help to her right now—perhaps some financial assistance—the response was, "What I need most right now is someone to talk with, someone I

can safely vent to and cry with—would you be able to come for a visit?" A shoulder to cry on, a listening year, a friend who shows compassion—she was asking for a safe refuge in her time of trouble.

So often it is in one another that God provides us with that place of refuge and strength in our time of need. Early on in my ministry in Racine, Emmaus had sweatshirts made that carried the message "Emmaus, A Safe Harbor." I saw one of those worn recently and was reminded that we continue to be called to offer that place of refuge and safety in God's name to all those who seek it.

Emmaus has come to be known as a place where all are welcome in Christ's name to be embraced by unconditional love. Here we bring a word of hope as we listen to those who have been shaken by turmoil in their lives.

This past week I heard yet another story from a young mom who was at the point of feeling overwhelmed, as though she was drowning. She sat in conversation with another staff person and myself telling of the past month in

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PSALM 46:1

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the life of her family—her husband has been laid off due to a work-related injury, but has not yet received any disability compensation. Their home was broken into and ransacked when the family was away for a couple of hours—jewelry and electronics were taken. She has just learned that funding for her full-time job with benefits for a not-for-profit organization may end in a month. She didn't come asking for money; she simply came to be listened to, to be surrounded by people who care and to receive a word of hope and encouragement and hope during this tumultuous time in the life of her family.

We are called to be a safe refuge, letting all God's people know that they do not walk alone. We are called to pray for one another and to mutually support one another, in good times and in bad. Emmaus has become like a beacon of light at the corner of Summit and Yout. I believe that God is calling us to keep the lights on, bringing that message of hope and compassion to all those who are in need. Thank you for being partners as we reach out to one another in this important ministry to which we have been entrusted!

Anticipating Pentecost,

Pastor Mary

Synod Assembly Meets June 24-26

The Synod Assembly will be held at Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha on Friday through Sunday, June 24-26 under the theme "Going Public." Registration and pre-assembly workshops will begin on Friday afternoon; dinner, worship and first plenary session to follow.

Sunday morning, June 26, all voting members and visitors are invited to attend one of four synod congregations, joining other voting members in worship. The four congregations are Incarnation Lutheran, Milwaukee; Bayshore

Lutheran, Whitefish Bay; St. Matthew Lutheran, Wauwatosa; or Mt. Hope Lutheran, West Allis.

Sunday afternoon, the assembly will continue with a picnic lunch at Lindbergh Park in Milwaukee. The park is located at the corner of W. Nash Street and N. 16th Street. Incarnation Lutheran-Milwaukee has been working with others to provide improvements to this inner-city park and there will be a recognition and blessing of this park, followed by entertainment.

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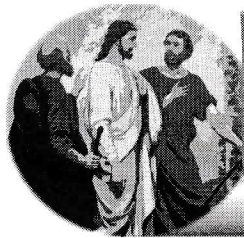
- ❖ **Congregational Meeting June 12**
- ❖ **Godspeed, Becky Smurawa**
- ❖ **Triptychs to Be Dedicated**
- ❖ **Pentecost Sunday**
- ❖ **Congratulations, Graduates**
- ❖ **Neighborhood Camp**
- ❖ **Coffee Price Hike**
- ❖ **EASY Wraps Up**
- ❖ **Community Meal**
- ❖ **Our Refuge and Strength**

...and plenty more!

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Latino Congregation to Host Wellness Festival Here August 27-28

Emmaus' Latino congregation will host a Wellness Festival on the Emmaus grounds Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28.

As seen in the Emmaus Bible story in Luke 24, Jesus wants to teach, heal, feed, and love all of us. That is why it is so vital for Emmaus

to present to the community our 2011 Racine Street Soccer and Health Festival.

The City of Racine, many health agencies, education and business partners, families and soccer leagues, will join together to build a better place for all of our children, grandchildren, and others that we deeply love. We hope to emphasize active and healthy lifestyles and to provide a positive family - friendly

experience. By showcasing mini soccer as a vehicle for active and healthy lifestyles and connecting families to education, we aim to strengthen community partnerships among all those who participate. The goal of Emmaus is to build the community that God wants us to build! "Let's move!"

not just cities and towns (Michelle Obama's initiative) but people and hearts! Are you moving?

No August 27 Worship Service

Because of the festival, Emmaus will not have its usual Saturday evening worship service on August 27. Members of both the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregations are invited to worship together at 9:15 a.m. August 28.



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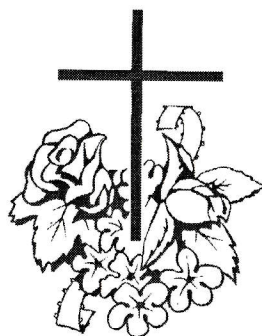
Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Jayanah H. Montes Samuel A. Martinez May 22, 2011	Jayanah and Samuel are the children of Carlos Martinez and Martha Montes. Their sponsors are Luis Montes, Juan Luis del Rincon, Sofia del Rincon, and Kelsie Tastaci.
Yoselin Blancarte May 28, 2011	Yoselin is the daughter of Juan Blancarte and Dalia Zamora. Her sponsors are Mary and Freddy.
Carlos Garcia June 5, 2011	Carlos is the son of Sebastiana Garcia. His sponsors are Aureo Solano & Nicolasa Garcia.
Wedding: Irma Ramos & Andres Ricardo Hernando June 13, 2011	Irma is the daughter of Bertha and Paulino Ramos. Andres is the son of Trinidad and Antelmo Hernando. Pastor Jhon Freddy presided over the wedding ceremony.
Funeral: Manuel Calderon June 17, 2011	Manuel was a hard worker who supported his wife, five children, his mother, and his sister, who live in Mexico. Not only was Manuel's support to his family great, but so was his support of the community here in Racine and at Emmaus. Manuel and his brother donated the crucifix in the triptych in front of our sanctuary.

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 still \$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.
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Rachel Benson Leads Sunday School

For little over a month now, the youth of Emmaus Lutheran church have been meeting to talk about a range of topics. They meet every Sunday during the Latino Service between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

It is a goal of Pastor Jhon Freddy and Rachel Benson, assisted by older teens and young adults, to help teach the children of today important values such as acceptance, respect, and friendship.

Projects so far have included showing appreciation towards

their own mothers on Mother's Day, to presenting the bread and wine to their parents during worship on Father's Day. Another simple teaching activity was working with the parachutes to demonstrate everyone working together for a



common goal. We at Emmaus are walking this road with the blessing of so many children; yes, they are on the road with us too!

Adult volunteers are more than welcome to give Rachel a hand!

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Pastors	Rev. Mary L. Janz	1530 S. Main St. 53403	mjanz@aol.com	633-3059
	Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa		jhoncorrea@hotmail.com	ext. 12
Outreach Pastor:	Rev. Walter Hermanns		pastorwalter@yahoo.com	
Assoc. in Ministry:	Claranna Vytlicil		cgvyt@wi.rr.com	ext. 15
Church office:	Paul Berge		emmausracine@sbcglobal.net	ext. 10
Education Coord.:	Nancy Smith		nnsdaisy@aol.com	ext. 16
Director Outreach:	Liliana Moncada		liliana.moncada@hotmail.com	
President:	Chris Lamberton	Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	
Custodians	Antelmo Hernandez & Rich Benson			

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon, except August 28, when the Spanish and English congregations will worship together at 9:15. There will be no Saturday evening worship service August 27 due to the Health Fair.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed July 4).

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the September VISITOR is August 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Neighborhood Camp Is Off to Strong Start

Eager campers came with anticipation the morning of June 20 to begin their summer Neighborhood Camp experience. They were greeted by Nancy Smith, camp director, together with her assistants Shari Collins and Kathi Packard.

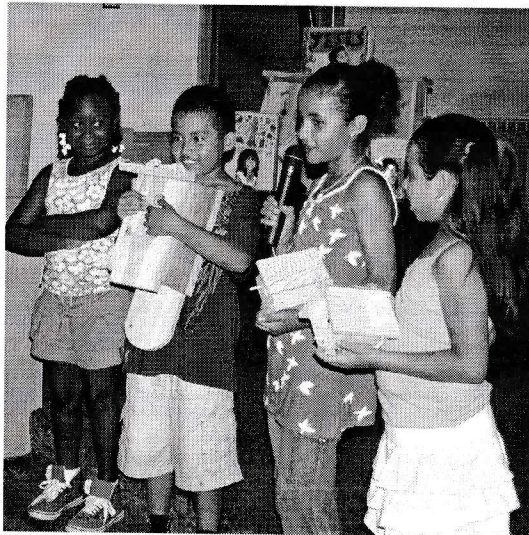
In addition, the campers are being led by seven teen interns and fifteen middle school volunteers. Volunteers are cooking for and serving hungry campers and staff (breakfast, lunch and a snack daily)—a total of about 90 mouths to feed each day!

The south room of the basement was converted into a "construction zone" the first week of camp, and campers donned "hard hats" as they tackled a myriad of construction projects. They included everything from pyramids made of sugar cubes, a model of the Empire State Building made of balsa wood, towers made of blocks and much, much more.

There were nine major construction projects for the campers the first week alone. Pastor Mary led God time each morning, with the first week focusing on stories and music of construction from the Bible: Noah and the ark, and the tower of Babel.

Themes for the other four weeks of camp are: Ancient Egypt, Down Under, Robotics, and Artapalooza.

The campers look forward to several field trips this summer, including the Racine zoo, St.



Monica's and a bus trip to Chicago to visit the Shedd Aquarium. Everyone is invited to the final program, Thursday, July 28. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and the program at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are still needed to bake cookies, make jello and to serve lunch the last three weeks in July. If you are available to lend a hand one or more days, call the church office or contact Nancy Smith (nnsdaisy@aol.com or 262-672-5859).

Graduation Congratulations Continue

We have one more graduate to add to those listed in last month's *Visitor*: **Marcus Porcaro**, son of Missy and Mark Porcaro, earned his



Associate Degree in Accounting from Gateway Technical College this spring. Congratulations!

Road Trip Set to Visit Lutheran Colleges

Pastor Paul Mittermaier (St. John's Lutheran, Jackson) is organizing a tour for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to visit midwestern ELCA colleges October 27-29. This will be for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a capacity for 20 students and an estimated cost of \$30-50.



Pastor Mittermaier is looking for a few good adult partners for this trip, and would love to have Youth and Family Ministers, rostered leaders, or parents, especially those who might be graduates of a Lutheran college or university.

For more information, visit www.WhyGoLutheran.com or contact Pastor Mittermaier at pastorstjohns@nconnect.net or 262-677-3176.

Youth Birthdays

July 14	Anthony Medina, 15	July 31	Alejandra Antonio, 2
July 16	Glennndon Toslek, 3	Aug. 6	Mercedes Cruz, 8
July 17	Jaydan Ponder, 3	Aug. 11	Samuel Martinez, 2
July 23	Adriana Zavala, 5	Aug. 17	Henry Perkins, 5
July 24	Sydney Tepley, 17	Aug. 21	Cole Cacciotti, 4
July 25	Andrew Babington, 3	Aug. 25	Abel Velasquez, 10
July 25	Jennifer Lopez, 12	Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 12
July 25	Christina Escamilla, 14	Aug. 29	Irma Gallardo, 13
July 26	Alexis Austin, 15		

Memorials

Non-designated memorials: In memory of Betty Johnson: \$50.00

Clergy Form BetterPastors.com Group

Seven Racine ELCA pastors met at Emmaus on June 15 to establish BetterPastors.com, a Racine ELCA Clergy Cluster group willing to agitate each other to better leadership. The pastors, including Pastor Mary and Pastor Jhon Freddy, represent five Racine ELCA congregations. Those congregations are Atonement, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Our Savior's and St. Andrew.

The group has set their regular meeting time for 1:30-3:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The gatherings will take place in homes to assure confidentiality and freedom from interruptions.

Rummage Sale Proposed for Festival

by Kathy Christensen

We have an idea and would like to know if you would consider being a part of it! We would like to have a rummage sale in conjunction with the Hispanic Festival the last weekend in August. The rummage sale would be held on Saturday, August 27 only.

Before we go ahead with plans, we need to assess interest. Are you available to volunteer—organizing, pricing, selling, cleaning up? We will have the



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Each meeting will begin with a half hour Bible study, and the person leading that study will then chair the meeting for that month.

Participating pastors will prepare for their first meeting on July 12 by submitting a list of their leadership goals to their colleagues in the group. A tool known as "agitation" will then be used each month, with at least two of the pastors being agitated and challenged at each of the monthly meetings. Their stated goals will provide the framework for monthly reports and future agitations.

opportunity to support our Hispanic friends and to help raise some much-needed funds for Emmaus.

To make it a success, we need lots of volunteers and lots of rummage items. Will you help? Let us know immediately so we can move forward with plans. Please contact either Kathy Christensen at 262-909-4799 or rdckic@sbcglobal.net, or Carol Eschmann at 262-989-0926 or cdeschmann@wi.net.

Find Synod Assembly Report at Church, On Line

The 2011 Synod Assembly met June 24-26 at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. Pastor Mary, Pastor Walter, Claranna Vytlačil, Art Smith and Jhon Freddy Correa represented Emmaus.

Details of the Assembly will be included in a handout that can be found on the bookshelves of the Sunset Room. We will also post the report on our web page, www.emmaus-racine.org.

Council Commits to Brainstorming, 'Action Plan Responses'

At the June 21 church council meeting, after regular reports were shared, attention turned to the deficit and our response to it. The current deficit stands at almost \$25,000 (outstanding bills, together with designated funds from which we have already borrowed), and questions are being asked about the most responsible and faith-filled ways handling of that deficit.

While minimal cuts in expenses or the sale of some of our assets may alleviate the problem in the short term, it was discussed that those measures wouldn't offer a long-term solution. The discussion then turned to an energy-filled time of brainstorming and dreaming about the future of Emmaus. Idea after idea was put out on the table, and each member of the council was then challenged to take responsibility for following up or acting upon just one of those

ideas in the coming month. The council members are holding themselves to be mutually accountable to one another by emailing their "action plan responses" to the full council before the July meeting.

The July 19 council meeting, a 6:00 p.m. potluck to be held at 1530 South Main Street, will include spouses of the council members.

Everyone will be invited to not only share a dish, but also to share in more brainstorming ideas. What will have been accomplished in terms of action items between the June and the July meetings will also be highlighted.

The council also talked about the possibility of a council leadership retreat in the near future, emphasizing the need for commitment and to be a part of the solution to the challenges being faced.

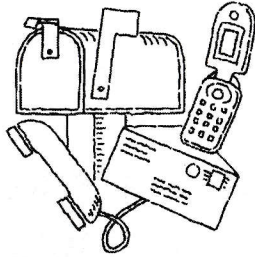


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Bennett Family Says Thank You

Dear Pastor Mary and Emmaus family:

Thank you all for making my mother, Betty Bennett's homecoming so beautiful. There are so many people to thank: Pastor Mary for her wonderful words of comfort; organist Joyce Kaiser for her beautiful music; the church ladies who organized and served a well-appreciated luncheon,



secretary Paul Berge who made a lovely bulletin which we have sent out to those who were unable to attend the service; and custodian Rich Benson for making the church so pleasant and welcoming.

Our mom moved across the street from the church in 1957. She enjoyed coming to church and to the Keenagers group in recent years. She would want you all to know that she felt welcome at Emmaus.

--Betty Bennett's family

Give a Hand with Yard Care Wednesdays

by Sandy Strini

Green Team will be involved with yard care on Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon all summer. We cancel if it is too cold, too wet or too hot. The time is flexible, so if you cannot help during those hours, please feel free to adopt an area around the church and help whenever you are able. The orphan areas that need to be cared for will be posted in the narthex.



Please help in being good stewards of the earth and join us in recycling. Racine's Household Hazardous Waste Collection is every third Saturday of the month

April-October 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 6200 21st Street, west of Hwy. 31 just north of the former Sam's Club. July 16 and Aug. 20 are the next two drop offs. For more information you

can go to www.cityofracine.org/wastewater.aspx.

Also remember that Emmaus collects aluminum cans, CFL light bulbs, inkjet cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cell phones and plastic bags for the food pantry in labeled containers at the south entrance of the church.

Help Stock Food Pantry Shelves

As we strive to fill empty food pantry shelves, the Northside Food Pantry needs your help to supply the following (plus brown paper bags):

- chunk-style soup
- canned spaghetti with meat
- toilet paper; disposable diapers; women's sanitary items
- canned ravioli, bar soap
- baked beans, hamburger helper

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.



Volunteers from Emmaus are Kathy & Rich Christensen, Pat & Ron Jensen, Jim Larrabee, Cindi & Loren Larsen, Karen Sedgwick, June Beck, Stan Breiwick, Marge Zielke, and Ruth Copeland.

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.

Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule

- July 28: James & Mary Larrabee, Marge Zielke and Stan Breiwick.
- August 25: Kathy & Rich Christensen and James & Mary Larrabee.
- September 22: June Beck, Stan Breiwick, and James & Mary Larrabee

Emmaus Serves August 4 Community Meal

The next meal that we will serve at St. Pat's is on Thursday, August 4. Watch for the new sign

up sheet and the pans to reappear in the narthex in early July.

Pastor Mary to Modify Schedule

At the June 12 congregational meeting, Pastor Mary explained that she would like to have more personal time off than in prior years. For the past twenty years, she has had one day off each week. To allow for more personal time "to possibly take an art class, to accomplish some home projects, to read, or to take a short road trip," she requested that she be put on ¾ time status, with the first full week of the month off, to allow her to pursue some of those personal goals. A guest preacher would take responsibility for preaching either the first or second weekend of each month. Pastor Jhon Freddy and other pastors would be on call for pastoral emergencies during that week.

The congregation approved the proposal, which modified her salary compensation. She will

receive 75% of the minimum base salary recommended by the Greater Milwaukee Synod for a person of her tenure. After the added expense of guest preachers is factored in, the annual savings to the congregation will be approximately \$10,000.



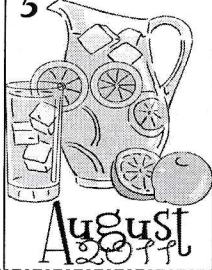

The first week off for Pastor Mary will be the week of July 4, with Pastor Cliff Hanus preaching the weekend of July 9 and 10. In August, Pastor Mary will be out of town the first two weeks of the month. She will spend August 2 and 3 taking a class at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. The class has a focus on the use of websites and social networking for churches. The remainder of her time will be spent visiting family and friends in Minnesota. Claranna Vytlačil will preach the weekend of August 6 and 7.

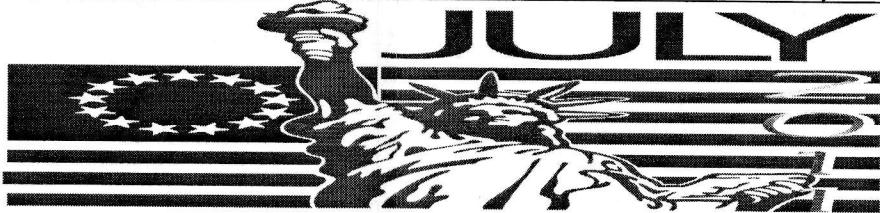
Elevator Undergoes Major Repairs

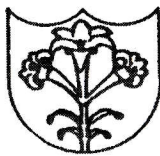

After a number of service calls trying to remedy the finicky controls for the elevator, it was determined that it was impossible to solve the problems without replacing the entire motherboard. When that panel was replaced, the elevator resumed operation without the earlier problems. The elevator was installed in 1987

when the south section of the building was added to the church.

Recent costs for elevator repair have totaled approximately \$4,000. In addition to a special gift of \$1,000 already made by Emmaus members, further gifts designated for the elevator as still being encouraged.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 am Green Team	4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's	5  August	6 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm First Communion 2:00 pm Garcia baptism 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>at Luther Seminary</i>		<i>Pastor Mary on vacation</i>	
10 10:00 am Green Team	11 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	12	13 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
17 10:00 am Green Team 7:00 pm RAMS at Emmanuel	18 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons 2:00 pm Bryn presentation 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
24 10:00 am Green Team 	25 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Northside Food Pantry	26	27 All day: Neighborhood Wellness Festival; tentative rummage sale <i>No 5:00 service</i>
31 10:00 am Green Team	Sept. 1 RUSD 1 ST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	2	3 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons TBD Fellowship Hall rental 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 + emmausracine@sbcglobal.net On the 'net at http://www.emmaus-racine.org http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=469245330482 http://www.facebook.com/pages/Parroquia-Emmaus-ELCA-Racine/227010397330405</p>						
						
3 PROPER 9; ST. THOMAS 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office closed	5 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA	6 10:00 am Green Team	7 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	8	9 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
10 PROPER 10 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	11 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory board	12 1:30 pm Clergy meeting 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA	13 10:00 am Green Team	14 BASTILLE DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	15 10:00 am Staff meeting	16 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Camp						
17 PROPER 11 9:15 am Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 2:00 pm Girl Scout troop 5823 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	18 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory board	19 <i>No Keenagers</i> 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Church council at 1530 Main St. 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Green Team	21 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	22 MARY MAGDALENE 10:00 am Staff meeting	23 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 11:00 am Baptism service 12:00 pm Drum lessons 2:00 pm Quinceañera 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Camp						
24 PROPER 12 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	25 ST. JAMES THE ELDER 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory board	26 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA	27 10:00 am Green Team 7:00 pm RAMS at Emmanuel	28 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Neighborhood Camp dinner 7:00 pm Neighborhood Camp closing program	29	30 9:30 am Mundo Maravilloso 10:00 am Choir (español) 12:00 pm Drum lessons 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Camp						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
July 31 PROPER 13 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	August 1 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory bd.	2 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA
Training of Pastor Developers, New Jersey ELCA, July 27 to Aug. 1		Kairos Tech class
7 PROPER 14 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	8 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory bd.	9 1:30 pm Clergy meeting 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA
Pastor Mary on vacation		
14 PROPER 15; V-J DAY 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	15 MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD Sept. Visitor articles due 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory bd.	16 <i>No Keenagers</i> 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council? 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA
		
21 PROPER 16 9:15 am Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Almuerzo 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual) 2:00 pm Girl Scout troop 5823 3:00 pm Youth Group (español)	22 EMMAUS FOUNDED, 1851 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory bd.	23 ST. BARTHOLOMEW 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA
28 PROPER 17 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion (bilingual) 10:30 am Neighborhood Wellness Festival	29 MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 6:00 pm Latino youth advisory bd.	30 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Music lessons 7:30 pm AA
		

Summer Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jul. 2 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 3 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Gregg Albright	Gregg Albright	Team 4 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Jul. 9 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 10 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Nancy Smith	Kylee Albright	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Jul. 16 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 17 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Claranna Vytlačil	Celia Bagley	Team 6 Jeff McCray
Sat. Jul. 23 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 24 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Carol Eschmann	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Jul. 30 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Amy Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 31 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlačil	Kylee Albright Shirley Velzka	Ruth Copeland	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Aug. 6 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 7 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Pat Jensen	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Aug. 13 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 14 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Joy Lippmann Nancy Smith	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Aug. 20 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Amy Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 21 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Gregg Albright	Amy Haman	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Aug. 27	<i>No Saturday worship service due to Wellness Fair</i>			
Sun. Aug. 28 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Chris Lamberton Diane Melander	Jen Haman	Team 6 Jeff McCray

Summer Bible Readings

- July 3: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.
- July 10: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.
- July 17: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.
- July 24: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.
- July 31: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.
- August 7: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.
- August 14: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28.
- August 21: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.
- August 28: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.
- September 4: Ezekiel 3:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

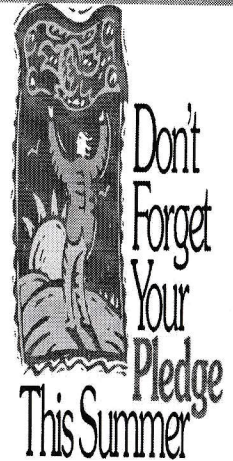
Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53404
July 18	Joy Lambertson	1027 Berkeley Drive	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 25	Nancy Smith	1530 S. Main Street	53403
July 28	Karen Nelson	1118 S. Sunnyslope Drive #3	53406
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 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
August 27	Richard Larsen	4202 Erie Street	53402

Best wishes to Richard & Barbara Larsen, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8; and to Larry & Ruth Estep, who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on July 13!

Summer Worship Assistants

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship Hosts/Treats
July 3		Bonnie French
July 10	M. Lemke & S. Steinike	
July 17		
July 24	Tosleks	
Jul. 31		
Aug. 7	J & L Clinton	
Aug. 14	R & K Christensen	
Aug. 21	J & K Sedgwick	
Aug. 28	Brenda Trumbauer	
Sept. 4	Celia Bagley; Woodwards, Niensens	



Elsewhere in Our Area

Bethania Launches "Thread by Thread"

Bethania Lutheran Church is launching a new ministry, offering gently used clothing and baby items at no charge to the many families in need of them. Bethania will gladly accept donations of clean clothing for infants, children and adults along with coats, boots, shoes, hats and mittens for people of all ages.

In addition, Bethania welcomes gently used children's books and toys, baby equipment of any type, diapers and baby wipes. If you know someone who is having a

rummage or moving sale, is downsizing or emptying their nest, Bethania will be happy to receive and even pick-up any unsold or unwanted items listed above. Simply drop off donations at the church, 4120 Wright Avenue in Racine, during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 2:00 to 4:30 and Friday from 10:00 to 2:00 or phone 262 632-7267 or e-mail Bethania@tds.net to arrange for an alternate drop-off time or a pick-up.

All donations are tax-deductible. A receipt for donated goods will be provided. Those who donate determine the monetary value of their donations for tax purposes.



Racine Considers Smoking Ban

by John Berge

In June, both the City of Racine's Board of Health and Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services sent recommendations to the City Council asking them to enact an ordinance which would prohibit smoking in the City's parks, beaches, pathways and all recreational facilities. City-owned golf courses are not included in the proposed smoking ban.

As President of the Board of Health, I am well aware that our recommendation was based on the effects of secondhand smoke, even out of doors, on public hygiene and safety (stepping on cigarette butts on the beach or having young children picking them up or even putting them in their mouths)



and the bad example that permitting smoking in such areas presents to our youth.

Some of the known hazardous chemicals in secondhand smoke are: 1,3-butadiene, 2-naphthylamine, 4-nitrobiphenyl, benzene, nicotine, formaldehyde, benz[a]anthracene, chromium VI, benzo[a]pyrene, cadmium and more.

Isn't it good environmental stewardship to protect others who are outdoors for recreation, sports, and exercise from secondhand smoke and to set a good example? Isn't it good environmental stewardship to let your alderperson know how you feel about this issue?

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of June 19, 2011)

	2009				2010				2011			
	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12N	Wed	Sat.	9:15	12N	Wed
5	23	75	142	54	26	60	180	43	20	69	185	82
6	23	66	58	n/a	21	54	139	n/a	14	53	171	n/a
7	20	81	74	n/a	35	54	152	n/a				
8	21	89	110	n/a	17	49	143	n/a				

Financial Figures Total for month 2011 to date

General Fund offerings received in May 2011 \$14,908.34 }
 + Special envelopes/gifts: \$760.74 } \$83,124.59

Mortgage retirement offerings received in May '11	\$230.00.....	Campaign TD: \$68,259.62
Mortgage payments in May-June 2011: Principal	\$1,489.79	Principal balance as of
	Interest.....	April 14, 2011:
	\$501.69	
	Total.....	\$49,354.04
	\$1,991.69	

St. Andrew Invites Gardeners

A place awaits you on the bus to Noah's Ark! Young people and their families are invited to invest in a Racine Cluster partnership with the St. Andrew Garden by sharing the work of planting, cultivating, harvesting, serving at the weekly Farmers' Market, and beautifying the grounds. The reward for everyone who contributes at least 20 hours of work over the summer will be a free trip to the Noah's Ark Water Park in Wisconsin Dells on Thursday, August 11.

This will be the second year of the program at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road. The shared work and the day of play together were both great experiences for those who participated last year. St. Andrew hopes to expand involvement this year by extending the invitation to other Racine Cluster churches. The St. Andrew Garden is a focal point for tending God's creation, feeding hungry people, and building relationships that strengthen community. "We want you to be involved!"

Mark Trinklein, the congregation's Master Gardener, will outline projects throughout the summer to give direction to the young people and their families

who join the project. To register you should contact the church office at St. Andrew (639-2072) so that they can know how many workers to plan for. Forms are available for download on the St. Andrew website (www.standrewracine.c



om) to help you keep track of your hours. Young people will need to have their hours verified by the signature of their parent or supervising adult.

Our friends at St. Andrew anticipate another great growing season – a time of much work and celebration, fun and sharing.

Lutherdale to Auction Quilts

Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 U.S. Hwy. 12 near Elkhorn, will hold its annual Lutherdale Fest and quilt auction Saturday, August 13. Donations of quilts for the auction must be received by July 15.

Photos of the quilts are posted on line at www.lutherdale.org. Contact Casey Rohde at 262-742-2352, ext. 103, or e-mail casey@lutherdale.org for further details.

Make a Donation, Ride a Bike

There is something for everyone at the Family Biking Event, on Saturday, September 10, to support the churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, doing ministry among the poor in our Synod.

• For the casual rider, including families and children, a ride on the paved Glacial Drumlin Trail, 14 miles, or less if you prefer.

• For the more avid bicyclist, a 30 and 40 mile mapped and cued ride on country roads around Dousman.

• For everyone, a catered picnic at noon, with games, and Outreach for Hope ministries highlighted.

• For anyone who wants to support Outreach for Hope, the chance to donate and have your gift doubled by a generous challenge grant from Jule and Mike Groh.

To register, go on line at www.outreachforhope.org and find the link for the "Family Bike Ride." Trail passes will be provided for those who don't already have one. Ride begins and ends in Dousman which is six miles south of Oconomowoc.

There is no minimum for pledges, but participants are encouraged to get pledges and donations for Outreach for Hope. T-shirts will also be available at the Registration web site.

For questions call Nic Bur at 262-650-9697.

For those who simply want to support Outreach for Hope, you may also go on line at the Family

Bike Ride link at www.outreachforhope.org or send your gift to the Synod office. Your donation will also be matched by a

challenge grant.

Outreach for Hope raises funds for congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod which serve central city neighborhoods and have made a commitment to remain a strong source of spiritual and community support.

There are 22 ministries being supported by OFH, with \$335,000 needed this year from individuals and special gifts. Please learn more about how you can be a donor to this vital work of the church. Go to the OFH Web Site, or contact the Director, Rev. Jim Bickel, at 414-671-1212.



Auxiliary Hosts Ice Cream Social August 11

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary will host its 37th annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 11 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 annual fund raiser.

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.

First Presbyterian Offers Concert Series

The 18th season of "Music & More" concerts are underway Thursdays through August 12 at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue. The free concerts



Ali's Fight for Flight

Rising from the ashes of Leukemia!



A benefit to help the Mbise family with medical bills and other expenses related to Aliliywa's Leukemia treatment.

Saturday, July 9th, 2011

12 Noon - 10:00pm

Racine County Fairgrounds

Donation: \$10.00

Live Music

Food & Beer

Grand Prize: Trip for two to Las Vegas
Second Prize: One year membership to FLEX Gym
Third Prize: One Dominos pizza a week for a year
Fourth Prize: Two tickets to a Green Bay Packers game (includes bus transportation to the game)
Drawing at 9:00pm. Winners need not be present to win.

For more information visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/alisfightforflight
To get tickets email: alisfightforflight@yahoo.com

Kids Games

"Fear of a name only increases fear of the thing itself."
J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

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 County Food Bank.

The finale evening concert will be on Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m., featuring Jillian Bruss, Joe Graziano and friends, 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.

Flooded Community Comes Together

A recent article in my hometown paper, the Minot Daily News, begins: "And so it began, shortly before 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Water from the Souris River ran over and through Minot's diking system Wednesday, with city sirens blaring at 12:57 p.m. to warn any residents still in the nine evacuation zones that it was time to leave. Immediately. No time to grab a few remaining possessions. No, the time to leave was now."

Along with many others, I have been glued to TV newscasts and to livestream reports as I log onto my computer. I see my former elementary school, my junior high school and my old neighborhood completely under water. I email and send Facebook messages to relatives and friends who used to live in Minot, trying to get news of those who are still there.

It's hard to fathom that up to one-third of my hometown of 44,000 residents is now under water. It's hard to imagine that about 12,000 people have been forced to evacuate. It's devastating to think that much of the damage

won't even be covered by insurance. It's truly mind boggling to think this is affecting so many people I know personally, including cousins and the two pastors and their families from my home church.

What makes me proud to be from Minot are three words that constantly seem to surface in the midst of this adversity: faith, community and hope. I might add to that list "determination, compassion and perseverance." Even during these times of living in cramped quarters, of suffering from sleep deprivation, of boiling water and of wondering what's next, people continue to reach out to one another and to be more than just good neighbors. Sore backs and aching muscles will attest to the help that has surfaced during the evacuation.

Many have literally welcomed others into their homes for an indefinite length of time. Makeshift worship and prayer services are being held in spite of a number of churches being under water. Emergency clinics and

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pharmacies have been opened. Volunteers see a need and do what they can to fill it. Because of them, water bottles are being delivered to the people living in trailers in the parking lot near the edge of town. Sandwiches are being offered to the workers of those operating the heavy equipment. That is what community is all about, something that is being exemplified by that very community that molded and shaped me during my childhood. It's the community of believers that finds it possible to move forward in spite of adversity; it's the community that embodies the commandment "Love one another."

Sometimes it takes a disaster of the magnitude of the one in my hometown of Minot, North Dakota, to put things into perspective. At a prayer service held at Zion Lutheran, my home

church, Bishop Mark Narum, of the Western Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the whole point of the worship was to unite the human spirit.

"Events like this help pull us together. People need to be together, and remember what grounds us," Narum said. "We are going to confront fear, anger, and all sorts of things, so again we need to be reminded of who we are, and who we care about."

Remembering that we are all part of an interconnected community, we continue to pray for and to support our brothers and sisters living in adversity—where ever they may be—knowing that we are called to share God's love and hope with ALL of God's people.

Pastor Mary
--Pastor Mary

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- ELCA Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ DDG0010

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E-mail Address _____

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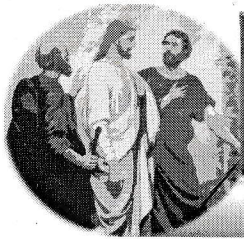
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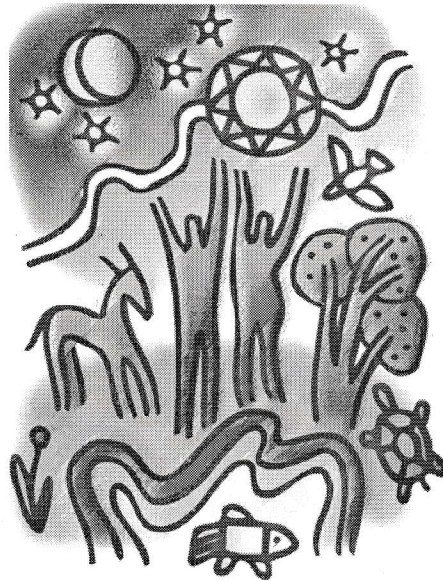
September Worship Centers on Season of Creation

by Kathy Christensen

During the month of September, we will center our worship services around the Season of Creation. These services will provide an opportunity to focus on God the creator, the biblical call to worship with all creation, and the biblical mandate to care for creation.

A Season of Creation is an opportunity to take time in the church year to focus our celebration on God the creator, Christ as the redeemer of creation, and the Spirit as sustainer of creation—to worship God along with all creation, and to express gratitude, love, and a commitment to care for all living things on earth.

Rev. David Rhoads will be our guest preacher at the English language services on September 10



and 11. He will also lead a forum on energy during the Sunday morning coffee hour.

Worship with us at 5:00 on Saturday evenings or 9:15 on Sunday mornings to join in praising God for all creation.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Abbigail Perez-Alvarez July 2, 2011	Abbigail is the daughter of Karen Alvarez and Francisco Perez. Her sponsors are Alexander and Francisca Galicia.
Julie Santiago Hernando July 23, 2011	Julie is the daughter of Imelda Hernando. Her sponsors are Hilario and Alma Hernandez.
Quinn Ryden Toslek August 13, 2011	Quinn is the son of Eric and Brittany Toslek and grandson of Gil and Barb Toslek. His sponsors are Jeff and Tina Gaulden.
Marleni Aragon Nancy Aragon August 20, 2011	Marleni and Nancy are daughters of Vania Aragon. Their sponsors are Jerarardo, Lily and Aurea Herrera.

Please Keep Their Families in Your Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Elna (Lee) Borgen, who passed away in La Crosse June 26 at the age of 93. Elna was the widow of Rev. Luther S. Borgen, who served as Emmaus' pastor from 1969 to 1972. She is remembered for her love of music and devotion to church work at the parishes where her husband served.

Please remember the family of Jess Sedgwick's brother John in your prayers. John Sedgwick



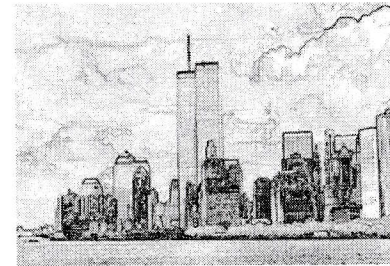
passed away July 16 in Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. Sedgwick had worked as a public school teacher for 16 years, and worked passionately as a special education assistant for nine years. He is survived by his wife Judy and two of their three sons.

We also offer our condolences to Kathryn Aiken on the death of her father, Robert Mowris, on July 23 at 86. Co-founder of Accudyne Inc. and founder of a Janesville golf driving range, he was also a Navy veteran of World War II and past president of Gibbs Manufacturing.

Interfaith Service on Monument Square Marks 9/11 Anniversary

by Pastor Walter

This coming September 11 will be the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. The people who carried out these attacks tried to hijack not only airplanes, but also the Muslim faith. They sought to create a climate of fear and hostility in our nation. The best way to say "No" to their attempts is to create a climate based on common values of freedom, respect for those of all faiths, and nonviolence.



You are invited to join residents of Racine on September 11 at 2:00 p.m. on Monument Square to say "Yes" to what we hold most dear. Led by Christians, Jews and Muslims, we will remember those who lost their lives ten years ago and offer thanks to those who gave or risked their lives trying to rescue the victims of the attacks. Please plan to join us for this time of prayer, reflection, and song, as we commit ourselves to building a peaceful tomorrow!

Fall Worship Schedule Brings Changes

Third Sundays — 9:15 a.m.: contemporary worship with Praise Band
 Third Wednesdays — 7:00 p.m.: kid-friendly worship with communion
 Fourth (or fifth) Sundays — 9:15 a.m.: traditional liturgy with Joyce Kaiser at the organ
 Every weekend in September — Celebration of the Season of Creation
 September 11 — 9:15 a.m.: Candle lighting and remembrance on the tenth anniversary of 9/11/01



Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Elevator:

In memory of Robert Mowris: \$3,000.00

Designated for Minot, North Dakota, flood relief:

In memory of Betty Bennett: \$100.00

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Claranna Vytlačil Leaves EASY Position

Associate in Ministry Claranna Vytlačil has made the decision to step down from her position as EASY and Wednesday Night teacher and leader this fall. As Claranna and her husband, Mark, assessed the overall picture, they decided that they would like more time and flexibility to visit family members living out of state, as well as to be able to travel for pleasure.



A member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church while completing her certification as an AIM, Claranna served Emmaus as an intern in 2007. In February of 2008,

she then was called to serve in a part-time position as a rostered Associate in Ministry at Emmaus, with primary emphasis in midweek children's education programming.

Claranna has also generously shared her gifts with Emmaus as an assistant and leader in worship, preacher, choir member, and part of the Knit One, Purl One group.

We are grateful to God for the many gifts

that Claranna has shared with everyone through the ministries of Emmaus and wish her well as she now dedicates more time to her family.

Mentor a Student at Emmaus

This is a transition year for our mentoring program. We greatly appreciate all mentors who volunteered their time to work with students at Wadewitz the last ten years.



The mentoring program was started when the principal expressed a need for help with at risk kids. With the changes in curriculum and staffing, and the emphasis on academic enrichment at EASY, we will now focus our attention to mentoring kids at Emmaus on Monday and Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

EASY has many of the academic tools needed to work with kids. Please consider giving an hour a week to a child. Many of the kids we work with are struggling in the areas of math and reading. See Nancy Smith or call 262 672-5869.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 1 Yoselin Blancarte, 1
- Sept. 2 Cooper Cacciotti, 2
- Sept. 7 Mateo Correa-Moncada, 1
- Sept. 14 Tracy Trapp, 18
- Sept. 16 Cloey Briere, 6
- Sept. 17 Christian Hernandez, 1
- Sept. 27 Juanita Martinez, 1
- Sept. 28 Andrea Mares, 14

Experience Emmaus' Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Night Camp begins September 21. All are invited. The activities begin at 5:00 p.m. with a fun project related to the theme "The Creation Story."

Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. Classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. and

conclude at 7:30 p.m. A praise worship opportunity is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Registration forms are in the narthex. Questions: call Nancy Smith at 262 672-5859.

Education Opportunities

- Bible Study for Women — Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m.
- Adult Study/Discussion — Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. (begins Sept. 21)
- Wednesday Camp for Kids — 5:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 21)
- Emmaus After School for Youth — Monday through Thursday, 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. (begins Sept. 19)

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 President: Chris Lambertson Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer
 Custodians: Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernando

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at 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. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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EASY Kicks Off September 19

EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) will start the year on Monday, September 19. Registration is open to kids enrolled in grades K-8.

The sessions will meet Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. We will offer homework help as well as an emphasis in math, science and reading.

Thursday classes will present a different format. One week, there will be chess, checkers and Chinese checkers; another we will work on an art project, and for several of the weeks the kids will have the chance to explore Lego Robotics. Registration forms are available in the narthex, or call Nancy Smith at 262 672-5859.

There has been a change in leadership of EASY. Claranna Vytlačil, who has been involved with EASY and the Wednesday



Night program, stepped down because of family concerns. It's been a great journey working with Claranna. She came on board four years ago as an AIM intern.

As part of her internship, Nancy and Claranna worked side by side for a year creating all kinds of projects for the kids to experience the love of God as told through Bible stories. Upon completion of her internship, she transitioned into working with our after school kids. Thanks for your partnership in ministry to our kids!

We welcome Diane Thygeson to the staff of EASY. Diane is a member of Atonement Lutheran. She is a student in the synod sponsored Diakonia class. Her love of music is witnessed by her involvement with choir and the praise band. For the last few summers she has assisted with Neighborhood Camp at the Atonement site.

Knitters Pick Up Needles September 12

Knit 1 Purl 1 resumes weekly meetings beginning Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone interested in knitting and/or crocheting is welcome. Come and see! Prayers



and scarves are some of the items that the group creates.

New projects are in the wind; you can expect not only knitting, but laughter and engaging conversations

evolving around many different topics.

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Joyce Kaiser to Play Monthly

Organist Emeritus Joyce Kaiser has been invited by the Worship and Music Committee to play the organ on a regular basis for our Sunday morning worship services.



Beginning September 25, Joyce will be at the bench every fourth Sunday of the month providing music for the traditional worship service at 9:15 a.m.

Council Members Visit Other Congregations

by Diane Melander

Maybe you have noticed that some of our church leaders have not been at Emmaus some weekends. While some of that is due to being out of town or on vacation, there have also been a number of weekends when they have been worshipping with other faith communities. We are exploring creative worship options for our congregation, and we are then bringing those ideas and observations back to the council and worship committee for discussion and consideration.

Most of the services attended were contemporary worship services and we noted many interesting worship ideas. The churches visited had praise bands made up of a keyboard, several guitars, vocalists and amps. Band members varied in age. One service used no liturgy and another used a contemporary liturgy.

The contemporary services had movable seating. Many of the

congregants participated in the services. Members not only served communion, but also read petitions during the prayers of the church.

One service used a projector and power point for the songs, announcements, and a weekly mission and giving report while another only used a projector for the lessons and the announcements given after the service. The contemporary services had good attendance with many families present. Members attending found the churches warm and welcoming.

Claranna Vytlačil, Diane Melander, Missy Porcaro, Carolyn Wooster and Pastor Mary have already reported on some of their findings. All members are invited to bring their ideas and input on how worship at Emmaus can be more creative, engaging and meaningful for people of all ages. We especially welcome input from teens and young adults.

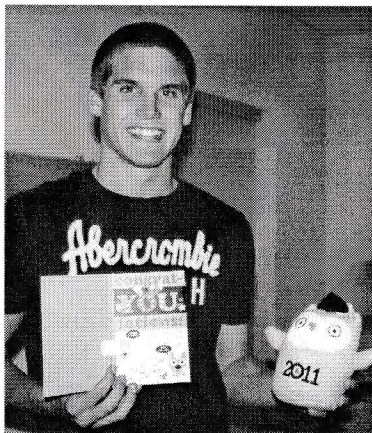
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Willy Mueller Honored

Even before he had his driver's license, Willy Mueller took his place every Saturday at the piano in the Sunset Room. Thanks to his chauffeur and greatest fan, Kristi (Willy's mom), he has been our regular pianist for the Saturday worship service during his high school years. He has received accolades and thanks from those who worship weekly, and they cheered him on when he went to compete in state music contests and to audition for college.

Willy begins his studies at the University of Wisconsin - Madison

this fall with a major in music. The Saturday night worshipers had a send off for Willy on August 20, where he received thanks, gift cards and a double helping of Oreo torte, which was shared with the congregation. Godspeed, Willy, and thank you for serving Emmaus so well!



New Saturday Pianists

The position of Saturday evening pianist will be shared by Brenda Trumbauer and Erik Brown. Brenda currently is our regular accompanist for Sunday morning worship services. Erik, a junior at Horlick High School, is a member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Search for Choir Director Is Put on Hold

After considerable discussion, the Worship and Music Committee decided to table the search for a new choir director. The current financial status of the congregation influenced the decision of the committee.

Those who have



been choir members in the past have been encouraged to brainstorm about creative ways that they can still be a vital part of music at Emmaus. Ideas for musicians willing to offer special music are also welcome.

Help Fight Hunger with Crop Walk

by Diane Melander

Let's make this a banner year to help stamp out hunger here in Racine and world wide. Racine's annual Crop Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 25.

This walk helps to support our local food pantry. Just \$500 of donations can provide 4,000 pounds of food for our local food bank. You can support the walk by walking and getting pledges from others, or by

donating. If you want to help the walk, you may sign up to walk or donate at the coffee sale table during coffee hour.

No one is too young or too old to participate. Everyone is welcome.

The Crop Hunger Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. If you have questions or want to help, contact Diane Melander at 262-

412-2070 or e-mail her at ironoreflicka@mac.com



Northside Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule

September 22: June Beck, Stan Breiwick, and James and Mary Larrabee
October 27: James and Mary Larrabee and Pat & Ron Jensen

Green Congregations Meet October 1

by David Rhoads

Racine Green Congregations will hold their fall meeting Saturday, October 1 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Racine Dominican Eco-justice Center at 7133 Michna Road.

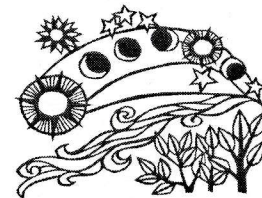
Program: Sister Janet Weyker: "The Eco-justice Center: the Vision and the Fulfillment of the Vision." Plus: inspiration, congregational

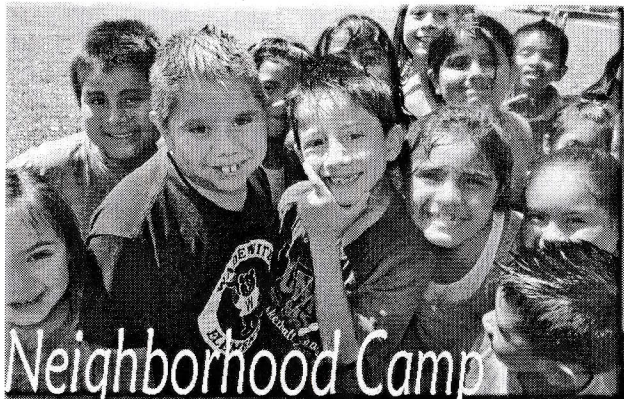
reports, common plans, the spring Racine eco-fair, food, and more.

Directions: Go north on Green Bay Road to Six Mile Road. Turn east (to the right). Go to the first road after you pass under the railroad tracks. Turn left onto Michna Road. It

is the first turn on the right into the center. We meet in the Educational building.

Please put this on your calendar now. Thanks.

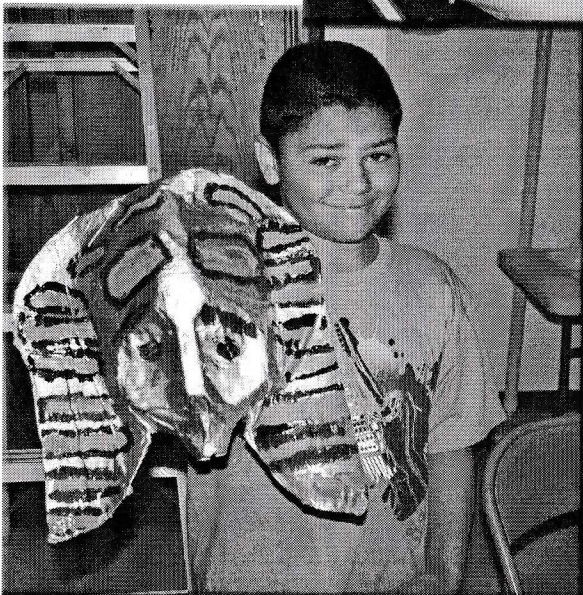
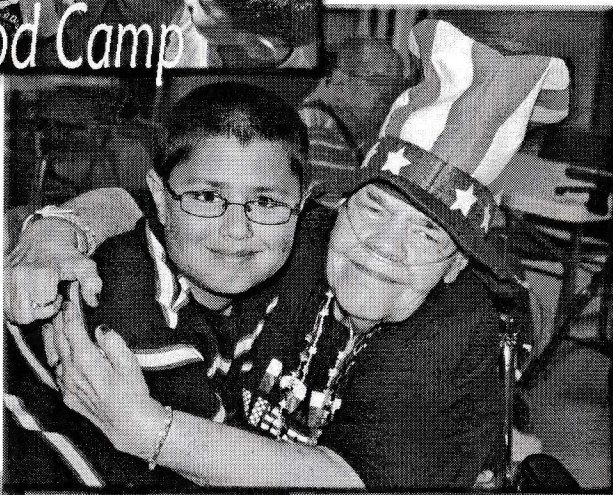




Neighborhood Camp

Photo Album

Right: Armaan and Esther hug at St. Monica's



Left: Josh shows his pharaoh mask

Opposite page: Marilena paints her rain barrel

Volunteers Make for Successful Neighborhood Camp

Many are the ways that you of Emmaus have helped with Neighborhood Camp. There is no way camp would be without folks who shopped, prepared and served food. How many gallons of lemonade did the campers drink?

Thanks to those who made gelatin and baked cakes and cookies. Many thanks to the

brown bag lunch munchkins. Thanks to worker bees who made the forms for bottle cap art and helped the kids sand the rain barrels. And thank you again for responding to the pleas for art and crafts "junk."

Just a friendly reminder – wanted: brown bottle caps.

Kids' Pennies, Rain Barrels Aid Minot Flood Relief

An excited bunch of campers entered the sanctuary holding their creative masks and singing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh." To the delight of the audience, the younger campers did their rendition of "The Banana Song."

The campers got a chance to shout their appreciation to the staff. The volunteers were applauded for their enthusiastic role in helping the staff and campers throughout the summer. Many came early and stayed late to help set-up and/or clean up the myriad of projects.

The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to "skype" the pastor from Zion Lutheran,

Pastor Mary's home church in Minot. Pastor Nathan Mugaas shared how the flood affected the community and how he himself had to vacate his home.



The kids sang "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" and then presented Pastor Mugaas with a check to help the victims of the flood. The kids decided early on in the camp

season to dedicate their savings from pennies and recycled aluminum cans. The proceeds from the sale of the rain barrels will also be put towards Minot flood relief.

Play Ball!

by Stacy Steinike

Want to play for a winning team? Which team you ask? Emmaus Lutheran of course!

We have an excellent fundraising opportunity for 2012 working in cooperation with the Milwaukee Brewers Charities and Milwaukee Sports Service. Emmaus has a chance to raise thousands of dollars for the church by providing teams of volunteers to work the concession stands during Brewer home games.



**JOIN
OUR
TEAM!**

If you are interested in this fantastic opportunity, a presentation will be held at the conclusion of the following services: Saturday evening service on September 17 and during coffee hour on Sunday September 18.

If you can't attend these two presentations but are still interested in volunteering you may contact Stacy Steinike at 262-902-1842. Together we can knock it out of the park in 2012!

Emmaus Hosts Vocational Training

Racine Vocational Ministries (RVM) will hold employment preparation classes in our Sunset Room from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 12 to 15. "Solutions for Success" is a basic training program for unemployed and underemployed 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

12, 13 or 14. (The group will order out for pizza on September 15.) 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 employers to match participants with jobs, and provides continuing one-on-one job counseling after its graduates are employed.

For more information about RVM, call 633-8660.

WELCA Bulletins

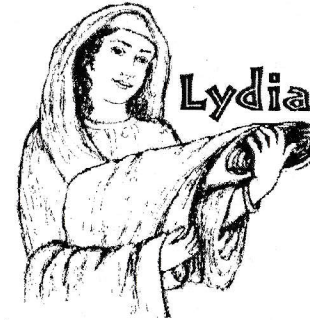
Lydia Circle to Resume September 14

Women's Bible study meets in the Fireside Room at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, beginning September 14.

Please note the change from the first to the second Wednesday of the month.

Synod Convention

The annual synodical women's convention will be held October 7



and 8 at St. John's Lutheran Church, at Barker and Davidson Roads in Brookfield. Workshops will highlight volunteer disaster response, social media, and SeedFolks youth ministry.

The cost for both days, including meals, is \$75 (\$30 for Friday only, or \$45 for Saturday only). Scholarships are available.

Contact Convention Registrar Robin Fatla at rlwfatla@gmail.com or (262) 377-0046. Registration deadline is September 16.

Keenagers Return September 20

Keenagers will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 20.





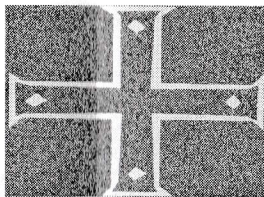


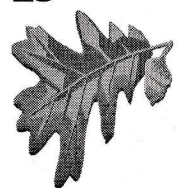

Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.



Fun for Seniors

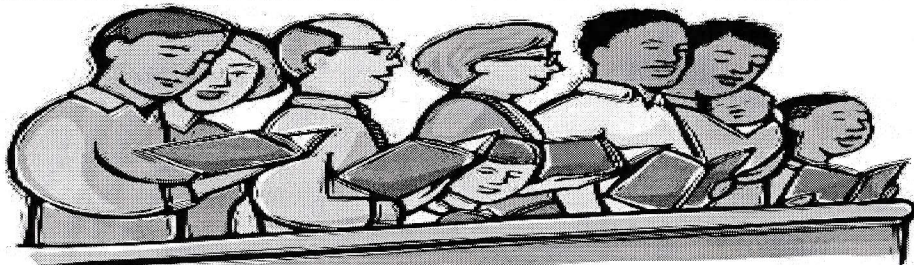
September Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

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Sep. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sep. 7	Betty Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
Sep. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Sep. 15	Dorothy Bagley	5215 Douglas Avenue, #108	53402
Sep. 16	Ray Olesen	333 Lake Avenue #608	53403
Sep. 25	Bob Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sep. 27	Ella Nielsen	1700 C. A. Becker Drive	53406

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>SEPTEMBER 2011</p>			<p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 Fax 262 634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>		<p>Sept. 1 RUSD 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 am R. Olesen funeral 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</p>	<p>3 2:00 pm Shower 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>4 PROPER 18 9:15 am Worship service w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY Office closed</p> 	<p>6 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>9 5:30 pm Mata- O'Brien rehearsal</p>	<p>10 2:30 pm Mata-O'Brien wedding 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>	
<p>11 PROPER 19; PATRIOT DAY; GRANDPARENTS' DAY 9:15 am Worship service w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual) 2:00 pm Interfaith 9/11 memorial service at Monument Square</p> 	<p>12 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal (español) 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange</p>	<p>13 1:30 pm Clergy gathering 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Latino consejo parroquial pastoral 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>14 HOLY CROSS 1:30 pm Lydia Circle (Fireside Room)</p> 	<p>15 <i>Oct. Visitor articles due in church office</i> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>16 MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>17 CONSTITUTION DAY 2:00 pm Zamora quinceañera 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p> 	
<p><i>Solutions for Success classes Sept. 12-15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</i></p>							
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September Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Sep. 3 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 4 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Karen Sedgwick	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 H. Miller
Sat. Sep. 10 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 11 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	Claranna Vytlacil Cindi Larsen	Ron Jensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Sep. 17 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 18 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Pat Jensen	John Knuteson	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Sep. 24 5:00 pm	Marge & Amy Zielke, Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 25 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Kathy Christensen	Melissa Lemke	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Oct. 2 5:00 pm	TBD	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 3 9:15 am	TBD	Shirley Velzka	Cindi Larsen	Team 5 M. Porcaro



	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats
Sep. 4	C. Bagley; L&J Nielsen; L&B Woodward	
Sep. 11	M. Jensen; S. Velzka	Stan & Betty Breiwick Stacy Steinike & Melissa Lemke
Sep. 18		
Sep. 25	Marge Zielke	
Oct. 2	Diane Melander	Ron & Pat Jensen

Pick Up Fall Envelopes in Narthex

Because it is no longer cost-effective to have offering envelopes mailed to the homes of all our members, the next set of offering envelopes will be made available for members to pick up in the narthex. This new distribution system will begin with the September to January envelope set.

Letters:

Gift Enriches Emmaus Hispanic Ministry

Dear Mary and Jhon Freddy:

On May 22, 2011, St. Luke's celebrated its 90th anniversary of ministry and mission in the Waukesha community. It was a grand event

especially because we have two charter members who were able to be with us. Gladys and Ernestine are sisters, ages 94 and 97, who have continued to call St. Luke's home for all 90 years!

St. Luke's was richly blessed through the thankful giving of members and friends in honor of this anniversary. As part of our "giving away" of this gift, it is our desire to help support a new ministry and mission in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Enclosed please find a check for



We will continue to mail a few offering envelope sets to those shut-ins and far away members who contribute regularly. We will not order envelopes for those members who seldom or never use them, although we will have some blank sets on hand for new or reactivated contributors.

\$3,000.00 for Emmaus' Latino ministry. Two of the first families came from Racine, so this seems most appropriate.

Blessings as you continue your ministry.

Pastor Kathy J. Boadwine
St. Luke's Lutheran

Church, Waukesha

Estep's Send Thanks

Dear Emmaus family,

We would like to thank you for the beautiful yellow mum plant for our 65th wedding anniversary. It was very thoughtful of you. We plan to plant it in our fall garden.

Also, thank you for the many get well cards while Ruth was ill. May God bless you.

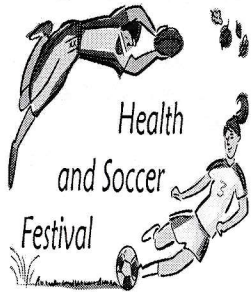
Yours in Christ,
Ruth and Larry Estep

Wellness Fair Rescheduled

Emmaus Lutheran Church and the Hispanic Resource Center of Racine, with the support of Mayor John

Dickert, and motivated by Michelle Obama's "Let's

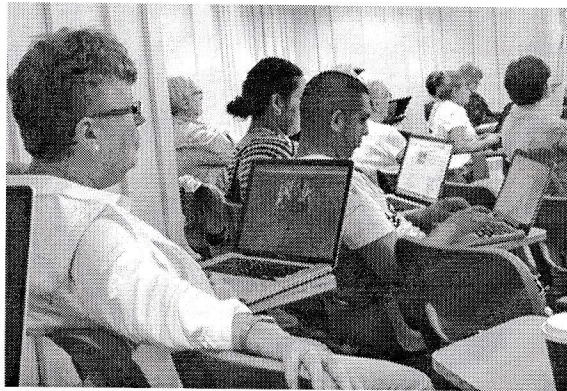
Move!" initiative, are offering a Health and Soccer Festival October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 9 from noon to 6:00 p.m.



- There will be:
- Five street soccer fields
 - A section for health education, prevention and intervention
 - Children and youth area to promote fun exercise
 - Educational stage
 - Entertainment stage for music, dancing, and a salsa, merengue and bachata competition
 - World kitchen dining area
 - Mobile unit of the Mexican consulate (by appointment only)

Emmaus Team Hones Internet Savvy

Members and staff from Emmaus attended a two-day workshop at Luther Seminary last month to learn how Emmaus can effectively use its web site and social media. Pastor Mary, Pastor Jhon Freddy, Liliana Moncada, Paul Berge, Brenda Trumbauer, Ryan Lamberton, Ignacio Alvarado, Lia Martinez, and Art & Nancy Smith heard what people expect to find on the internet, and how Facebook and Twitter can advance a church's mission.



group page and a fan page on Facebook. Construction of a revised web page for the church will soon be underway.

Thank you to Gisela Beltran for staffing the church office while everyone was away!

Emmaus now has both a

ELCA Launches Malaria Campaign, Tightens Budget at Churchwide Assembly

ORLANDO, Fla. (ELCA) - The 2011 Churchwide Assembly met in Orlando, Florida from August 15 to 19. Voting members from Racine included John Berge of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church and Rev. Sue Rühle of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Every 45 seconds, a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. Now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will join with Lutheran churches in Africa, to work toward a malaria-free future. This effort is part of the ELCA Malaria Campaign, officially launched by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly by a 968-19 vote. A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period.

"Throughout our life as the ELCA, we have focused our work with our global partners around the concept of accompaniment, our relationships with companion churches all over the world," said the Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl as she introduced the campaign to voting members. DeGroot-Nesdahl is the campaign's coordinator.

By a 942-34 vote, the assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" a social statement

on genetics. The statement is one of the first by an American church that develops a comprehensive ethical framework for addressing human power and issues such as medical, agricultural and cultural concerns.

Voting member from the Greater Milwaukee Synod Bruce Campbell reported, "My own take



on the statement is this: The scientific, business, and bioethics communities are already talking about the potential new technologies swirling around genetics. This statement brings the church to the table."

For more on this statement, please see John Berge's Environmental Stewardship article on page 20.

The assembly approved, by a vote of 919 to 33, a two-year ELCA budget which included significant cuts in many programs including campus ministry.

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ELCA Adopts Social Statement on Genetics

by John Berge

At its August 15-19 Churchwide Assembly, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) overwhelmingly adopted a new and groundbreaking Social Statement, "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" ... by 96.52% of the over one thousand delegates at the Assembly in Orlando.

Initiated by a memorial from the Northeast Iowa Synod to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly, and arising from the conflict in agriculture between farmers using genetically modified organisms, organic farmers, and those just not wishing to be beholden to any particular agribusiness, the study quickly expanded to the multitude of places where modern-day, cutting-edge genetics intersects with our lives. These present and expected fields include gene therapy, pre-implantation diagnosis, inherited mutations, molecular medicine, personal genomics, cloning of plants and animals, and "pharming" of drugs in plants or animals that never had such genes in their DNA before.



It is difficult to condense a 15,000 word document down to the 300-600 words I usually write, but it is safe to say that I was pleasantly surprised to read the scriptural, philosophical, scientific and moral discussion that fills this social statement.

God is a creator god that continues to create; we are to be part of that continuing creation.

The statement does not endorse without qualification any of the numerous genetic technologies. Nor does it come out in direct condemnation of anything in genetic research or practice, with the exception of the practice of eugenics, discrimination based on genetic profiling, human cloning and similar areas.

The statement does provide the basis of continued discussion and (hopefully) provides help to those who will be required to give counseling in areas for which their training may never have prepared them. At one point the statement reads, "Christians are called to discern how God's gifts of genetic knowledge and technology may be wisely evaluated and responsibly

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Thank You, Community Meal Volunteers

Thank you to all the Emmaus members who pitched in to make casseroles, salads, and desserts for the



August 4 Community Meal at St. Patrick's.

Our next turn to serve the Community Meal will be on October 6. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in September.

Pastor Jhon Freddy Interviews Mayor at Mission Strategy Meeting

by Kathy Christensen

Members of the Emmaus MET attended the RAMS (Racine Area Mission Strategy) meeting on Wednesday evening, July 27. Our next steps in the MET process will be to interview some community leaders and neighborhood folks.

We had the opportunity to observe a one-on-one interview conducted by Pastor Jhon Freddy with Mayor John Dickert. It was helpful to listen as Jhon Freddy asked Mr. Dickert to tell about his background and experiences that brought him to the position he currently holds as Mayor of Racine.

Mayor Dickert also shared his faith story and his vision for the City of Racine as well as ideas of how the churches and the city can

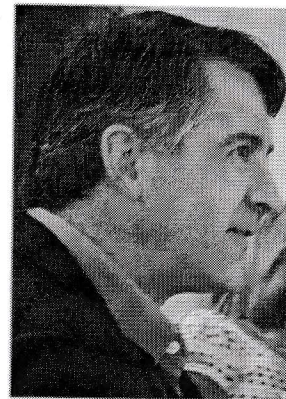
work together to build a strong community.

Art Smith filmed the interview and will be happy to share it with anyone interested.

One of Mayor Dickert's comments was that often residents of Racine make negative remarks about their city rather than focusing on the positive attributes. Visitors see Racine as

having many desirable features such as Lake Michigan, the zoo and RAM while those who live here overlook the value of such gifts.

Perhaps the same thing happens in our church community. God has blessed us at Emmaus with many gifts. It is my hope that the MET experience will help us to recognize and utilize them.



LWR Delivers East African Drought Relief

BALTIMORE, August 16, 2011 — As the number of people in danger of starvation continues to increase in East Africa, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is working with partners on the ground to carry out an immediate



through partner The Lutheran World Federation to expand its work in Kenya and Ethiopia to reach drought-affected families and is now working with partners to plan a longer term response.

In Kenya, more than 1,500 people a day are arriving at the refugee camps in Dadaab in dire need of food, water and medical attention. Some have walked upwards of 15 days to reach the camps. Most are in poor physical condition, especially children, many of whom are arriving malnourished.

LWR is accepting donations to the East Africa Drought fund online at lwr.org/donate, by phone at 800 597-5972 or by mail at P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832

and long-term crisis response. "With more than 12 million people now at risk of starvation, LWR and partners are acting now to reach people in need," says LWR president John Nunes.

The worst drought in 60 years has taken hold in Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and Djibouti, sending millions of people to the brink of starvation. Last week, the United Nations declared famine in two additional regions of Somalia, bringing the number of regions experiencing famine to five.

LWR already committed \$500,000 to its immediate response

Brown Bottle Caps Wanted

Thanks to all who have saved bottle caps for EASY and Neighborhood Camp. We now have a plentiful supply of caps of all colors, except for brown. Please save only brown caps. They are needed for the nativity scene, specifically for the stable.

The bottle cap art now on display in the narthex, is available for purchase. Your donation (best

offer) will be put towards art scholarships for kids to attend classes at Wustum. Wustum is partnering with Emmaus and will charge half price for kids who participate in our programs. Several kids took classes last spring and were most enthusiastic and appreciative to have the opportunity to further explore the world of art.

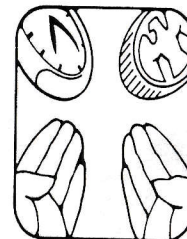
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Faithful Stewardship Includes Time, Talent

by Carolyn Wooster

When we think of stewardship, we often think of giving money. But stewardship also involves the giving of your time and talent.

As we enter the fall programming season at Emmaus, you are challenged to give additional time or more of your talents to Emmaus or an



organization or cause that is important to you.

- Share your musical talents
- Help with after school program
- Help with Wednesday night program
- Join a church committee
- Join the Stewardship Committee at Emmaus
- Help at the Food Pantry
- Volunteer at HALO
- Call someone in need
- Join the mentoring program for Wadewitz kids

Crunching the Numbers

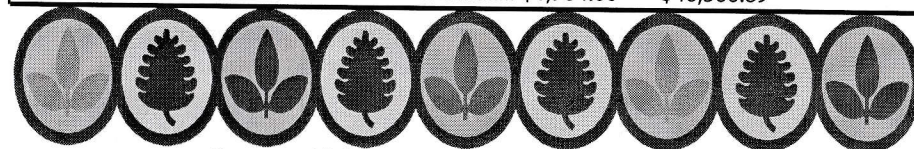
Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Aug. 21, 2011)

	2009				2010				2011		
	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12:00	Wed.	Sat.	9:15	12:00
June	23	66	58	n/a	21	54	139	n/a	16	50	171
July	20	81	74	n/a	35	54	152	n/a	13	46	128
Aug	21	89	110	n/a	17	49	143	n/a	21	50	109
Sep	24	61	117	40	14	66	224	64			

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2011 to date
General Fund offerings received in June 2011	\$12,699.00 }	
+ Special envelopes/gifts:	\$465.90 }	
General Fund offerings received in July 2011:	\$13,983.15 }	
+ Special envelopes/gifts/stock:	\$15,323.56 }	\$121,596.20

Mortgage retirement offerings received in June '11.....	\$200.00	
...in July '11.....	\$190.00.....	Campaign TD: \$68,649.62
Mortgage payments in July-Aug. 2011: Principal	\$1,516.45	Principal balance as of
Interest.....	\$467.55	June 14, 2011:
Total.....	\$1,984.00	\$46,366.89



Cutlery Offered for Sale

by Diane Melander

Beginning this fall, Emmaus will be able to offer its members and friends a new opportunity to help raise money for the church by purchasing quality cutlery at very reasonable prices. The knives and utensils will be displayed during coffee hour. Members will be able to purchase a few items outright



and also will be able to place an order and/or order online. This well known product is made of surgical quality high carbon stainless steel. All of the products are environmentally conscious, made in America and carry a lifetime guarantee.

Watch the coffee table during coffee hour for more information on this exciting product.

Churchwide Assembly

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The Assembly also approved the LIFT (Living Into the Future Together) documents which represent a significant restructuring of the national church office. The resolutions from the LIFT cut advisory boards, change the large gatherings from every two years to every three years, and expand the size and duties of the Church Council.

The Churchwide Assembly considered a series of resolutions put forth by the Memorials Committee regarding the expansion of multicultural



ministry (adopted by a 917-29 vote); addressing the International Year for People of African Descent (adopted by a 899-55 vote); and concerns surrounding bullying, harassment and related violence (adopted by a 932-23 vote).

With a 676-196 vote, the assembly declined to implement changes in governing documents that would increase the number of voting members to Synod Assemblies and Churchwide Assemblies who are non-rostered laypersons.

The 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held Aug. 12-18 in Pittsburgh.

Consider Diakonia™

The church of today needs and recognizes strong, knowledgeable leadership among the laity. Diakonia™ provides systematic training to adults during a two-year program of weekly classes in Bible, theology and church history as well as practical ministry.

This course of study, combined with spiritual retreats and group interaction, helps train

people for the many diverse tasks and opportunities to which Christ's Great Commission directs them.



Classes will be held on Thursday evenings at Messiah Lutheran Church in Racine. For further information, please

check www.milwaukee-synod.org under the For Leaders tab, or contact Diane Roznowski at diane.roznowski@gmail.com or 414-258-8893.

Genetics Statement

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used to serve the good of all."

Discernment is an important aspect of this statement. Personal decisions, and those of the Church, should be dependent upon respect, justice, sufficiency, sustainability, solidarity, participation, wisdom, knowledge, humility and the precautionary principle, each of which is discussed in some length in the statement.

Even to summarize each would take much more space than is available here. The full social statement will be available from the ELCA this fall and I recommend it to all.

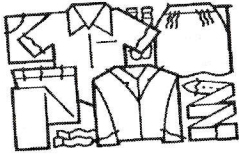
A theme of creation-centered (environmental) stewardship is

developed in this statement, rejecting the anthropocentric view that the world was made for humans and that the rest of creation simply provides resources to serve human well-being. Yet apparently "only human beings can value other beings and systems beyond their own kind for their own sake as created and sustained by God."

As one speaker pointed out, "Remember, these documents are gospel, not law." The statement reminds us that "genetic science represents gifts intended by God to contribute to the human vocation to order and shape, nurture and invent."

Bethania Launches Clothing Ministry

Thread by Thread is offering good, clean clothes to families in great need. Located on the second floor of Bethania Lutheran Church at 4120 Wright Avenue in Racine, Thread by Thread is open to the public every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening. Families will be eligible to receive clothes on a monthly basis.



Bethania gladly accepts donations of clean clothing for infants, children and adults, along with coats, boots, shoes, hats and mittens for people of all ages. In addition, they welcome gently used children's books and toys, baby equipment of any type and bedding, disposable diapers and baby wipes.

All donations to Thread by Thread are tax deductible and a receipt is given for donated goods.

North Cape Hosts Fish Boil

North Cape Lutheran Church invites you to their All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 24, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at

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the door are \$13.00 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 "Playback" provides musical entertainment.

Proceeds will be used for church ministries and outreach activities. For information or reservations, call the church office, 835-2206 mornings.

Arc Seeks Driver for Client

The Arc of Racine, a local nonprofit agency that works to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is looking for volunteers to drive a woman from Racine to Sheboygan and Milwaukee about once a month to see her children who are living in group homes. She can reimburse for gas.

Please call The Arc, 262 634-6303, if you would be interested in volunteering.

More Than Fair Weather Followers

Did you hear? They won again! It's impossible to get tickets because of the sell-out crowds! Isn't it exciting when they are doing so well? The year for the Brewers has been a great one, and I, for one, have sat in front of the TV, cheering the team on. And now, the pre-season games for the Packers have begun. Will our favorite teams be a part of the World Series and of the Super Bowl?

It's easy to be a fan right now. Everything is going so well. We don't have to face many disappointments, and it seems to be so much more fun that way. I then think of those football players from Case High School. They also recently won a game—their first win in several years! What was it like when they were struggling? Were there fans to cheer them on? How were they perceived by the other teams? What did it take for them to keep plugging, to keep practicing, to keep playing? I give them a lot of credit for not throwing in the towel, and I also give kudos to those who supported their team even during the roughest of times.

As followers of Jesus, how are we doing? Are we like those first disciples, who were there when the going was good, but who deserted Jesus when the future

didn't look too bright? Or, do we count ourselves with the beloved disciple and Mary, who stood at the foot of the cross, seeing what the world and evil and sin had done to their loved one?

It's when the going gets rough that we are called to remain faithful disciples. We stand in the midst of people who have lost their jobs, their homes and too often, are teetering on the edge as they grasp for hope. Are we, as followers of the One who has asked us to deny ourselves and follow him, willing to follow, even if the seats in the sanctuary are no longer filled to overflowing? Even when our neighborhood had drastically changed its face? Even when our schools are struggling?

Jesus extends the invitation, "Follow me." Will we remain faithful at all times, even during the storms, hard times, and disappointments we encounter? During this season of the church known as "Ordinary Time" we pray for the Spirit to help us to both remember and to anticipate the good news of the Resurrection. That's who we follow, the Resurrected One! He has defeated even death itself! Invite someone to come and have a seat next to you next Sunday to celebrate. There is room for all!

Pastor Mary

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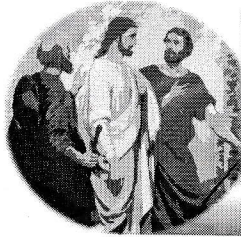
In the September Visitor:

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- ** Claranna Steps Down
- * Wednesday Night
Activities Resume
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- ** Crop Walk Sept. 25
- ** Neighborhood Camp
Aids Flood Recovery
- ** Racine Vocational
Ministry Class Here
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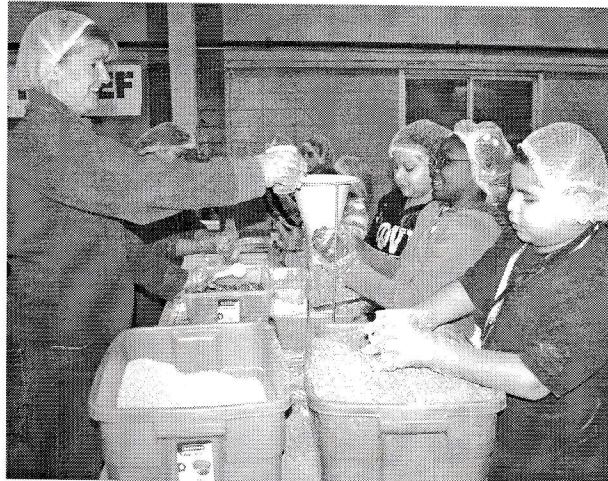
Emmaus to Help Pack Haiti Relief Boxes at State Fair

Join us the evening of October 12 as we journey to State Fair Park to prepare meals for the kids of Haiti. That evening, we will take part in the four-day event, helping toward the goal of packing one million meals.

Dehydrated foods are measured and poured into packets then sealed and placed on palletes. There is a job for everyone. Even preschool kids can participate.

A brown bag supper will be provided prior to departure. The buses will leave Emmaus at 5:00 p.m. We will pack food from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Donations are welcome to cover the cost of the supplies: \$20



per person. EASY and Wednesday Night kids are looking forward to serving those in need. In the spring of 2010 after the devastating earthquake, they responded with a Lenten donation to the ELCA disaster Relief Fund.

When did you see me hungry and feed me? Look for the sign-up poster and donation envelopes.

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October 12 Evening Activities Canceled

Due to the Thursday, October 12, trip to the State Fairgrounds to pack food for the people of Haiti,

the regular Wednesday, October 12 evening meal and education time will be canceled that week.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Logan David Chan-A-Sue September 4, 2011	Logan is the son of Natasha and Christopher Chan-A-Sue. His sponsors are Crystal Costanzo and Robert Okray.
Ismael Saldivar September 12, 2010	Ismael is the son of Lori Luevano. His sponsors are Adrian Sanchez Alonzo and Maria Sanchez.
Weddings: Anastasia Mata Mark O'Brien September 10, 2011	Stacia is recent graduate of Gateway Technical College, and Mark is a machinist. They make their home in Racine.
Funerals: Raymond C. Olesen September 1, 2011	Ray Olesen was owner of O&H Danish Bakery in Racine, and a past President and Hall of Fame member of the Wisconsin Bakers' Association. He died on August 28 at age 78, leaving behind his wife, Myrna, and two of their three sons.
Raymond J. Burby September 8, 2011	Barb Toslek's father passed away September 4 at 82. A devoted Cubs fan and punster, he was retired as an analyst with Wisconsin Electric. He is also survived by Barb's siblings Susan Tucker and Raymond Burby, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lydia Circle Meets October 12

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



12. All women of the church are invited to participate in a study led by Pastor Mary.

Emmaus Addresses Financial Crisis

by Church Council

We are in a financial crisis, and we want to inform you of the immediate actions necessary to avoid the closing of the church doors before the end of this calendar year.

Our additional need weekly is \$1,500.00. We are therefore asking you to prayerfully consider an additional weekly gift to the church's general fund of at least \$10.00 per week, or 10% of your usual giving, if you are able.

In addition to this, the council is currently pursuing the following opportunities:

- Rental of the facility to another worshipping community beginning in January
- Combining with another ELCA congregation, either by moving to

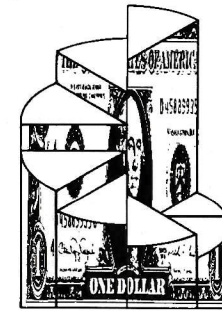
their facility or having them join us. Phone calls and letters are being initiated to other church leaders in Racine.

- Consideration of the suggestions made at the informal meeting during the coffee hour September 25.

The Latino congregation will continue to contribute as able beyond their recent \$2,000 gift.

That all Emmaus members attend the coffee hour with Pastor Sandy Chrostowski, Assistant to the Bishop, Sunday, October 16.

That everyone from Emmaus attend the Racine Area Mission Strategy meeting to be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m.



Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors:	Rev. Mary L. Janz	1530 S. Main Street, 53403	262/633-3059
	Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa	1909 Summit Ave. 53404	414/881-1403
Outreach Pastor:	Rev. Walter Hermanns	pastorwalter@yahoo.com	
Education Coord.:	Nancy Smith	nnsdaisy@aol.com ext. 16	
Director Outreach:	Liliana Moncada	liliana.moncada@hotmail.com ext. 17	
Church office:	Paul Berge	emmausracine@sbcglobal.net ext. 10	
President:	Chris Lamberton	Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer	
Custodians:	Antelmo Hernando & Rich Benson		

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at 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 November VISITOR is October 17. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

We Commit to the Journey

No doubt those on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) were lamenting and asking, "What's next?" They had thought that hope had ended with the crucifixion. They struggled, they listened, they questioned, they wondered...

What they didn't realize was that the resurrected Christ was right there on the road with them! He was intently listening and teaching (and stirring their hearts!) It was finally, after they had invited their traveling partner to their village of Emmaus, that in the breaking of the bread that they recognized him to be the risen Christ!

This year's stewardship theme is "Committed to the Journey." Knowing that Christ walks with us, we now ask ourselves how we can faithfully respond to the hope that is ours through him. How can we support ministry and mission that reflects Jesus' commitment to bring hope and healing and a word of grace to those inside and outside our walls?

"Yes! I'm committed!" How will you respond with those words and with your actions? Beginning October 16, we will highlight and embody ways that we are committed—to the hungry, the lonely, the unemployed...to the elderly and to the kids...to ALL of God's people. How will we commit our time and our money in response to the recognition of Jesus' face

among us in the breaking of the bread?

Look for news ways to commit. Maybe it will be electronic giving through your bank. Maybe it will be by signing up to work concessions at next year's baseball games. Maybe it will be by tutoring or mentoring or teaching. Maybe it will be by preparing food, or by stocking shelves in the local food pantry or being part of the new green team. Maybe it will be by participating in a weekly Bible study. The possibilities are endless! Thank you, all who are on the Emmaus road, for your committed response!

Note: In the center of this newsletter is a commitment form for you to prayerfully consider. We will receive the first of the commitments, Sunday October 16, as well as the following three Sundays. Please have the forms into the church office or placed in the offering plate on or before November 9.

On Sunday, November 13, we will have a Celebration of Commitment Sunday. Note the new opportunity to give on-line or through a direct payment from your checking account. You may either fill out the requested information, or speak with Art Smith, treasurer, regarding the process for online giving.



Rev. Sandy Chrostowski to Preach October 16

Pastor Sandy Chrostowski, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission, will launch our fall stewardship campaign Sunday, October 16. Pastor Sandy will not only preach, but she will join us during the coffee hour for a time of questions and discernment



as we continue the process of asking, "How is God calling us to what's next in our journey?"

Join us in welcoming back Pastor Sandy, who served as an interim pastor at

Emmaus in 1993.

On Line Giving Offers Convenience

by Art Smith

Do you pay your mortgage or utility bills automatically out of your checking account? How would you like to do the same with your offerings to Emmaus? While this method of giving is not for everyone, there are some benefits for both you and the church. You will not have to remember to make out a check as you hurry out the door on Sunday mornings and the church will realize a more steady flow of income over the year.

The way this will work is that

there will be a link on our website where you can set up what is called a profile. In this profile you will indicate the amount and frequency of your offering. You will be able to indicate whether you want to have the offering come out of your checking account or be put on a credit card.

Right now we are discussing the setup of this system with a vendor. Details will be included on the Annual Giving Commitment form in this edition of the *Visitor*.

Choir to Sing Second Sundays

Maybe you like to sing but haven't been able to make a long term commitment to being a choir member in the past. The invitation is extended to all past and would-be choir members to come the first Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. to rehearse a song to be sung the following week.

The second Sunday of the month rehearsal time is 8:30 a.m., giving an opportunity to polish the song already practiced, then sharing the anthem with the congregation at the 9:15 service on that second Sunday. Give it a try! Come to the sanctuary at 8:00 a.m. October 2!

EASY Enrollment Reaches New High

As this newsletter goes to press the number of kids attending EASY has reached thirty-eight. Nine Racine Unified schools are represented. The kids include grades kindergarten through seven. Our first concern is homework help. There will be time for math, science, language and art as well as the opportunity to play educational games. The first Thursday of the month those who would like may play chess.

Your help and participation is



encouraged. Many of our kids need encouragement and extra help especially in the areas of math and reading. Please consider stopping by for an hour on Monday or Tuesday to work and build a relationship with a student. They are fun!

Staffing for EASY: Thanks to Diane Thygeson, and high school students Andrea Macias and Jose Zuniga (who will join us after soccer season). We are blessed to have the loyal help of volunteer Kathi Packard. We have also hired Katie Syslack, Bev Hansen's granddaughter, who is a special education/elementary teacher.

Wednesday Nights Get Off to Strong Start

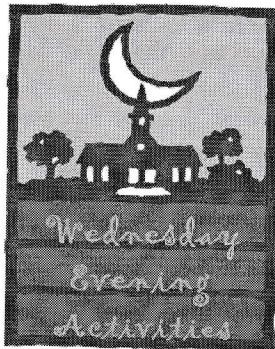
Imagine parents and children lined up at the registration table: Kids from preschool to middle-school. They came and filled up many rooms to learn How God Made the World.

Prior to dinner over 40 kids were involved in creating with marbles that had been sitting in red, blue and yellow paint. Much to the surprise of the cooks over 100 people enjoyed a meal. Those homemade cookies are still a hit for dessert.

The middle school program is growing in leaps and bounds.

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Twenty-two kids participated in class led by Brenda Trumbauer and Rich Benson. Over eighty people were involved in worship. Youth are coming together on a Wednesday night; to learn and celebrate about a wondrous God. It's what's happening





on the road to Emmaus.

Wanted: 2 volunteers to teach a class. Please see Nancy (262 456-7050).

October Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Oct. 1 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 2 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Carol Eschmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Oct. 8 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 9 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Cindi Larsen Shirley Velzka	Chris Lamberton	Team 6 J. McCray
Sat. Oct. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 16 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	TBD	Jeff McCray	Team 1 H. Miller
Sat. Oct. 22 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 23 9:15 am	TBD	TBD	Nancy Smith	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Oct. 29 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 30 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Pat Jensen	Sandy Strini	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Nov. 5 5:00 pm	Amy & Marge Zielke, Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 6 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Joy Lippmann	Al Svendsen	Team 4 W. Meteyard

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats
Oct. 2	Diane Melander	Ron & Pat Jensen
Oct. 9	Dennis & Carol Eschmann	Dennis & Carol Eschmann
Oct. 16	Joy Lippmann	Missy Porcaro, Amy & Marge Zielke
Oct. 23	Cindi Larsen	
Oct. 30		
Nov. 5	Joy Lippmann	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 ☎ emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org			 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">October 2011</h1>			1 8:00 am Green Congregations mtg. 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC
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16 PROPER 24; FOOD FOR THE POOR/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:15 am Worship service w/Holy Communion (English) w/Pr. Sandy Chrostowski 10:30 Coffee & fellowship, letter writing 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	17 <i>Nov. Visitor articles due in office</i> 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal (español)	18 ST. LUKE 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council 6:30 pm AA	19 2:30 pm EASY 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Study groups 7:00 pm Worship	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 9:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	21 <i>Secretary away</i>	22 9:00 am RAMS meeting at Emmanuel 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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2012 Annual Giving Commitment



In response to God's love and blessings, I/we rejoice in the opportunity to give to Emmaus Lutheran Church, I understand that my pledge can be increased or decreased at any time by notifying the church finance office should my life circumstances change.

Name/s: Phone:

Address: ZIP:

Operating budget pledge for 2012: \$
 per week
 per month
 total for year

Giving to the 2012 operating budget should be the first priority of every giver.

Deficit reduction pledge for 2012: \$

Signature: Date:

I am giving in gratitude for these things in our church:

NEW! "Sustaining Givers" provide consistent, predictable income for the church through monthly bank account withdrawals or credit card payments. Givers who choose this method to make their pledge will receive a packet of "Sustaining Giver" cards to place in the weekly offering symbolizing their gift.

Bank account automatic withdrawal

The amount to be removed
monthly from my bank account is \$

Please choose one of the following options:

- Start with the enclosed voided check.
- Start with my Bank Account information:

Routing number:

Account number:

Credit card payment*

Beginning Nov. 16. Dec. 16. Jan. 16

Card #:

Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Expiration date:

Charge my credit card the one-time payment of \$

Charge my credit card the monthly payment of \$

Signature

* Emmaus pays 2.65% for this service.

Monthly withdrawals occur on the sixteenth of every month or the next business day thereafter.

..... Please provide me weekly envelopes as I contribute by check or cash.

Please contact the church office at (262) 634-5515 or emmausracine@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or want to arrange a stock gift as a pledge payment. If you desire information about making a planned gift or a bequest, please call Art Smith at (262) 456-7050.

I/We would like to know more about opportunities to serve in the following ways (initial those areas of interest to you)

- Baking, cooking
- Yard work
- Building meaintenance (i.e. painting, minor repairs)
- Working with others to conserve energy
- Food pantry/Community meals
- Mentoring a child (once a week)
- Reading/homework help
- Office assistance/computer work
- Communion set-up, communion assistant
- Singing once a month with a choir
- Teaching Bible stories to kids
- Visiting the homebound or hospitalized
- Photography at events
- Website design
- Run powerpoint, sound system
- Participating in Bible study
- Other

Name/s

Emmaus Latıno Congregation Hosts Health, Soccer Fair October 8 and 9

Emmaus Lutheran Church and the Hispanic Resource Center of Racine offer a Health and Soccer Festival on the Emmaus grounds October 8 and 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There will be: five street soccer fields; a section for health education, prevention and intervention; children and youth area to promote fun exercise; educational stage; entertainment stage for music, dancing, and a salsa, merengue and bachata competition; and world kitchen dining area.

Representatives of the Mexican consulate in Chicago will be here to help persons with legal issues.

Because of the festival, there will be no Saturday worship service on October 8.

Keenagers in October

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, October 18.
Claranna Vytlacil will present our program.

Please come and join us in the Sunset Room 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. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue # 608	53403

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Raymond Olesen: \$1,200.00

Emmaus Invited to Be 'Lutherans Restoring Creation' Congregation

Dr. David Rhoads, retired professor from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), is heading a national program for ELCA congregations making a commitment to work together to save energy and become green congregations. Emmaus has been invited to be one of two congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod (St. Andrew in Racine is the other) to be a part of the pilot of this program.

At the September council meeting, Sandy Strini presented results of the WE Energies "walk through" of the church, citing a



number of ways that we can be more energy efficient. Sandy also presented the invitation to be a part of the Lutherans Restoring Creation program, which the council approved.

The \$100 cost of the program has been donated by an Emmaus member, and Sandy has agreed to head up the project. She now needs assistants to help with refitting lighting and working with other projects around the church.

If you are available on a one-time or an ongoing basis, please contact Sandy at skaye46@hotmail.com

Knitters Creations Blessed October 9

The knitters and some who prefer to crochet have been busy knitting prayer shawls, hats, mittens. These items will be blessed at a special worship service of prayer for healing on Sunday, October 9. Some of the hats, mittens and scarves will be donated to the kids in our EASY program. Other sets will be distributed as part of the

Giving Tree Christmas project.

Prayer shawls are given to people who can use a spiritual boost. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving a prayer shawl please notify Bev Hansen or Nancy Smith.

Knit 1, Purl 1 meets every Monday at 10:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Emmaus to Revere All Saints November 5-6

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' worship bulletins, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Sunday, 2010. 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 and loved ones. Please inform the church office (634-5515) by October 17 if you would like your loved one remembered.



All Saints' Day

As part of our remembrance, you are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem in an arrangement at the front of the church. Each stem will honor the memory of one person, and the names of all those honored will be placed in the bulletin.

These dedications need not be limited to the memory of those who have passed away within this year.

Please complete the enclosed form and include \$4.00 for each person you are memorializing.

All Saints' Day Memorial Garden

My/our name:

Number of flowers: Payment included: \$

In memory of:

.....
.....

Crop Walk Raises Funds Against Hunger

by Diane Melander

Let's help fight hunger by supporting Racine's annual Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 9.

This walk helps to support our local food pantry. Just \$500 of donations can provide 4,000 pounds of food for our local food bank.

You can support the walk by walking, and getting pledges from others, or by making a donation. The walk begins at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Seventh and Main. Registration



begins at noon and the walk starts at 1:00 p.m.

If you want to help the walk, you may sign up to walk, or you may donate at the coffee sale table during coffee hour. Everyone is welcome to participate. Envelopes for walker's pledges and the walk route are available in the church narthex, or during coffee time.

The Crop Hunger Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. If you have questions or want to help, contact Diane Melander at 262--412--2070 or e-mail her at ironoreflicka@mac.com

Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 6

The October 6 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 6 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.

Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride Draws 200

Perfect temperatures, clear blue skies and excited participants, both young and old, combined to make the fourth annual Outreach For Hope Family Bike Ride a resounding success.

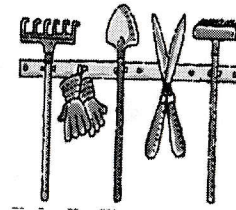
Preliminary receipts have reached \$47,000, with additional funds still being received.

The event, held in Dousman on September 10, brought together 141 bicycle riders of all ages, representing riders from 33 congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. An additional 10 congregations were represented as part of the picnic and celebration that followed.

Gardening Efforts Continue

by Sandy Strini

We are still pulling weeds and deadheading on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. A big thank you to Kathy Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, and Pat Jensen for their dedication to winning the Battle o' the Weeds



all summer. Also a thank you to everyone else who helped on their own schedule for the areas they adopted.

RAMS Sets Fall Meetings at Emmanuel

Let's invest time and energy in the serious conversations that are crucial to the future of our ELCA congregations in Racine! Members of the council and of the Racing Area Mission Strategy (RAMS) team of Emmaus are planning to be a part of the dialogue scheduled Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Bishop Jeff Barrow and Pastor Sandy Chrostowski will represent the synod at the RAMS meeting that morning.

The RAMS time together allows a place for face-to-face conversations with other ELCA members as we identify our assets, our visions for mission and the ways we can best work together. How might we best combine assets and visions and dreams to create a new face and structure for the ELCA in Racine? Let your voice be heard! This is a process of all the people, and we ask not only for your prayers but also for your participation.

The very important date to

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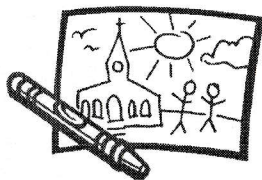
mark on the calendars of all our members is Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of Congregational and Synodical Mission of the ELCA, comes to us from Chicago to assist us with the process of moving ahead with a vision for the ELCA in Racine. You won't want to miss this dynamic leader, who has a gift for bringing people together in times of crisis and challenge. As former Bishop of the New York Synod of the ELCA, he was a key leader in the aftermath of 9/11.

Birthdays in October

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	10
Oct. 5	Emilio Espinoza	5
Oct. 13	Mae Perkins	2
Oct. 14	Emmanuel Mejia	15
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	11
Oct. 20	Sydney Johnson	13
Oct. 27	Marissa Espinoza	6
Oct. 30	McKenna Burns	3
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson	13

Teachers Needed for Sunday School

Before we can begin offering regular Sunday School, we need the commitment of teachers. Contact Liliana Moncada or



Pastor Mary for more details about how you might make Sunday School happen at Emmaus.

Letter:

Saturday Pianist Sends Thanks

Dear Emmaus Saturday Evening Service:

Thank you for the graduation gift and the cakes (yum!). The hospitality shown throughout my time playing for you was

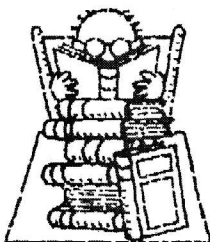
overwhelming and I am honored to have been your accompanist. I look forward to visiting some time soon.

Sincerely,
Willy Mueller

Elsewhere In Our Area

Auxiliary Holds Book Fair

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Fall Book Fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20 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. Invite a friend and get an early start on your Christmas shopping. There are also gifts, games and other interesting items. The auxiliary receives 10% of

the profits.

Green Congregations Meet at Eco-Justice Center

Green Congregations meet at the Educational building of the Eco-Justice Center Saturday, October 1 from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Sister Janet Weyker will present "The Eco-justice Center: the Vision and the Fulfillment of the Vision." The Eco-

Justice Center is located on the east side of Michna Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads.

For more information, contact Dave Rhoads (drhoads@lstc.edu) or Betty Brenneman (e_bren@sbcglobal.net)

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Pastor Mary's Column

Strength in Unity

As I stood on Monument Square the afternoon of September 11, I not only remembered the tragedy of ten years ago. I was also struck by the respect and the calm resolve and unity displayed ten years later. Muslims, Buddhists, Christians and others gathered, and we heard the voices of those who are passionate about peace and tolerance and a shared future—no matter our religious beliefs or affiliations.

There is so much more power when we are able to honor one another rather than to flex our muscles or draw firm lines in the sand when there are differences. Don't you yearn for all members of Congress to practice compromise for the good of the whole, rather than to grasp for their personal power through the politics that blame and intimidate and degrade?

How will we, as people of faith, set a different standard in response to an aching country that cries and groans in despair? How will we come together, even in spite of our diversity, elevating each and every one of God's precious people? How will we grapple with the hard questions, allowing doubt and areas of gray to be part of our reality? How will we live out being loving, rather than being right, as our focus? How will we reflect Jesus' compassion for those who are

hurting and on the edge?

It is my daily prayer that our faith community and those involved in the Racine Area Mission Strategy (RAMS) process will be able to trust in the power of the Spirit, shedding



fear and despair and cynicism. It is my hope that we, as congregations, will have the ability to think big and to think beyond our own needs and survival. I believe that we of the Emmaus community are called to take the lead in modeling hospitality and a willingness to work together in Racine for the sake of mission.

Let's imagine a unified effort, and then let us live into it! Let's pay attention to where the Spirit is blowing and calling us! Most of all, let us trust and boldly move ahead, knowing that we do not travel this journey alone!

Together, with Christ, as your traveling partner,

Pastor Mary

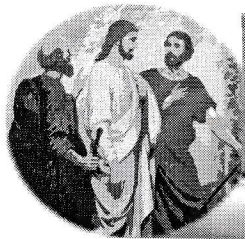
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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

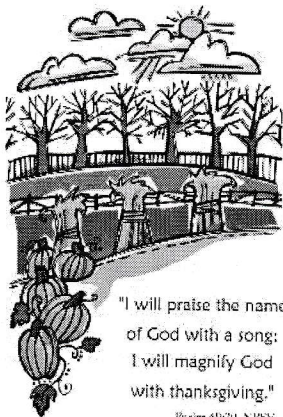
Following a 6:00 p.m. family dinner of pizza and salad, Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

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 its 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 Fellowship Hall. Donations at the tables will be used to finance youth events.



"I will praise the name of God with a song: I will magnify God with thanksgiving."
Psalms 68:30, NISV

Looking ahead

All Saints' worship – Nov. 5 at 5:00 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 9:15 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve worship – Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m. in addition to regular 9:15 or 12:00 services)

Christmas Eve worship-Friday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. service in English;

7:00 p.m. worship service in Spanish

Christmas Day worship: 9:15 a.m. with Holy Communion

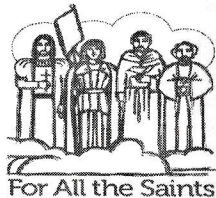
New Year's Day worship: 9:15 a.m. with Holy Communion

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Emmaus Remembers Dearly Departed on All Saints' Sunday

During All Saints' Day worship on November 5 and 6, 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' Day:



Howard Jensen	Sept. 11, 1927 – November 1, 2010
Virginia Kathleen Bloom Haugsby	March 16, 1925 – March 2, 2011
Harry E. Larsen	December 1, 1921 – April 12, 2011
Elizabeth Ann Karcher Johnson	July 17, 1942 – April 24, 2011
Elizabeth Jane Zilla Bernett	May 28, 1923 – April 26, 2011
Manuel Calderon	d. June 13, 2011
Raymond Christian Olesen	Sept. 16, 1932 – August 28, 2011
Raymond J. Burby	Feb. 24, 1929 – September 4, 2011

A floral display commemorating these and other persons dear to our members will decorate the front of the church.

Pastoral Acts

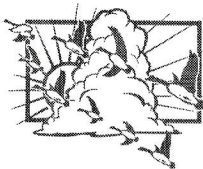
Baptisms:

Miguel Angel Aragon Vasquez; Juanita Lopez Martinez; Alicea Davis Castulo; Queanna Davis Castulo; Anna Paola Posada; laKenya Lopez
September 24, 2011

Weddings:

Cinthy Ramirez and Jose Garay
September 24, 2011

Memorials and Honoraria



Non-designated memorial and honorarium:

In honor of Rev. Walter Hermanns: \$250.00
In memory of Ray Olesen: \$100.00

Designated for debt reduction:

In honor of Eric and Ken Larsen's birthdays: \$100.00
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Give Thanks This November

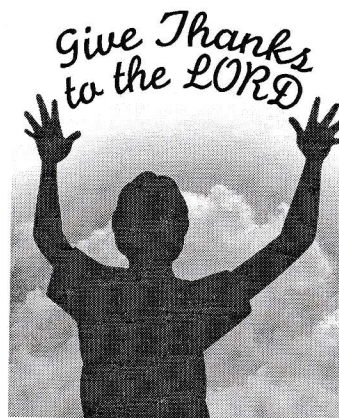
Stewardship begins by acknowledging that all we have comes from God. In this month of Thanksgiving, give thanks and praise for all we have received.

Each week in November, you are encouraged to list three things for which you are thankful. Place them in a location where you will notice them daily. Include them in a prayer before your Thanksgiving dinner.

If you have not already done so, prayerfully consider the

Commitment Form in the center of this newsletter when giving thanks and praise. Consider the different ways in which you can give. Note the new opportunity to give on-line or through direct payment from your checking account.

Please have your form in the church office or placed in the offering plate on or before November 9. On Sunday, November 13, join your Emmaus brothers and sisters for a celebration of Commitment at the 9:15 worship service.



Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors: Rev. Mary L. Janz 1530 S. Main Street, 53403 262/633-3059
Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa 1909 Summit Ave. 53404 414/881-1403

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Director Outreach: Liliana Moncada..... moncada.liliana@hotmail.com

Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer Custodians: Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sundays at 9:15 and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. (There will not be a Wednesday service on November 3.) Spanish language services are offered Sundays at noon, and Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 23.

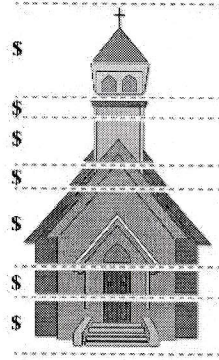
Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed on Thanksgiving).

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the December VISITOR is November 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

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Emmaus Addresses Deficit

In response to some of the more immediate needs of Emmaus, the Latino community has earmarked recent gifts as follows: \$2,000 to the general fund from the Latino ministry checking account, \$1,250 to the general fund from proceeds from the festival, and \$1,250 to



EASY/children's education from festival proceeds. In addition, \$1,500 in earnings from the Scrip account has been deposited in the general fund. These one-time gifts make it possible to pay some of our most urgent outstanding bills.

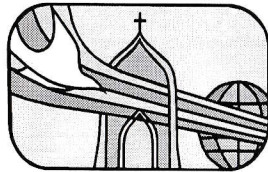
Emmaus Leaders Articulate Mission

Leaders from ten ELCA congregations gathered at Emmanuel Saturday, October 22 for three hours of face-to-face conversations regarding mission, possible collaboration and future direction. Congregations represented at the meeting included Emmanuel, St. Andrew, Holy Communion, Gethsemane, Messiah, Redeemer, Atonement, Our Savior's, Bethania, and Emmaus.

Fifteen leaders from Emmaus, including four from the Latino community, represented our congregation at the gathering. The "Who are we?" page (see page 5) was prepared by council members to help articulate the mission of Emmaus at that meeting. At press time, follow-up conversations have been scheduled with leaders from

Emmanuel, Our Savior's and Atonement Lutheran Churches.

On Saturday, November 19, leaders are invited to assemble once again at Emmanuel, under the leadership of Rev. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of



Congregational and Synodical Mission of the ELCA, Bishop Jeff Barrow and Rev. Sandy Chrostowski, Director of Evan-

gelical Mission. Council members invite any and all interested members from Emmaus to join them in the conversations, which begin at 9:00 a.m. November 19.

What are next steps? How do we participate boldly in God's imagination? Where do we go from here to be the missional church God calls us to be?

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Who are we?

- Willing to be progressive, to risk
- Open to change
- Advocates for social justice
- Highly involved volunteers
- Pro Jesus and his radical teachings

What's happening at Emmaus?

- Providing a place of safety and hope for our neighbors, neighborhood outreach impacts over 250 people each week between Monday and Saturday – all at no cost to participants

- TOPS weight loss program -- 25
- AA -- 6-8
- After school program (Monday – Thursday) - 50
- Tuesday – Pan del Cielo – food for 68 (18 families) – Partnership with Redeemer
- Wednesday Meal -- 100
- Middle school youth – 22
- Wednesday Children's religious education -- 60
- Midweek Adult Bible studies – Spanish & English -- 25

- Five week summer neighborhood camp – 75 kids
- Programming for members and others
 - Knitting group (weekly)
 - Two book discussion groups (monthly)
 - Women's Bible study (monthly)
 - Keenagers seniors group (monthly)
- Weekend worship and fellowship – Spanish & English

We Thank Our Northside Food Bank Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers to work at the Northside Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist, 3900 Erie Street. 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.

We thank our volunteers: Kathy & Rich Christensen, Pat & Ron Jensen, Jim Larrabee, Cindi & Loren Larsen, Karen Sedgwick,

June Beck, Stan Breiwick, Marge Zielke, and Ruth Copeland.

Thank you for your continued support through your time, donations, and prayers as we all work to support and maintain this important ministry within our community.

November 24: Thanksgiving Day. We will not cover Thanksgiving unless you hear differently from Cindi Larsen.

December 22: Cindi and Loren Larsen, James and Mary Larrabee, and Stan Breiwick



Latino Soccer-Health Fest Nets \$5,000

Ideal weather blessed the two-day festival held on the grounds of Emmaus the second weekend in October. Soccer, music and dancing, food, kids games, visits from the mayor and city officials and health education were highlights of the event.

Area businesses provided \$11,000 in sponsorships, helping to defray costs and realize a net profit of \$5,000. To see a video of the

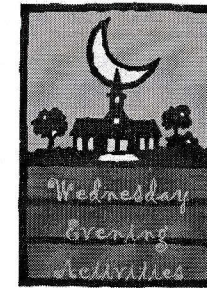


festival, check out ...link to youtube. Thanks to all who worked so tirelessly to make the festival a success.

Over 70 Register for Wednesday Eve Classes

After completing several weeks of study on Genesis and God Makes a World, our focus will move on to Noah's Ark and the flood. Over seventy from preschool through middle school have registered for classes.

Thanks to Brenda Trumbauer, Rich Benson,



Jose Zuniga, Andrea Macias, Katie Syslack, Selena Rodriquez, and Abby Maranger for giving their time and talent to work with our kids. Special note of thanks to volunteers who work side by side with us: Kathi Packard, Anthony Medina, and Kanisha Bell.

Women Meet for Bible Study

All women of Emmaus are invited to the monthly Bible study held in the Sunset Room at 1:30

p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (November 9).

Scrip Cards Benefit Emmaus

by Cathy Meyer

Scrip gift cards continue to be sold after church services. Start thinking ahead to holiday gift giving and let Cathy Meyer or Chris Lamberton know which cards you may need. A complete

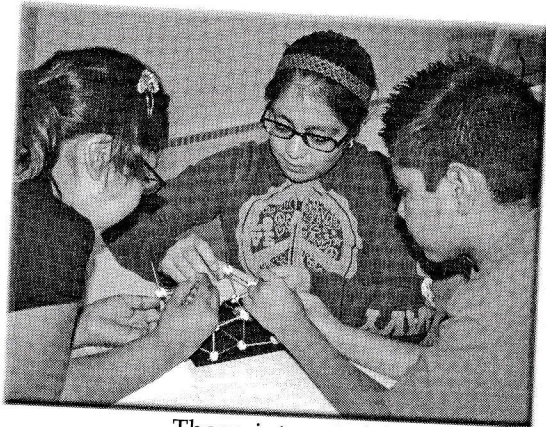
list of participating retailers is available, and special orders can be received by the following weekend. By supporting the Scrip program, you are contributing to the general fund of Emmaus.

November Bible Readings

- Nov. 5-6: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Luke 24:13-35.
- Nov. 12-13: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Nov. 19-20: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.
- Nov. 23: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19
- Nov. 26-27: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

After School Program Focuses on Core Subjects

While homework takes priority, EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) also involves the kids in a varied schedule. Monday includes science. Tuesday is math day. Language arts and reading are emphasized on Wednesday. Thursday is a more relaxed day where the kids may choose between games and construction projects.



Throughout the week, the kids are involved in a variety of art projects. We will also engage the kids in Lego robotics, which was introduced at Neighborhood Camp this summer.

Those interested in chess will have the support of David Lopez and Lee Woodward on the first Thursday of the month. Other chess players are welcome to come and join the kids on this particular day. Come and see.

Are After School Activities Still On?

After school activities, such as Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY), the Wednesday supper, Wednesday evening Bible classes, and Wednesday evening worship service will be canceled whenever

weather conditions close Racine Unified Schools.

There will be no classes Thanksgiving Eve in order to have an opportunity to eat and worship together that evening.

Mentors Are On Board

Thank you for the enthusiastic response in helping EASY students with their schoolwork. As of this printing, eighteen volunteers are meeting and working with our kids. The kids are pleased with the extra attention and appreciate

homework help. Some of our volunteers are high school students from Emmaus and Neighborhood Camp.

If you would like to give an hour of your time once a week, contact Nancy (262 672-5859).

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Remember Families Through the Giving Tree

Your generosity has meant so much to many of the families in our neighborhood at Christmas. Look for the Giving Trees to appear in the narthex the weekend of November 19 and 20.

Gift tags will itemize the type of gift, age and sex of the recipient.

You select a tag, shop for the item, and return the gift with the tag attached and place the gift under or around the Giving Trees. It would be appreciated if the gift is wrapped. All gifts need to be

returned to Emmaus by Thursday, December 8.



Enjoy Holiday Stamp-a-Stack Event November 12

by Karen Sedgwick

On Saturday, November 12, Fellowship Hall will be filled with holiday creativity as stampers will make their Christmas cards. Guests who attend will have eight different designs to choose from, but adding your own personal touches is always fun. Each card will cost \$1 and all the supplies will be provided, except adhesive and envelopes. You may bring your own, or purchase those items there.

The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Some people come to make their own cards to send and others come to make a set of cards as a gift for a special person. You may make as many or as few of each design that you choose.

In order for me to properly plan and have enough materials on hand, please call or email me to preregister. Payment is due when you finish your cards. Those

Christmas Cards



registering before Wednesday, November 9, will have their names placed in a drawing to win a special prize.

Come and see how creative you can be! Please contact Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

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Auxiliary Boxed Mints Are For Sale

by Cathy Meyer

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary boxed mint candy is once again available. Each box costs \$2.00 and

can be purchased after worship services at the Scrip table or from Cathy Meyer.

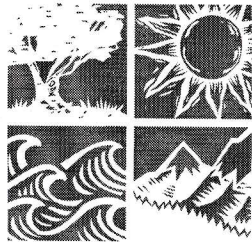
Cards & Letters

Zion Lutheran Sends Thanks

Dear Pastor Mary Janz, Nancy Smith and the good people of Emmaus Lutheran:

Greetings, in the name of Jesus who sustains and walks with us in all times and places. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to have received your gift for flood relief. We are so blessed to be held and supported by you. We are assembling a giving tree to meet the physical needs of flooded members. Non-flooded members will be asked to supply needed items for flooded members anonymously, and flood relief funds will also be used to meet these needs.

As we move closer to the winter months, adequate housing is crucial; the Minot road ways are filled with incoming FEMA trailers, and there is great concern for their ability to make it through the winter. Some are getting back into their flooded homes while many are "buttoning up" their damaged homes for the winter. All are patiently waiting the news on future flood protection and



possible buy-outs. This is a challenging time for us as we wait, wait, and wait some more.

Please continue to pray for us and encourage groups to come and work for our rebuild season next spring. We are grateful that Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to the long-term recovery and has much experience with this work.

Again I thank you for your generous and hard labor of love.

God bless you!

Pastor John Streccius

Zion Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota

Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 4 Gaby Gallegos, 14
- Nov. 8 Gabby Ludwig, 14
- Nov. 14 David Matson, Jr., 17
- Nov. 18 Bety Mares, 11
- Nov. 20 Lauren Geiger, 3
- Nov. 23 Rachael Cox, 8
- Nov. 30 Tavijon Yust, 8

Keenagers in November

Keenagers meet on Tuesday, November 15. Claranna Vytlacil will be at Emmaus in November to share some slides from her trip to the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, and Painted Desert this past summer. Please come enjoy some good food, conversation, and photos.

Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, program at 10:30, and a delicious meal at noon.



Senior Adults

November Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 Saint Clair Street	53404
Nov. 16	Janice Nielsen	1206 Fairway Drive	53406
Nov. 26	Judy Berndt	1525 Howard Street	53404

Worship Assistant Reminders to Be Sent by E-mail



In the past we have been receiving postcards reminding us of upcoming responsibilities as ushers, communion assistants, readers, etc. In order to cut back on this expense, Paul will now e-mail those reminders to those for whom he has addresses. Please make sure he has your current e-mail address in order to make this a smooth transition to the cyber world.

In another effort to cut expenses, after the end of 2011, we will no longer have altar flowers from the florist every Sunday. Currently one arrangement costs \$20. In order to help with our finances, if you want to memorialize or honor a person or event, consider giving a donation instead. Anyone wishing to place

flowers from their garden or purchased independently is welcome to do so. Vases for cut flowers are located in the sacristy east of the altar. Be sure to inform the church office of the reason for your gift.

Share God's Love as a Communion Assistant

Serving as a communion assistant is a privilege and an opportunity to share God's love. If you would like to participate as a communion assistant for an occasional Sunday worship service, please contact Kathy Christensen. My home phone is 886-2151 and my e-mail is rdckic@sbcglobal.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER, 2011 Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 http://www.emmaus-racine.org e-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net		1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Santa Misa por Todos los Santos	2 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Cluster clergy mtg. 2:30 pm EASY	4 5:30 pm Jansen-Bonn rehearsal	5 2:00 pm Jansen-Bonn wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time ends
6 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Communion service (English) 10:30 am Coffee & conversation 10:30 am Blood pressure tests 12:00 m Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	7 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español)	8 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	9 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes	10 MARTIN LUTHER BORN, 1483 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	11 VETERANS' DAY 6:30 pm Emmaus & other church councils meet, 1530 S Main 	12 8:00 am Stampin' Up! 10:00 am 1st Communion class 1:00 pm quinceañera 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
13 PROPER 28 8:30 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Communion service (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	14 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español) 6:30 pm Worship & music committee 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	15 Dec. Visitor articles due 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Church council	16 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes 7:00 pm Worship	17 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	18	19 9:00 am RAMS meeting 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
20 CHRIST THE KING; DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 8:30 am Musicians' rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	21 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 1:30 pm Clergy meeting 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español)	22 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA	23 9:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Pizza supper 7:00 pm Thanksgiving worship service with Holy Communion 8:00 pm Pie social	24 THANKSGIVING <i>Office closed</i> 	25	26 TBA Hanging of the greens? 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
27 1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:15 am Communion service (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:00 m Santa Misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	28 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español)	29 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA	30 ST. ANDREW 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes	Dec. 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	3 ST. THOMAS 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	

2012 Annual Giving Commitment



In response to God's love and blessings, I/we rejoice in the opportunity to give to Emmaus Lutheran Church, I understand that my pledge can be increased or decreased at any time by notifying the church finance office should my life circumstances change.

Name/s: Phone:

Address: ZIP:

Operating budget pledge for 2012: \$
 per week
 per month
 total for year

Giving to the 2012 operating budget should be the first priority of every giver.

Deficit reduction pledge for 2012: \$

Signature: Date:

I am giving in gratitude for these things in our church:

NEW! "Sustaining Givers" provide consistent, predictable income for the church through monthly bank account withdrawals or credit card payments. Givers who choose this method to make their pledge will receive a packet of "Sustaining Giver" cards to place in the weekly offering symbolizing their gift.

Bank account automatic withdrawal

The amount to be removed
monthly from my bank account is \$

Please choose one of the following options:

Start with the enclosed voided check.

Start with my Bank Account information:

Routing number:

Account number:

Credit card payment*

Beginning Nov. 16. Dec. 16. Jan. 16

Card #:

Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Expiration date:

Charge my credit card the one-time payment of \$

Charge my credit card the monthly payment of \$

Signature

* Emmaus pays 2.65% for this service.

Monthly withdrawals occur on the sixteenth of every month or the next business day thereafter.

..... Please provide weekly envelopes for me, as I contribute by check or cash.

Please contact the church office at (262) 634-5515 or emmausracine@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or want to arrange a stock gift as a pledge payment. If you desire information about making a planned gift or a bequest, please call Art Smith at (262) 456-7050.

I/We would like to know more about opportunities to serve in the following ways (initial those areas of interest to you):

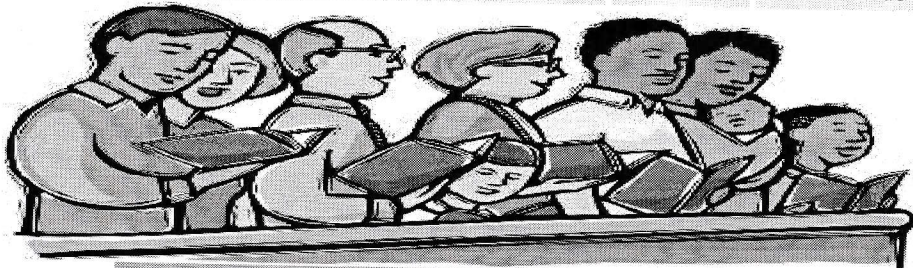
- Baking, cooking
- Yard work
- Building maintenance (i.e. painting, minor repairs)
- Working with others to conserve energy
- Food pantry/Community meals
- Mentoring a child (once a week)
- Reading/homework help
- Office assistance/computer work
- Communion set-up, communion assistant
- Singing once a month with a choir
- Teaching Bible stories to kids
- Visiting the homebound or hospitalized
- Photography at events
- Website design
- Run PowerPoint, sound system
- Participating in Bible study
- Other.

Name/s:



November Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Nov. 5 5:00 pm	Amy & Marge Zielke, Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 6 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Joy Lippmann	Al Svendsen	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Nov. 12 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 13 9:15 am	Marlyn & Kathy Christensen	Nancy Smith Shirley Velzka	TBD	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Nov. 19 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 20 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Chris Lamberton	Lee Woodward	Team 6 J. McCray
Wed. Nov. 23 7:00 pm	Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	Karen Sedgwick	Carol Yust	Team 1 H. Miller
Sat. Nov. 27 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 28 9:15 am	TBD	Kathy Christensen Karen Sedgwick	Kathy Christensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Dec. 3 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Carol Eschmann	TBD	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue



	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats
Nov. 6	Joy Lippmann, Ev Larsen	
Nov. 13	Ruth Copeland	
Nov. 20	Loren & Cindi Larsen	
Nov. 27		
Dec. 4		



Poinsettia ORDERS

Emmaus will order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. These flowers are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus to take home or to have set to a shut-in after the 9:15 a.m. service December 25. Memorial dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$12.00 each :
 (# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

My name:

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:

Deadline to order and make payment is December 4, 2011. 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.

Office use:

Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

Advent Decoration to Be Scheduled

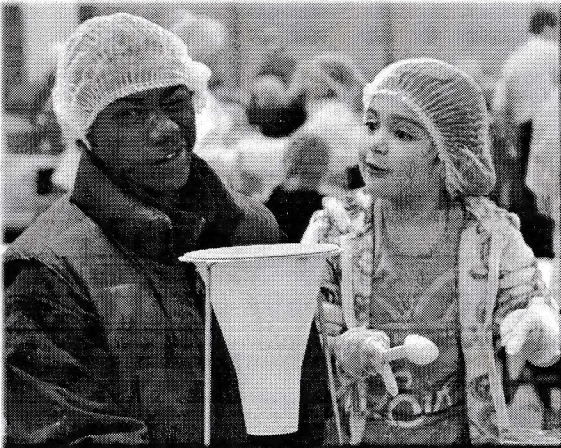
Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Check your Sunday bulletins for announcement of a

date and time to help decorate the church for the season.

Team from Emmaus Packs Food for Haiti

Age made no difference—people ranging from 6 and 7 years old to 60 and 70 years old joined together for the October 13 Food for Kidz pack at the State Fairgrounds in Milwaukee. Seventy-seven people from Emmaus filled two school buses for the event, traveling to pack food to be sent to the people of Haiti.

Donning hairnets and plastic gloves, the kids and adults divided



in groups of 6 to 8 people, each forming their own little assembly line. Loud cheers could be heard each time one of the boxes was filled and ready to be sent. The Emmaus group not only gave of their time, but they also contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of food to be used for the packing. Pennies, dimes, and quarters were combined with larger gifts made by Emmaus

members and friends for the Haiti food pack.

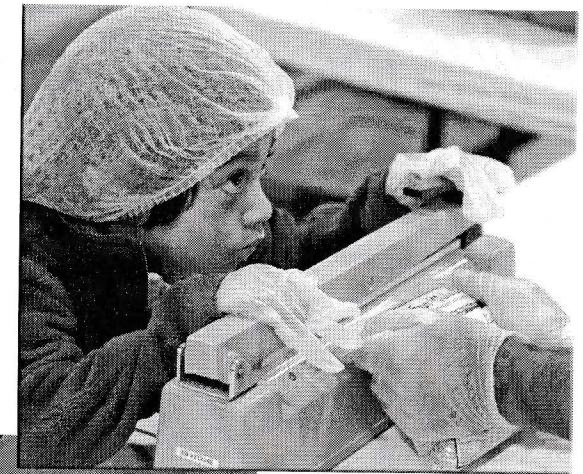
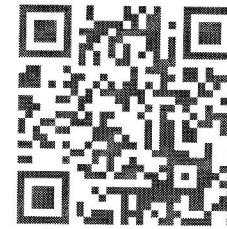
Following is a portion of a letter from organizer of the event, Karl Ralian:

We wish to thank you all for your support with our "Million Meal Pack for Haiti." While we didn't get close to one million meals, we did see to it that over 300,000 children got to eat a delicious, nutritious meal. We're proud to be able to ship this amount of food to Haiti, and we thank all of our supporters who donated their time and money to make this happen.

We are partnering with Food for the Poor to address the misery and early death that besets the Haitian people. We feel that this is a logical and ethical next step for our organization and we are calling this fund raising project "The Next Step Challenge." Quite simply, we will be raising funds to build a village in Haiti, complete with a clean water system, sanitation facilities, sturdy concrete block houses, and micro business enterprises to allow the people of our village to support themselves and their families.

At the food pack we built a sample house to show our

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Choir Sings Second Sundays

Maybe you like to sing but haven't been able to make a long term commitment to being a choir member in the past. The invitation is extended to all past and would-be choir members to come the first Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. to rehearse



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Emmaus Serves Community Meal December 1

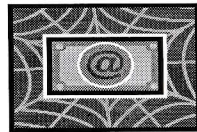
The sign-up sheet for the December 1 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church is on a table in the narthex along with the casserole recipe. We also need salads, gelatin desserts, and cakes, as well as persons to help serve and clean up. Cake pans with lids

are available in the plastic storage container under the table.

If you cannot help on December 1 but are available to help serve or clean up on another Thursday, feel free to drop in at St. Patrick's Church, on the corner of Douglas Avenue and Hamilton Street.

On-Line Giving Affords Convenience

Do you pay your mortgage or utility bills automatically out of your checking account? How would you like to do the same with your offerings to Emmaus? While this method of giving is not for everyone, there are some benefits for both you and the church. You will not have to remember to make out a check as you hurry out the door on Sunday mornings and the church will



realize a more steady flow of income over the year.

We are in the process of setting up a link on our website where you can indicate the amount and frequency of your offering. You will be able to indicate whether you want to have the offering come out of your checking account or be put on a credit card.

Consider Gift of Coffee

At that time of year when we begin thinking of family gatherings, consider what a great gift Mt. Meru coffee is for anyone.

Your purchase of Mt. Meru coffee helps the farmers and the

people of the Meru region of Tanzania. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project empowers the small coffee farmers and the people of the Meru region to escape the long-standing cycle of poverty.

Environmental Stewardship

2.5 Billion Lack Improved Sanitation

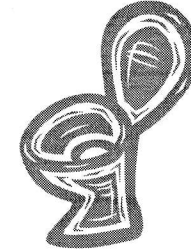
by John Berge

Here along the shores of Lake Michigan, we are blessed with an abundant supply of clean water for drinking, washing and sanitary facilities to safely get rid of our bodily wastes. The waste water departments in Racine and Kenosha return water to the lake that is purer than that which was taken out.

Not all the world is so fortunate. A recent UNICEF report stated, "Two and a half billion people, 38% of the world's population, remain without improved sanitation facilities, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia ... 1.2 billion people still practice open defecation, the riskiest practice of all."

Unimproved sanitation facilities are those that "do not ensure hygienic separation of human excreta from human contact." Thus, improved facilities do not even have to be the flush toilets we are so used to. In our

travels, my wife and I have come across, and had to use, some of these unimproved facilities: holes in the floor that lead outside to a stream, wetland, or to some unknown place other than a treatment plant.



Every single minute somebody dies due to lack of basic sanitation. That is over 86,000 people a day or over 31 million every year dying due to lack of proper toilets. About 5,000 children die each day from diarrhea-related diseases. This may not be a pleasant subject for a church newsletter, but one gram (1/28 of an ounce) of feces can contain 10 million viruses, one million bacteria, 1,000 parasite cysts and 100 parasite eggs!

That is why November 19 has been declared World Toilet Day. We can support those who are trying to correct this horrible situation that afflicts more than one-third of the population of the world.

Special Gifts Support Latino Ministry

In addition to monthly support from the national ELCA and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church of Racine, the Latino ministry of Emmaus has received gifts in recent months from the Greater Milwaukee



Synod (\$10,000) and St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Waukesha (\$3,000). These generous gifts help support staff salaries and major expenditures for the growing Latino ministry.

Latinos Participate in Diakonia Program

Eight Latinos are currently registered in the two-year Diakonia program in Racine. Two are pursuing their studies in English and the remaining six study under the direction of Pastor Jhon Freddy and on-line support of the national ELCA.



Students are adult members who regularly attend church and demonstrate their leadership. The

two-year program led by pastors and ministry experts who volunteer their time, engages students who study Bible history, practical ministry and theology during the two-year program. The format includes 12 units of study with five, three-hour sessions per unit.

Kathy Christensen and Carol Eschmann are graduates of the Diakonia program, and Diane Thygeson, teacher in the EASY program, is completing her second year of studies.

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Sep. '11:	\$10,937.47 }	
Stock, Gift of Love, corporate donation:	3,728.65 }	\$150,991.32

Current deficit, as of October 27, 2011: \$16,955.00

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Sept. '11	\$220.00	Campaign TD: \$69,129.62
Mortgage payments in Oct. '11:	Principal	\$ 1,539.69
	Interest	\$444.31
	Total	\$1,984.00

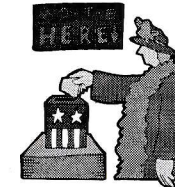
Principal balance as of October 14, 2011: \$43,318.54



Elsewhere In Our Area

City Offers Voter Registration Briefings

The City of Racine will host two information sessions with detailed information about the state's new voter ID requirements on Thursday, November 10 at Festival Hall, 5 Fifth Street, Racine. The first session runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon; the second runs from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is needed. Please call 262 636-9171 or e-mail your name and contact information to clerk@cityofracine.org to register for either time.

The keynote speaker will be from the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board.

St. Paul's Hosts Chili Cook Off

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is having a Chili Cook off fund raiser on November 13. The deadline for

registration is November 6. Any questions or concerns please contact Deb Aponte at 498-0221.

Carthage Musicians Ring in the Holidays

Carthage College on Highway 32 at Kenosha presents the annual Christmas Festival Dec. 2-4 in the A.F. Siebert Chapel.

A Carthage Christmas: Sing, Ye Heavens, Tell the Story is a festival of readings and carols featuring the majestic sounds of the Fritsch Memorial Organ, performances by Carthage instrumental and choral ensembles, and the annual Service of Light.

Three identical concerts are offered. All concerts will include performances by the Carthage Choir, Carthage Women's Ensemble, Lincoln Chamber Singers, Gospel Messengers, A. F.

Siebert Chapel Choir, and Carthage Wind Orchestra. Students from the Theatre Department also participate.



Festival performances are free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. Tickets may be obtained

by calling (262) 551-5810 weekdays, or by contacting christmasfestival@carthage.edu. A freewill offering is taken, with contributions used to support international tours by Carthage music groups.

Called by God to be Life Giving Change Agents

God's work, our hands...that's one of the more recent "slogans" of the ELCA. But, it is far more than a slogan—for the Christian church to survive and thrive in this world, our committed involvement in God's kingdom here on earth is something we must take very seriously.

In his book *Everything Must Change*, Brian McLaren writes:

More and more reflective Christian leaders are beginning to realize that for the millions of young adults who dropped out of their churches in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, the Christian religion appears to be a failed religion...

Before long, those remaining in local churches and those outside of them share the same sense of doubt: a message purporting to be the best news in the world should be doing better than this. The religion's results are not commensurate with bold claims it makes. Truly good news, they feel, would confront systemic injustice, target significant global dysfunctions, and provide hope and resources for making a better world—

along with helping individuals experience a full life. If only they could find a faith community with good news like that...(pp. 34 and 35)

Even in times of economic difficulties, I see strong signs of Emmaus maturing and becoming just the kind of faith community that people are hungering for. You are people who passionately care about all of God's people. You spend time mentoring children from our neighborhood schools. You stock food shelves and feed hungry families here in Racine. You ride school buses up to Milwaukee to pack food for the children of Haiti. You spend time in conversation with our Latino friends, listening to their stories and helping them to understand all of our confusing expressions in English. You offer a ride to a child or a homebound person so that they may participate in activities and worship at Emmaus. You buy Mt. Meru coffee so that coffee farmers in Tanzania can earn a decent living.

You, people of Emmaus, are about change. You see hope in the eyes of a child who needs extra encouragement and love, and you are there for them. You are the hands and feet of Christ in this

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Pastor Mary's Page

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community of Racine, and you are role models and examples for those from other congregations who are currently asking how they can best be people of the church in this place and time.

How God is calling us to move and to change in the coming years and months, only God sees clearly. What we do know is that, because of our love for God and all that God has created, we are called to love our neighbor and all of creation. We are called to be disciples and to make disciples.

Haiti Food Pack

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supporters what the actual house in Haiti would look like. The sample house is wood, and is one room, while the Haiti houses will be concrete block and two rooms, but the sample house gives a general idea of what a dramatic

We step out boldly, knowing that this mission is led by God, and that the Holy Spirit will show us the way. We give God thanks for faithfully leading us during these times of change. We are reminded in that Emmaus story in Luke 24 that we not traveling alone. The resurrected Christ walks with us!

In gratitude for all of God's blessings and all of you,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

improvement the houses are from what the Haitians now live in.

Please keep the people of Haiti in your thoughts and prayers as we work to improve their lives.

Peace and blessings,
Karl Ralian, President
Worldwide Hunger Relief, Inc.

Daylight Savings Time Offers Second Chance

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. Saturday night, November 5. Much of the United States will fall back an entire hour overnight. We get to have a "do-over" for that 1:00 to 2:00 hour.

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday



night, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep. Or use that hour to start the exercise regimen or fix that leaky faucet or write those letters you had been

meaning to send when you found the time.

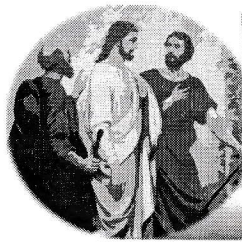
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- ...AND A BOUNTY OF MORE

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Emmaus Visitor

December, 2011

Celebrate Christ's Birth at Emmaus

From old, the promise of God drawing near has been proclaimed; in the Gospel we witness the birth of God's yearning presence through a teenage girl; throughout we are invited to join the song of creation, hope, and salvation. Emmaus offers you four worship opportunities on Christmas weekend.

At the 4:30 p.m. service, organist Joyce Kaiser and the Brass Nickel, and Brenda Trumbauer and the Adult Choir will lead us in Christmas music. There will be a children's time. The afternoon service ends with Holy Communion and the congregation singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

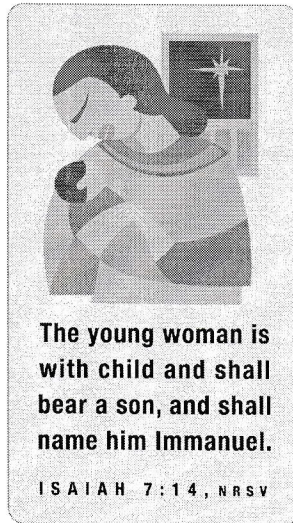
At 7:00 p.m., Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa will lead a Candle Light service in Spanish.

Please include worship at Emmaus as part of your Christmas Day. We offer a Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:15 a.m. and a Spanish - language worship service at noon.

Come together to hear a familiar story and sing familiar hymns, the blessing and witness again God's promise and promise-keeping with vitality and to

join the chorus of joy in what God has done and continues to do in being made real among us.

Join us for worship services at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:15 and noon Christmas Morning as we welcome the Prince of Peace!



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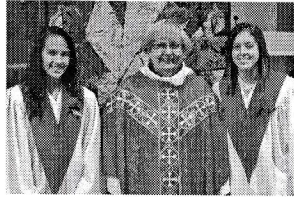
Wedding:

Kally L. Jansen &
Bradleigh M. Bonn
November 5, 2011

Kally is the daughter of Joseph and Traci Jansen and a niece of Bill and Linda Meteyard.

Rodríguez, Maranger Confirmed

Selina Rodriguez and Abby Maranger became full, voting members of Emmaus through the Rite of Confirmation on



Reformation Sunday, October 30. Selina is the daughter of Jennifer Welch. Abby is the daughter of Jeff Maranger.

We Offer Our Condolences

We extend our condolences to Art Smith and his family upon the

death last month of his brother, Fred Smith.

Thank You, Harold Miller

After many years of service as an usher captain, Harold Miller is setting down the bulletins and taking a seat in the pews. Thank you, Harold, for your long and distinguished service at Emmaus!

Harold would like to recognize and thank all who have served on his usher team over the years.

Members of his team during the past 25 years have been: Al Svendsen, Dennis Kreimer, Ryan Kreimer, Ron Jensen, Deby Albright, Bill Irvine, Gerry Dykstra, Bob Christensen, Chris Hansen, Ray Olesen, and Chester Meyer.

Hangings of the Greens Planned December 3

Join with others of the Emmaus family at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 3, as the church is readied for Christmas.

Help decorate a tree, hang garland or put the nativity sets in place. All are welcome as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

Children Present Christmas Program

On Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m., the Emmaus kids will present their annual Christmas pageant. This year's selection, "Census Time in Bethlehem," is a musical about the names of Jesus. The lead character, Mr. B.A. Countable, who is following King Herod's orders to help conduct a census, becomes confused when he discovers that the special baby Jesus born in Bethlehem has many names.



Join in the Hymn of All Creation

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Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa 1909 Summit Ave. 53404 414/881-1403
Outreach Pastor: Rev. Walter Hermanns pastorwalter@yahoo.com
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Director Outreach: Liliana Moncada Accompanist: Brenda Trumbauer
Custodians: Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez

English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, and Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Christmas Eve worship services will be offered at 4:30 p.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) on Saturday, December 24.

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 January VISITOR is December 15. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

Let Our Elves Do Your Giving Tree Shopping

by Diane Melander

Have you noticed the three giving trees in the narthex, all ready and waiting? We've made your shopping easier this year. Instead of having to go out and select a gift for a child you don't know, the EASY elves will do that for you. Our gifts this year will purchase educational books and games for our EASY kids.

It's simpler this year. You may select an ornament; the ornaments are marked with dollar amounts of \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$50 dollars each. You may donate any amount you wish; just select ornaments that match that dollar amount. Donations can be in cash, by check or by giving book seller gift cards. Checks can be made out to Emmaus, but designate the Giving Tree on the memo. Use the envelope attached to the ornament to return your donation to the church. You may put it in the offering plate, bring it to the office or give it to Nancy Smith. Please return your giving tree gifts no later than 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 11.

On Monday, December 12, the knitting and sewing ladies, along with all other willing volunteers, will wrap the gifts. A holiday lunch will follow. Thanks to all of



you at Emmaus, our giving tree is a success!

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 3 – 9:30 a.m. Hanging of the greens
- Dec. 12 – 10:00 a.m. Gift wrapping party
- Dec. 18 – 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas pageant
- Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m. Festival Christmas Eve Service with the Brass Nickel
- Dec. 25 – 9:15 a.m. Service of lessons and carols
- Dec. 31 – 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve worship
- Coming in January...
- January 22 – Bishop Jeff Barrow preaches
- January 29 – Annual meeting of the congregation

Emmaus Serves December 1 Community Meal

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 1 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church, 1100 Erie Street. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello? We especially need people who will help serve the 5:00 p.m. meal.



The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this

program.

Mentors Are On Board

Thank you! Thank you! We are truly blessed!

To those who have said, "Yes!" and are on board and to those who are about to begin your role as a mentor, you are answering a great need in this



community to help our kids. The kids are so appreciative to have the opportunity to receive your undivided attention for an hour per week. Your presence is a building block in their lives whatever it may be; homework help, conversation, words of hope and encouragement, help with math and reading or playing a game.

WELCA Bulletins

Women Gather for Christmas Party

The women's Christmas gathering and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 14 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 homemade cookies by leaving them in the kitchenette December 10 or



11— be sure to mark what they're for!

Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, and with it visions of church council members and organizations preparing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the January 29 annual meeting, the office would like

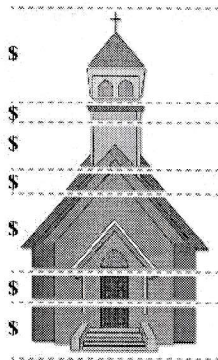
reports turned in by January 15. Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail. If you submit a report by e-mail, it works best to have the report in the text of the e-mail in case there is any difficulty opening the report as an attached file.

Council, Staff Set Goal of Balanced Budget

Sharpened pencils, lengthy conversations, together with give-and-take and prayer, will be what drive the writing of our 2012 budget. The goal is a balanced budget so that the leaders of Emmaus can spend their time and energy during the coming year being innovative, resourceful, collaborative and visionary, working together to create new possibilities for the future of the ELCA in Racine.

How will a balanced budget be accomplished? Some of the pieces that are already in place, or are taking shape and form, include:

- Pastor Mary will donate part of her time to the wider ELCA Racine conversation and collaboration, thus reducing her salary/benefits package by approximately \$10,000.



- The Latino worshipping community of Emmaus has committed to an annual gift of \$10,000 for the overall operation of the church.

- Stacy Steinike and Melissa Lemke will head up the Brewers fundraiser for next season, which expects to net a minimum of \$8,000.

- The Fiesta Mexicana will be re-established for earnings of approximately \$5,000.

- There will be a fall fundraiser with an expected net of \$2,000.

- A sustaining fund has been established with the intention of eliminating the deficit and of establishing a reserve fund for capital improvements/repairs.

- The budget will be studied by the executive committee on December 1, who will then make recommendations for modifications and/or cuts.

RAMS Process Leads to Collaboration

Following approximately ten months of conversation and process, the Racine Area Mission Strategy (RAMS) group met on November 19 to make proposals for next steps. Led by Rev. Sandy Chrostowski, Rev. Stephen Bouman and Bishop Jeff Barrow, leaders of ten Racine ELCA congregations were invited to present proposals and visions for the church of the future in Racine.

Representing Emmaus, Atonement, St. Andrew and Our Savior's, pastors from those congregations used song, PowerPoint, scripture, and handouts to help communicate "A Vision of Profound Partnership Among ELCA Congregations in Racine." Driven by mission, the four congregations are working together to form a deep partnership to covenant with one another into the future.

The mission goals of the four congregations include: social justice, ministry with the poor and marginalized, feeding the hungry, global mission, entrepreneurship opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed, reaching out to neighborhood kids and their families, ministry with people of color, a variety of worship styles,

discipleship training, care of creation and health and wellness.

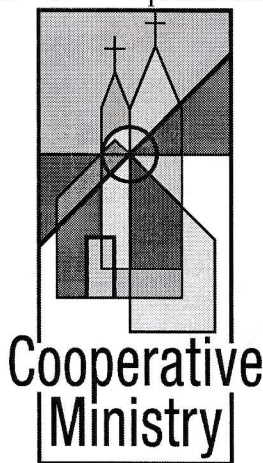
A November 29 meeting was scheduled for the leaders of these four congregations to talk about next steps, which may include possibilities of sharing staff, using different sites to specialize in specific ministries, new funding possibilities, and the creation of a

new worship experience for young adults. Those who would like to be a part of future conversations are welcome and are encouraged to contact Pastor Mary or Pastor Jhon Freddy to learn more.

Bishop Jeff Barrow informed the group at the RAMS meeting of the number of

congregations in Racine that are either in the call process or currently have an interim pastor. These congregations are: Emmanuel, Redeemer, Bethania, Zion, St. Paul's, and Gethsemane.

Because none of these congregations currently has a full-time pastor, Bishop Barrow indicated the advisability of congregations yoking and sharing a pastor. By offering an incoming pastor a full-time call, Barrow told the group that there would be



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Sustainability Fund Established

With dual goals of eliminating the deficit by year's end and of establishing a nest egg for capital improvements/repairs, Emmaus has established a sustaining fund. Gifts of \$500 or more earmarked "sustaining fund" will be divided as follows: 80% for deficit reduction and 20% for a capital improvement reserve savings fund. Gifts of under \$500 should be earmarked "deficit reduction" and will go entirely for that purpose.

The fund, established less than two weeks ago, already has one-time gifts/commitments of \$8,000. Our deficit has been reduced from a high of \$29,000 two months ago to the current amount of just under \$12,000. With the exception of our synod benevolence and internal

borrowing, all of our current bills have now been paid.

Those who are able are encouraged to consider an extra-mile one-time gift to the Emmaus Sustaining Fund before year's end. On-line gifts from your checking account or by credit card may be made through the electronic giving link at the Emmaus website:

www.emmaus-racine.org. Gifts made by check should indicate "Sustaining Fund" on the memo line.

Thank you to all who have already helped to move the mountain of our earlier deficit! We now hope to end the year in the black and to present a balanced budget for 2012. Thank you to each and every one of you who will also help make that a reality with you year-end gifts.



RAMS Process

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more of an incentive for pastors new to Racine to establish roots and invest in the community. Leaders from the congregations in transition met together to assess where future yoking and staff sharing might lead.

Between now and the end of February, the smaller groups will do work specific to the partnerships and collaborations in

which they are involved. Pastor Sandy Chrostowski will be the contact person for the Synod office during that two-month period.

The larger group will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church to report concrete action, both completed and in progress.

December Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Dec. 3 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Carol Eschmann	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Dec. 10 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 11 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Cindi Larsen	Cindi Larsen	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 17 5:00 pm	Missy Porcaro, Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 18 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Karen Sedgwick	Celia Bagley	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	Ron & Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	Chris Chan- A-Sue	Team 6 J. McCray
Sun. Dec. 25 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Shirley Velzka	Ruth Copeland	Team 1?
Sat. Dec. 31 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 1 9:15 am	TBD	TBD	TBD	Team 2 R. Christensen

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship Hosts
December 4	Evelyn Larsen	
December 11		Cheryl Dexter, Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen






Keenagers

Keenagers will meet on Tuesday, December 20. Please come and join us in the Sunset Room for coffee and conversation at 10:00, and Pat Jensen's delicious Christmas brunch at 11:00.



Emmaus Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 12	Barb Larsen.....	4202 Erie Street	53402
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka.....	3720 Mariner Drive, #104	53406
Dec. 23	Lael Richter.....	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262-634-5515 Fax 262-634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>  <p>DECEMBER 2011</p>				<p>Dec. 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Executive Committee mtg.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9:30 am Hanging of the greens 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>4 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Worship service w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:45 am Conversational English group 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español)</p>	<p>6 ST. NICHOLAS 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>7 PEARL HARBOR DAY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes</p>	<p>8 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Mary's week off</i></p>						
<p>11 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:30 am Choir rehearsal (English) 9:15 am Worship service w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship 10:45 am Conversational English group 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual) 10:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe worship service (español)</p>	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 gift wrapping party 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal (español) 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange</p>	<p>13 ST. LUCY 1:30 pm Clergy gathering 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA</p> 	<p>14 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Wednesday Camp 5:15 pm Supper 6:15 pm Bible study classes</p>	<p>15 <i>Jan. Visitor articles due in church office</i> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>16 LAS POSADAS</p> 	<p>17 TBA Pageant rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p>18 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:30 am Musicians' rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk service w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Children's pageant Kids' meal in Fellowship Hall 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal (español)</p>	<p>20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:30 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>21 ST. THOMAS <i>No Wednesday evening activities until January</i></p>	<p>22 9:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p> 	<p>23 6:30 pm Fiesta de los niños</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 pm Christmas Eve worship service with Holy Communion (English) 7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (español)</p>
<p>25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 9:15 am Service of Lessons and Carols (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship 12:00 n Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)</p>	<p>26 ST. STEPHEN</p>	<p>27 HOLY INNOCENTS 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm AA</p>	<p>28 ST. JOHN</p> 	<p>29 9:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 5:00 pm Worship service w/ Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Mary on vacation, Dec. 26 - Jan. 4</i></p>						

Pledges Show Strong Commitment

by Emmaus Stewardship Team

We want to thank you and express our sincere appreciation for your participation in this year's very successful stewardship appeal. It is through the offering of our time, talents and resources we unite as a community of faith in the covenants we have made with one another and with God.

As of press time, the 43 households making a financial commitment for 2012 have increased their commitment by an average of 20% over last year. The

total amount pledged thus far is \$108,764.00, with average weekly giving per household of \$48.64. Those who have not yet made a commitment and would still like to do so may turn their commitment card into the church office or drop it in the box found in the narthex.

May you and your family continue to grow in your discipleship through prayer, study, worship and service. Thank you for your commitment!



Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Nov. 27, 2011)

	2009				2010				2011			
	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed
Oct	24	68	128	43	10	64	149	73	15	55	184	59
Nov	18	64	136	47	14	65	210	81	16	59	165	57
	Thanksgiving: 107				Thanksgiving: 94				Thanksgiving: at least 36			
Dec	16	62	160	32	12	90	126	63				
	Misas Advientos: 160 + 205				Adviento: 108 + 364 + 182							
Xmas	4:30	6:00	10:30		4:30		7:00					
Eve	?		210	49		130		86				

Financial Figures

Total for month Year to date

General Fund offerings received in Oct. '11: \$ 16,059.82 }

Above & Beyond + corporate donation: 100.00 } \$167,151.14

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Oct. '11\$270.00.....Campaign TD: \$69,399.62

Mortgage payments in Oct. '11: Principal \$1,539.69

Interest..... \$444.31

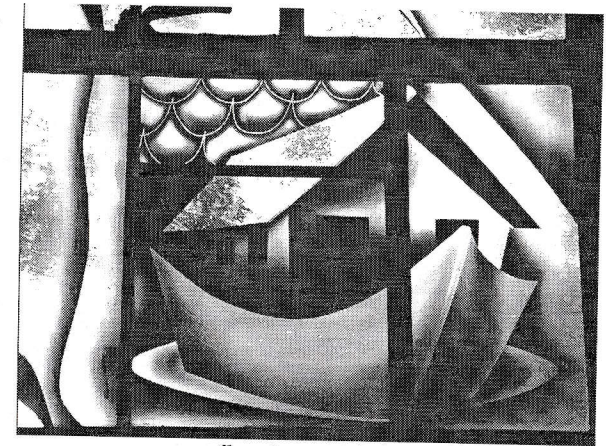
Total..... \$1,994.00

Principal balance as of November 12, 2011: \$43,318.54



Wednesday Campers Explore Genesis Stories

Our Wednesday kids this fall experienced "God Makes a World" and "A Rainbow Promise." Through story, arts and crafts, showing of DVDs, games and worksheets, the kids have learned that God's creation is an ongoing amazing happening and that it is our responsibility to help take care of all that God creates.



The story of Noah's Ark helped the kids understand that God is with us through all kinds of weather. God wants us to be kind to one another, to listen and follow God's desire for us to be agents for a more congenial world in which to live.

As we prepare for the Christmas pageant, the kids will hear the familiar story of Jesus' birth. What is happening because of the census? Who is Herod? What is the burden on Mary and Joseph as they struggle to find a place for the birth of the baby Jesus? Where is God in all of these events?

The kids have all heard the story titled "The God Seed." Each week, they are reminded about God's amazing love that dwells inside their hearts. They know that within each of them is a special God seed that is

overflowing with love and that we are to share that love with one another.

Wanted: Supplies for EASY

These items will help us along the way:

- Microwave containers
- Thin dry erase markers
- Brown bottle caps (only brown!)
- Magazines with an emphasis on nature
- New #2 pencils

Youth Birthdays

- Dec. 1 Aaliya Arroyo, 3
- Dec. 3 Julian Salcedo, 9
- Dec. 6 Clarissa Hansen, 4
- Dec. 10 Angel Gutierrez, 2
- Dec. 11 LaKenya Lopez, 10
- Dec. 15 Joshua Huitron, 1
- Dec. 15 Queanna Castulo, 14
- Dec. 21 Ashlynn Meteyard, 9
- Dec. 30 Alex Villalobos, 14

Coffee Makes a Great Gift

by Diane Melander

With the holiday season approaching, we are all making plans for decorating, baking and shopping for holiday gifts. Think about solving some of your gift giving problems by giving a fair trade gift of coffee through Emmaus.



Our fair trade coffee continues to be a great little gift. Everyone

loves a good cup of gourmet coffee. Our coffee is grown and processed so that it contains half the caffeine of other coffees. Why not give it a try?

If you would like more information about our coffee and other products, please contact Diane Melander at 262-412-2070 or at 262-681-2796. Also, if you want a catalogue and can't get to church, just let me know and I'll see you get one.

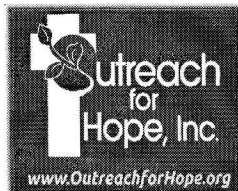
Outreach for Hope Announces Grants

Outreach for Hope has announced that it has awarded Emmaus Outreach/Latino Ministry \$33,000 for the year 2012 to continue to carry Christ's mission to the poor.

"The ministry we undertake should transform people's lives and not give hollow promises," said OFH Director Rev. Jim Bickel. "Thank you for the transforming ministry you engage in as an Outreach for Hope site."

The grants were reviewed by an Allocations Committee made up of members of the Greater Milwaukee Synod before being approved by the OFH Board of Directors. The Board has pledged to raise and distribute \$335,000 to OFH churches and ministries during 2012.

Distribution of funds will come in four quarterly payments, starting April 15, 2012.



Memorials and Honoraria

Designated for Kitchen Fund:

In honor of Boots LeRoux: \$100.00

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Ray Olesen: \$106.00



Letter from Bishop Hanson

Hanson Urges Immigration Reform, DREAM Act

November 1, 2011

Dear President Obama:

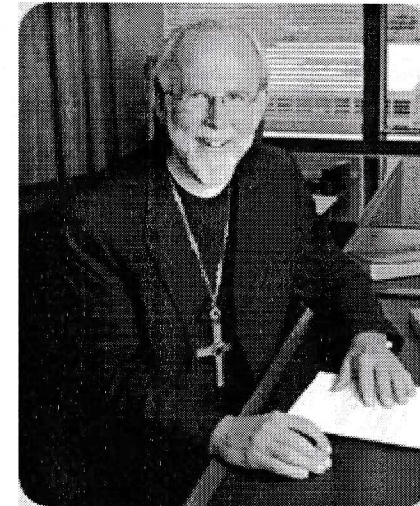
As the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a member of the Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, I write to lift up the support of our national church body for comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act.

We are a church that belongs to Christ, and we believe God calls each of us by name. Therefore, the ELCA has repeatedly affirmed the biblical witness and our shared experience of working with and on behalf of America's newcomers through our ministry with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

The 2011 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted overwhelmingly in support of immigration reform and the DREAM Act. The churchwide assembly is the ELCA's highest legislative authority serving on behalf of 4.2 million baptized ELCA members.

The biblical call to hospitality also inspired Lutheran congregations across the country to discuss transforming communities into centers of hospitality through relationship building and advocacy. In addition, congregations are holding DREAM Act Sabbaths to lift up the experiences of undocumented youth and encourage broader public support for the legislation.

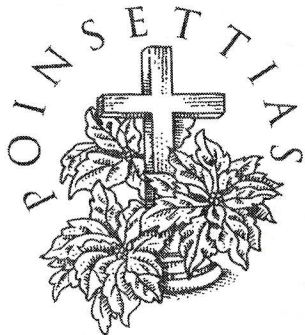
The need to overhaul the U.S. immigration system is becoming ever more urgent. In the absence of comprehensive immigration reform, states have felt compelled to write their own immigration laws, which are often shortsighted and misguided. The ELCA needs your leadership. We urge you to continue to speak to Congress and the American public to take action on comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act and to explore other compassionate policy reforms that advance the common good.



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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.



Emmaus will order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas this year. These flowers are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus to take home after the 9:15 a.m. service December 25 if they so wish. Memorial dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship bulletins.

My/our name/s:

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$12.00 each
 (# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:

Deadline to order and make payment is December 5, 2011. 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.
- I would like to deliver poinsettias to shut-ins.

Office use: Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

Elsewhere in Our Area

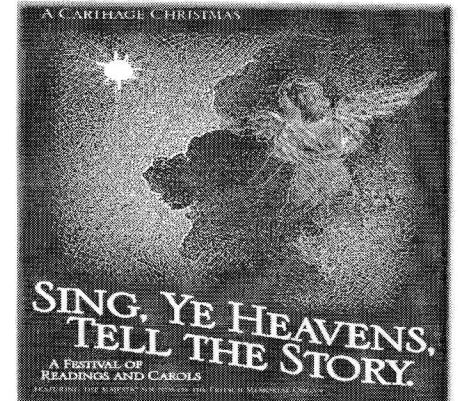
Carthage College Presents Christmas Concert

Carthage College on Highway 32 at Kenosha presents the annual Christmas Festival Dec. 2-4 in the A.F. Siebert Chapel.

A Carthage Christmas: Sing, Ye Heavens, Tell the Story is a festival of readings and carols featuring the majestic sounds of the Fritsch Memorial Organ, performances by Carthage instrumental and choral ensembles, and the annual Service of Light.

Three identical concerts are offered. All concerts will include performances by the Carthage Choir, Carthage Women's Ensemble, Lincoln Chamber Singers, Gospel Messengers, A. F. Siebert Chapel Choir, and Carthage Wind Orchestra. Students from the Theatre Department also participate.

Festival performances are free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. Tickets may be obtained by calling (262) 551-5810



weekdays, or by contacting christmasfestival@carthage.edu. A free will offering is taken, with contributions used to support international tours by Carthage music groups.

Downtown Homeless Center Seeks Supplies

The Hospitality Center, located at 614 Main St at St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a drop in center for the homeless and near homeless. They currently serve over 85 people a day, and are in need of volunteers and donated goods, such as cold meats and cheese for sandwiches, bottled water, individually wrapped snacks, ground coffee, peanut butter and jelly, sliced bread, bakery, powdered creamer, sugar,

paper goods and plasticware.

They also need clean adult winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, grocery store gift cards and travel mugs for coffee. They are open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at the church during these times. For further information, contact Reverend Kevin Stewart at 414-405-5619 or kstewart20@wi.rr.com.

Expectant Hope

Turn the clock back over 2,000 years. A young teenage girl feels the kicking and movement inside her. What must it have been like to leave the familiar setting of her hometown to travel the rough road to Bethlehem in order to be counted by the government officials? What might have been going through the mind of Joseph as he walked beside the young woman he loved?



Here I am,
the servant of
the Lord.

That's when Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be according to your word."

Mary was anything but passive. She responded, "Here I am!" No doubt there were those in her community who shunned her and others who shook their heads when they learned she was pregnant. But Mary, with the vision of carrying God's miracle into the world, boldly spoke the words of the Magnificat, articulating

the vision:

"His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty." (Luke 1:50-53)

Here we are at the end of 2011. Living in a world permeated with fear and despair, how is God calling us to be carriers of life and hope into a dark world? We as a church and as individuals now find ourselves immersed in the season of Advent. Once again, God calls. God calls us out of our

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familiar places of comfort to travel that rough road to Bethlehem.

And that's just the beginning of the journey. Let's echo the words of Mary, "Here I am!" as we walk into the vision she so eloquently expressed in the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth. With the same expectant hope, let us

have courage to move forward into the unknown territory of the future. New life will be born—even in these dark times!

Waiting in expectant hope,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Regular Altar Flowers to Be Canceled

We will no longer have altar flowers from the florist every Sunday in 2012. In order to help with our finances, if you want to memorialize or honor a person or event, consider giving a donation instead.

Anyone wishing to place flowers from



their garden or purchased independently is welcome to do so. Vases for cut flowers are located in the sacristy east of the altar. Be sure to inform the church office of the reason for your gift.

Bishop Hanson

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As a national church body, the ELCA — our congregations, bishops, schools and millions of individual members -- continues to preach, teach, advocate and work with and on behalf of America's newcomers. This nation has achieved such greatness due to the resilience, labor and intellect of immigrants. We will roll up our

sleeves and work tirelessly until this nation is once again a place of welcome and justice for newcomers.

In God's grace,
The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

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