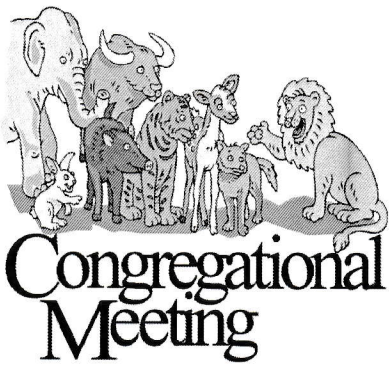
Emmaus Visitor
January, 2014

Emmaus, St. Andrew to Hold Joint Annual Meeting January 26

The January 26 annual meeting will take place at 10:45 a.m. in the Emmaus sanctuary with both Emmaus and St. Andrew members joining together for the first part of the meeting. At that time there will be updates on FaithWorks, on the collaboration between the two congregations, and a report from the Green Team members. The group will then divide into two, moving to different spaces of the church in order to conduct their individual business. That portion of the meeting will include the election of church council members, approval of a 2014 budget, and other items that are specific to each given congregation.



Bring your ideas, questions and concerns. Would you like to have a joint picture directory in order to get to know our new friends better? Do you think the two councils should meet regularly on the same night each month to provide part of the time together to share ideas and common concerns? How do you think the alternation of worship sites is going? Are there some groups (Bible study, book study, quilters, others) that we should consider combining?

Come, share your input! Let's continue to anticipate, communicate, and relate—praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we worship, work and serve together!

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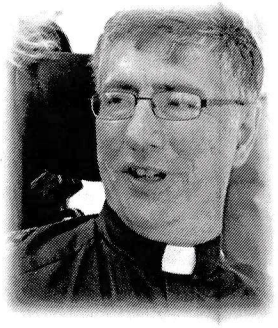
Pastoral Acts

Weddings: **Tiffany Tikkanen & Rodolfo Oropeza** November 30, 2013	Pastor Jhon Freddy presided over the wedding. The couple lives in Racine.
Paola Alejandra Trujillo Paz & Domenico Quiroz-Valenzuela December 8, 2013	Pastor Jhon Freddy presided over the wedding. The couple lives in Racine.
Funerals: **Rev. Walter Hermanns** December 18, 2013 	Pastor Mary joined Bishop Jeff Barrow and the pastors of Holy Communion Lutheran Church in leading a celebration of Pastor Walter's life. Since coming to Racine from New York in 1986, Pastor Walter had served as pastor for Holy Communion, Emmaus, and Lincoln Lutheran, most recently leading the "Gentle Worship" services at Holy Communion northwest campus. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Helmke, and their adult children, Shawn and Laura.

Keep Lawrenz, Witt Families in Prayers

Please remember the family of Bonnie Lawrenz Witt in your prayers. The daughter of Eleanor and the late Robert Lawrenz, Bonnie was an avid Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan. She died December 4 and is survived by her mother, husband Ronald, son Christopher, grandchildren and a great-grandson, and sisters Donna Sharp and Judy Wilson.

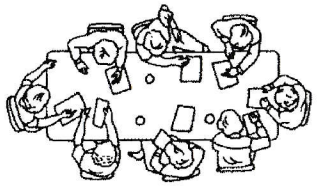
WELCA Briefs

Lydia Circle Meets January 9

All women of the church are invited to attend a time of study and hospitality at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 8. The monthly gathering meets in the Sunset Room on the second Wednesday of the month.

Councils to Meet Together at St. Andrew

In preparation for the January 26 annual meeting, the church councils of St. Andrew will meet together Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 at St. Andrew. The councils will use the first hour to discuss partnership and the format for the upcoming annual meeting. The groups will then meet separately to discuss their 2014 budgets and other areas of business.



New Doors to Be Installed

Thanks to memorials from Al Beck, new front doors will be installed during the month of January. Other memorials and special gifts are being used to replace the back doors, which have been out of order for a number of weeks. The entire project, in excess of $10,000, is currently short approximately $2,000.

Arrangements have been made to make the interest-free payments over a period of four months. Additional gifts, designated "doors," are invited to complete the project.

The new doors will be more energy efficient and will also have a keyless lock for added security. Those who need key fobs to open the new outside doors may request them from the church secretary. The cost of each fob is $5.00, to be paid by each recipient. The small fobs, which fit on a key ring, will be computerized, and in the event of loss, can simply be deleted from the system.

Scrip Sales Continue in New Year

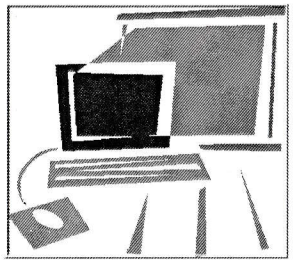
Thank you to all who have participated in the Scrip fund raising program by purchasing gift cards to various businesses. In addition to a variety of gift cards that we have on hand, we also have a complete list of businesses that offer Scrip gift cards and we can order those cards for you. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer.

Annual Reports Are Due in January

We remind church council members and organizations that it is time to write their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the January 26 annual meeting, the office would like reports turned in by January 13. Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail. If you submit a report by e-mail, it helps to have the report in the text of the e-mail in case there is any difficulty opening the report as an attached file.

FaithWorks Posts Job Opening



FaithWorks is looking for a Media / Communications Co-ordinator. This is a part-time position (one day per week) for a creative person who has technical skills involving social media and office automation, and people skills dealing with the press and the FaithWorks Mission Council. The salary will be $640 per month. Applications are available in the church office or at faithworks.wordpress.org and are due by January 15. Interviews will be conducted the following week and the job will begin on February 1.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	brenda6175@earthlink.net
Custodians:	Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez	

English language services are held at Emmaus during odd-numbered months every Saturday evening at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00; we worship at those same times at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, during even-numbered months. Spanish language services are held at Emmaus noon on Sundays.

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

Stewardship Drive Gets Strong Response

By Carolyn Wooster

The results of the Consecration Sunday 2013 Stewardship campaign were excellent. A huge thank you for responding so positively. In addition to the 40 pledgers, there are about 30 non pledgers who contribute consistently.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2014 Pledges -- 40 contributors for a total commitment of $121, 336.

2013 Pledges -- 17 contributors for a total commitment of $55, 640.

Knitters Regroup in January

Wadewitz Social Worker Michelle Brown called to thank Emmaus knitting group for the knit hats and gloves they made for the students at her school. "I just want you to know how much it means to the kids," she said.

"I know some of the ladies in the congregation make and donate that stuff. I just want you guys to know how much they appreciate it. It's so fun for them to look through the bag and pick out what they like."

The Knit One, Purl One group has been taking a break for Christmas and New Year's, but will resume their regular Monday morning sessions on January 13. Anyone who enjoys working with yarn and thread is invited to join them in the Fireside Room Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Member Care Team Reaches Out

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

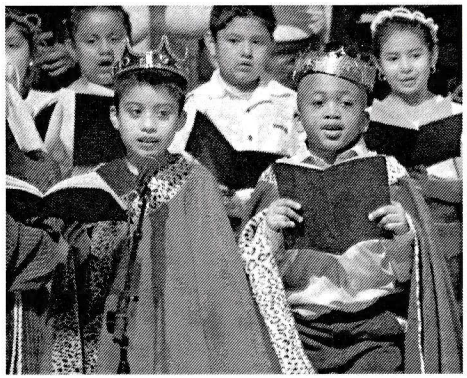
We need people to make phone calls, write cards or notes, pray for those in need, visit shut-ins, knit or crochet, deliver flowers or other items - the list goes on and on. But even the smallest gesture is so appreciated by the recipients.

Make 2014 the year you take that extra step to get involved. Call Cathy Meyer (321-0050) to find out where you fit in.

Pageant Lifts Spirits

Kids sharing the message of Christmas. Hold the images of the kids up front singing with confidence and saying their lines with timing and clarity. Even young ones in the very early stages of learning to read who had

practiced and listened to the music in the car and at home as well as a few hours of practice at church sang with gusto. Kids adapting to very last minute changes made in speaking roles and dance routines. Listen and remember! Kids are good at proclaiming the Good News of the birth of Jesus. What a wonderful gift! Yes! Kids are good at sharing the love of Jesus with others. I am so thankful and grateful for our kids. May we continue to celebrate our Savior's birth in our words and actions throughout this new year.



Youth Birthdays

Jan. 1	Collin Cacciotti, 9
Jan. 1	Patrick Austin, 16
Jan. 4	Danna Trevino, 6
Jan. 5	Luis Tapia, Jr., 13
Jan. 9	Daniella Zavala, 5
Jan. 10	Abbigail Perez-Alvarez 3
Jan. 10	Rylee Brown, 12
Jan. 13	Madelyn Vash, 9
Jan. 20	Maraina Love, 4
Jan. 20	Odalys Tinaro, 12
Jan. 23	Ilyn Ruiz, 4
Jan. 25	Angel Mateo-Perez, 6
Jan. 26	Carina Saucedo, 5
Jan. 28	Kaitlyn Sodke, 14
Jan. 31	David Castañeda Jr., 6

Emmaus to Host WCATY

Emmaus will open our doors to the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) on Thursday, January 30. WCATY will conduct classes for academically talented middle schoolers from the area.

WCATY offers four online courses for these gifted, talented, and high achieving students. A part of the coursework includes the opportunity to meet together with their instructors and their classmates in face to face meetings.

Cindi Larsen, Gifted and Talented Coordinator for RUSD, has worked with David Metzger at McKinley and the other middle school counselors to arrange the classes for this year. The face to face meetings will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cards & Letters

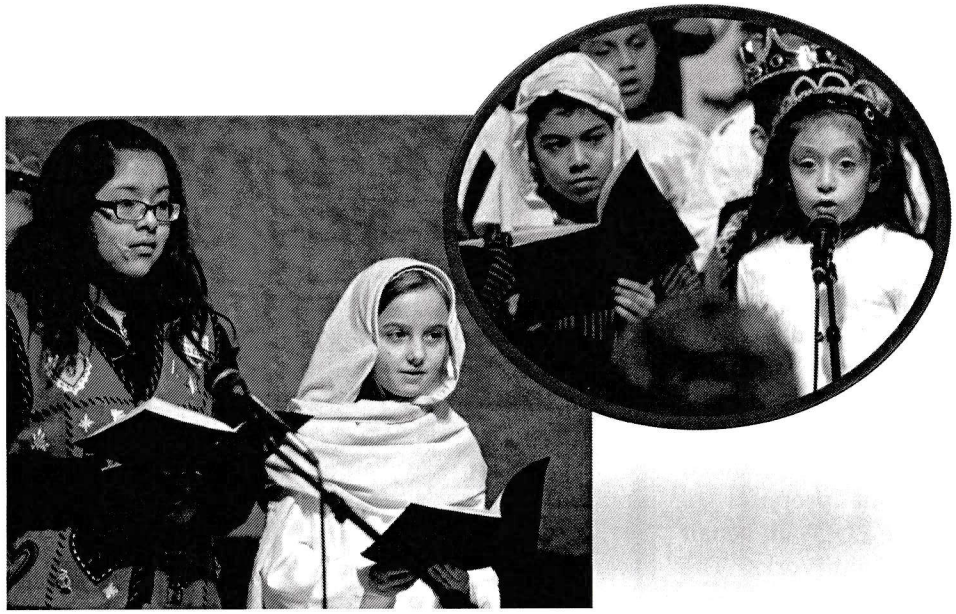
Al Svendsen Sends Greetings

The Emmaus congregation and all visitors:

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God's blessings be upon you this day and always.

You are all the best and I think of you often.

—Al Svendsen



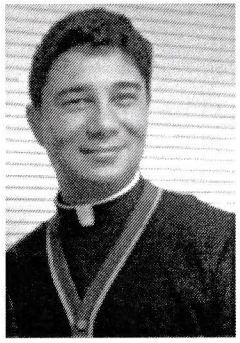
More participants in the children's Christmas play, "Meet Me at the Manger," at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on December 15.

Thanks to Those Who Sewed, Baked, Visited

A big thank you to all who baked cookies for our homebound members, made visits, wrapped gifts for the EASY after school kids and who sewed for the Christmas pageant! Taking that time during a very busy season blessed so many lives!

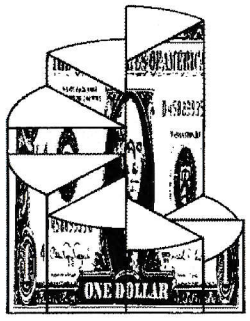
Gabriel Marcano to Begin Internship

Gabriel Marcano, a native of Venezuela, has entered a program to train those ordained in other denominations to be recognized as pastors in the ELCA. Gabriel is an ordained priest in the Anglican tradition. Funding through the national church and other sources is now being allocated in order to provide Gabriel a paid stipend during a year-long internship at Emmaus, beginning February 1. He will take monthly classes in Chicago during the time he serves as an assistant to Pastor Jhon Freddy in the Latino ministry of Emaús. Legal counsel, provided by an attorney of the ELCA, is currently working on having his visa status changed to that of R1 (Religious Worker).



FaithWorks Submits Grant Update to ELCA

After consultation with Susan Gould, Liliana Moncada, Rev. Sandy Chrostowski, and Rev. Dave Daubert, Pastor Mary has submitted an updated grant proposal to the ELCA on behalf of FaithWorks. The total request is $48,000, and word about the amount granted should be received sometime in January.



The grant request, which includes a youth pastor developer position, is part of a special category created by the ELCA known as Area Mission Strategy. The collaboration of the congregations of FaithWorks makes it possible for our Racine ministries to request this special funding from the national church. A portion of our benevolence offering goes to support such ministries throughout the country.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 6

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 6. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide a casserole, jello, or dessert. 9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off the Sunset Room.

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

Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 1-2

The Super Bowl takes place on Sunday, February 2, and approximately 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch. As many are enjoying abundant food and friendship while hosting or attending parties, approximately 1 billion people will be hungry.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an ecumenical, youth-led movement, with more than 2,000 ELCA youth groups raising money for hunger-related charities each year.

At the February 1 and 2 worship services, drop a dollar in a soup pot during 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.

Green Teams Hold Educational Meeting

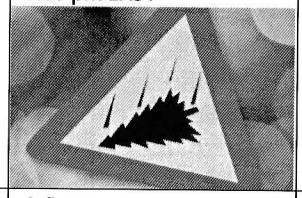
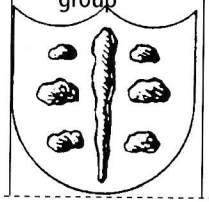
The Green Teams of Emmaus and St. Andrew will have an educational meeting in the Fireside Room after the worship service on Sunday, January 19.

Emmaus Northside Food Pantry Volunteers

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 23: Cheryl Dexter, James Larrabee, Cindi Larsen, Diane Melander
February 27: Boots LeRoux, Pat and Ron Jensen, James Larrabee

If you are unable to work your scheduled date, please trade with someone on the schedule. Please do not call Cindi Larsen to find someone. Also, please do not leave only two people on duty.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All worship services this month are at Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 http://www.emmaus-racine.org			**1** Name of Our Lord *Offices closed*	**2** 11:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Ensayo del coro	**3**	**4** **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
Pastor Mary and Pastor Jhon Freddy on vacation						
5 Twelfth Night **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 pm Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**6** Epiphany 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY 	**7** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class	**8** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Women's Bible study 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm English conversation circles 6:00 pm God Time	**9** 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo del coro	**10** 6:00 pm Support group	**11** **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English)
12 Baptism of Our Lord **9:00 am Worship service** w/HC (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 pm Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**13** St. Knut 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY 	**14** Annual reports due 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:30 pm Church council (español) 6:30 pm Church council (English) at St. Andrew	**15** February *Visitor* articles due 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm English conversation circles 6:00 pm God Time	**16** 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo del coro	**17** 6:00 pm Support group	**18** Confession of St. Peter **4:30 pm Worship service** w/Holy Baptism & Communion (English)
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 am Musicians' rehearsal (English) **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** with First Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Green Team educational mtg. **12:00 pm Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**20** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 	**21** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class	**22** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm English conversation circles 6:00 pm God Time	**23** 1:30 pm NorthSide Food Pantry 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo del coro	**24** St. Timothy 6:00 pm Support group 	**25** Conversion of St. Paul **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity						
26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany; St. Titus **9:00 am Worship service** w/HC (English) **10:15 am Joint annual congregational meetings** with St. Andrew (English) **12:00 pm Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**27** Lydia, Dorcas & Phoebe 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 3:00 pm EASY	**28** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	**29** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm English conversation circles 6:00 pm God Time	**30** 9:00 am WCATY 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo del coro	**31** 6:00 pm Support group	February 1 **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew 4:30 pm Sanchéz-Garcia wedding, Fountain Hall

January Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jan. 4 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 5 9:00 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton	Team 1
Sat. Jan. 11 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 12 9:00 am	Pat Jensen	Cindi Larsen Nancy Smith	Jim Larrabee	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Jan. 18 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 19 9:00 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Shirley Velzka	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3
Sat. Jan. 25 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 26 9:00 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Karen Sedgwick Diane Melander	Ron Jensen	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Feb. 2 4:30 pm	TBD	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 3 9:00 am	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

January Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jan. 6	Carol Perce	W181S8540 Lodge Blvd #133, Muskego	53150
Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2704 James Avenue	53403
Jan. 29	Jan Bertram	1400 Eighth Avenue, Union Grove	53182

Readings for Year A

January 5:	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 12:	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
January 19:	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
January 26:	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
February 2:	Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

Environmental Stewardship

Keep Heat from Escaping Up the Chimney

by John Berge

It is that time of the year when, if you have a fireplace, someone wants a nice romantic fire. Or you may think that, since that big old tree was cut down in the back yard, this would be a nice way to heat the house. Wrong!

With the usual type of wood-burning fireplace, about 90% of the heat of combustion from those logs goes right up the chimney to heat the great outdoors. This also includes much of the heat you produced with your furnace. A fireplace burning wood produces about 20% radiant energy, which you feel when you sit or stand nearby, and 80% hot gases which go up the chimney.

A wood fire also needs a lot of air to burn, about 200 to 600 cubic feet per minute and frequently draws more. Unless you have added a source of outside air to the fireplace other than the house (a considerable expense and possible source of additional heat leaks), that means you are exhausting the equivalent of all the air in a 15- by 20-foot room every six to ten minutes.

If there is enough leakage around doors and windows, that is a lot of cold air coming in. If your house is quite tight, that air may be pulled down the flue for your furnace and gas water heater into your house with all the pollutants such as carbon monoxide and sulfides that may be there. If you leave the damper open until morning while the ashes and embers cool, it's like leaving a window open all night.

So what can you do if you still want a fire in the fireplace or to heat with wood? For the latter situation there are Franklin-type stoves which increase the radiation into the room considerably. They are usually installed with a combustion air tube coming down the chimney so as to not use air from inside the house; but there is no romantic fire to look at. Glass doors on a fireplace help some, as do heat exchangers that bring in room air, heat it in the grate, and pump it out into the room.

We installed a gas-burning insert in the fireplace. It uses outdoors combustion air, has a glass door, a thermoregulated blower, and looks almost like the real thing with flickering flames, glowing logs and embers. They are not cheap, but they add little, if anything, to the heating bill and don't produce the particulate pollution of a log fire. There are also DVD's of burning fires that you can play on the TV with no pollution and little cost.

Winter Envelopes Will Be in Narthex

As we continue efforts to control expenses, the next set of offering envelopes will be available for members to pick up in the narthex. We will mail envelopes to shut-ins and distant members who wish to have them, but at over $1 in postage per set, we try to mail out as few of them as we possibly can.

Members who use electronic funds transfers (EFTs) to make their offering contributions will not receive offering envelopes. We are also trying to cut costs by not ordering offering envelopes for members who tend not to use them.

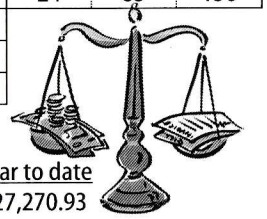
We will have some blank sets on hand for new or reactivated contributors, however.

If you are interested in arranging EFTs to Emmaus, click on the green "Electronic Fund Giving" button on our web site, www.emmaus-racine.org. You can arrange one-time or recurring gifts to Emmaus on a secure web site, either from your checking account or on your credit card. (Emmaus is charged a small percentage of credit card transactions.)

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Dec. 24, 2013)

	2011				2012			2013		
Thxgvg	138				70			120		
Advnt	78 + 376 = 454				156 + 207 = 363					
12/24	125 + 89 = 214				96 + 284 = 380			?? + 250		
	Sat	9:15	12:00	Wed	Sat	9:15	12:00	Sat	9:00	12:00
Dec	13	57	148	n/a	12	38	178	24	85	136
	2012				2013					
Jan	12	44	186	49	12	44	186			
Feb	14	43	183	10	14	43	183			



Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in November:	$ 10,491.40	$ 127,270.93

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Nov. '13 ..... $120.00 ..... Campaign TD: $71,572.62

Mortgage payments in Dec. '13: Principal $876.10
Interest..... $115.90
Total..... $992.00

Principal balance as of December, 13, 2013: $21,923.33

Elsewhere in Our Area

Norway Lutheran Serves Lutefisk and Meatballs

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 8(double check date). Servings are at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and include side dishes, beverages, many cakes and wonderful ethnic pastries.

Tickets go on sale January 1. Call Joanne Jacobson at 262 534-6867. Tickets are $17.50 for adults, $7.50 for children under 10 (free for children able to fit in a high chair), or $16.00 is offered for seniors.

Share Stories at RIC Leadership Retreat

Everyone has a story to tell. What stories can you tell about the choices that you have made, which have helped to shape the path of your life?

At this year's Racine Interfaith Council (RIC) Leadership Retreat at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 4701 Erie Street, Thursday, January 9, we will begin with the familiar story of Moses -- at the point when he is called by God to return to Egypt to confront the Pharoah with God's demand to free the Hebrew people from slavery. It is Moses' awakening to action. After reflecting on Moses' story, we will practice sharing a piece of our own stories in groups of two or three. What has moved you to take action? What has led you to assume a role of leadership in your congregation, with RIC, or in the larger community? Have you perceived God at work in this in any way?

Telling our stories will help us get to know one another and get in touch with some of our deepest values. The remainder of our evening together will focus on the action. New members have recently joined the RIC Board, representing their congregations. And new leaders are engaging with task forces, core teams, and the work of congregational mission. So we will provide some focused training for effective Board and team leadership. Equipped for leadership, inspired to action, and reconnected with our core values, we will be ready to go back out and work together to create the Beloved Community.

The retreat runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; please bring a dish to share. For further information, please contact Rev. Michael J. Mueller, Organizer, at 262 639-2072.

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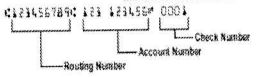

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Pastor Walter's Column

Expect Grace

This "Parson to Person" column Pastor Walter wrote for the Journal Times *in August, 2007, was read at his funeral by his daughter, Laura.*

I was having one of those days when everything seems to go wrong. I got a late start in the morning, left some important papers on the kitchen table, and learned that a proposal on which I had spent hours and hours preparing had been turned down.

And then something happened which made all of these minor annoyances fade into the background. I drove to a coffee shop to meet some friends. As I transferred from the driver's seat to my wheelchair, my foot got caught on the seat brace. Instead of having a cup of chai with my friends, I found myself on the floor of my van.

Pinned between the wheelchair and the driver's seat, I was completely helpless. After a minute or two of being angry, I started to cry.

I'm not telling you all of this to seek your sympathy or pity. I'm sure many of you can tell me stories of even worse days in your life. Perhaps it's the day when you lost your job or was a victim of a crime or experienced the agony of a loved one dying. This is not a competition to see who has had "the worst day ever." It's about what God does when we experience a Worst Day. This has to do with grace.

I am privileged to spend some time each week with seniors at several Lincoln Lutheran facilities. Last week, I asked them if they could describe the times in their life when God felt particularly close to them. I had imagined that the answers would be centered on memories of vivid sunsets or Thanksgiving dinner tables laden with food and surrounded by loved ones.

Instead, most of the people remembered feeling closest to God in times of loss or crisis. "I felt God's presence most clearly when my wife died." "God was closest to me during the war, when I was about to go into combat."

What was happening here? They had experienced just what I had found to be true on my Worst Day: we often experience God's

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presence and grace most clearly during times of sorrow or trial.

After I had a good cry on the floor of my van, I discovered that I could reach my hand back and pull out my cell phone. Using my one free hand, I called a friend who was willing to drop everything to come and help me. With a combination of ingenuity and muscle, he got me off of the floor and back into the driver's seat. I drove home humbled yet again by the incredible kindness of friends.

Still shaking from my experience, I entered the house and greeted my wife Lynn, telling her about my hard day. When I finished, she didn't respond with the expected sympathy or commiseration. Instead, she said, "Go look in the bedroom."

I entered the bedroom with some hesitation. When it comes to decorating, I'm not the most observant person in the world. Had she made a new pillow for the bed, or hung a new picture on the wall? What if I didn't notice what she had changed? It would be one more thing to add to my litany of bad events that day.

As I feared, I didn't notice it at first. But then I looked above the sliding glass door that gives me access to our back yard. There on the wall, stenciled in beautiful dark green capital letters, were the words "EXPECT GRACE."

I couldn't stop smiling. This was a two-word sermon which summed up everything that had happened to me that day. It recalled the apostle Paul's promises that there is nothing in death or life that can separate us from God's love, and that God will always give us access to the grace and strength we need to endure whatever trial or evil confronts us.

EXPECT GRACE reminds us that even though "bad things happen to good people," all people can look to God for good things, especially when bad things happen!

EXPECT GRACE doesn't downplay the difficulties of our situation, or make light of our pain. It just doesn't let them have the final word.

EXPECT GRACE challenges us to open our inner and outer eyes to the presence of God in the midst of our suffering. As I learned from my Lincoln Lutheran friends, our trials can be gates through which God can enter our lives.

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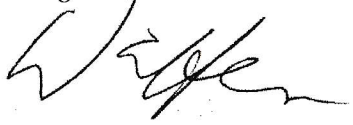
EXPECT GRACE invites us to be the bearers of grace to others in need. God can work through you to bring grace to others. Perhaps you can make a phone call to someone who is lonely, thank someone for a job well done, or even carry a picket sign for a just cause.

I was especially grateful that Lynn placed the sign above the glass door. It reminds me every morning that our world, which is so burdened by violence, pollution and hatred, is still filled to the brim with God's incredible amazing grace.

Just for fun, why not try to EXPECT GRACE today? Assume that God (or Spirit, or Creator) intends to touch you in your place of greatest need. All you have to do is receive the touch.

Watch out: you may be changed forever!



Rev. Walter Hermanns

Christmas Eve Filled the Sanctuary, Filled the Air with Music

The joint Christmas Eve worship service at St. Andrew, with a filled sanctuary of 200 people, was graced by music provided by Pastor Michael Mueller; Joyce Kaiser; Brass Nickel members Jim Mertins, Kathy and Roger Musack, Ed Bergles, and Deb Floyd; the Emmaus / St. Andrew choir; Brenda Trumbauer; Amy Haman and Monty Bedford.

Pam Robers and Pastor Mary led children's time and Pastor Michael preached, reminding us that we are all vulnerable just as Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were centuries ago. The service ended with the celebration of Holy Communion and singing Silent Night in candlelight. Thank you to all who made the special worship a true celebration of Jesus' birth!

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Outreach:

In memory of Rev. Walter Hermanns: $770.00 as of Dec. 23

In the January Visitor:

- *Women's Bible Study*
- *Emmaus, St. Andrew Church Councils Meet*
- *New Doors to Open*
- *Stewardship Drive Report*
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- *Marcano Begins Internship*
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- *A Flaw in the Flue?*
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Congregation Elects Leadership, Approves Budget

Following a joint meeting in the Emmaus sanctuary of FaithWorks North on January 26, Emmaus and St. Andrew members met in separate meetings to discuss business of their respective congregations. Both groups approved deficit budgets, while also committing to be about the ongoing work of streamlining and combining expenses throughout the coming year.

Emmaus approved the renewal of the FaithWorks covenant for the coming year and elected Art Smith and Rich Benson to be the Emmaus representatives on the FaithWorks Mission Council for 2014.

Council members elected include: Chris Lamberton (President), Cindi Larsen (Vice-president), Missy Porcaro (secretary), Art Smith (Treasurer), Brenda Trumbauer (Worship and Music), Carolyn Wooster (Stewardship), Cathy Meyer (Member Care), Rich Benson (Youth), Pat Jensen and Cheryl Dexter (Congregational Fellowship) and Loren Larsen (Building and Grounds).

Appreciation was expressed to the 2013 council for their leadership, including Kathy Christensen, Diane Melander, Stacy Steinike, and Melissa Lemke, who are stepping down after completing their terms.

Open positions on the council include Social Concerns, Education and Sustainability/ Fundraising.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Mabel PeterMary Christensen Jan. 26, 2014	Mabel is the daughter of David and Heather Christensen and granddaughter of Rich & Kathy Christensen. Her sponsors are James & JoAnn Weishan.
Funerals: John Psiones January 4, 2014	John Psiones, father of Julie Field and James Psiones, died on December 30 at the age of 90. His wife, Shirley Scheel Psiones, died in 1995. John had served Emmaus on church council, Cluster council, and as auditor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Philippines and New Guinea 1943-46, and retired from Twin Disc.
Jerome Doughty January 17, 2014	Jerry Doughty met his wife-to-be, Renate, in Paris while he was serving in the U.S. Army in 1959; they married the next year and made their home in Racine. They have one son, Scott, living in Waukesha.

We Ask for Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the family of Michael A. Philopulous, nephew of the late Grace and Frank Unger and cousin of Lyle Christensen; Michael died at age 43.

Emmaus, St. Andrew to Serve Community Meal February 6

It's Emmaus' and St. Andrew's turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 6. 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.

Door Replacement Plans Are Reassessed

During the many weeks we have been limping along with malfunctioning front and back doors, a number of proposals and estimates have been considered to remedy the problems. Complete replacement of the doors and hardware, together with upgrading the lock system for security, was first considered. However, the cost for new doors, including the new high tech security measures proposed, was prohibitive.

In their January meeting, the church council decided that other options needed to be studied. Since that time, Loren Larsen and Pastor Mary have met with representatives of the lock and security company and have received a new quote that fits within the designated dollars budgeted for the project. That would include using the existing doors while completely changing and upgrading all the hardware, including handles, locks and openers. New weather stripping would also make the doors more airtight.

Rather than traditional keys, the reworked doors would function with a system of fobs that would allow for tighter security and access, giving the ability to delete lost fobs through computer programming. As Pastor Mary puts it, "This would be like total knee and hip replacement and a pacemaker put into the existing body, still making use of what works, but replacing what doesn't."

Because old keys will no longer work in this proposed radical update of our doors, those people who are in need of "keys" at the time of the project completion will have to request new ones. Rather than a traditional key, a small fob, which can be attached to a key chain, will be issued. A contribution of $5.00 per fob will be required, and each fob will be computer programmed to the name of the holder. It will then be possible to track times and dates of all entries made with a fob, including which issued fob has been used to enter the church.

The executive committee of the council has given the locksmith the go ahead to order parts, and the installation will take place after the weather moderates.

We are grateful for a very generous gift of memorial money in memory of Al Beck, which makes up the majority of the designated gifts for the project.

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Bakken to Present Cool Congregation Program

The St. Andrew and Emmaus Green Teams will present a second forum on "Caring for Creation: Our Faith Motivation" during coffee hour after church Sunday, February 16, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Dr. Peter Bakken will join us for some conversation on climate change before we begin the program in earnest.

Dr. Bakken, an "eco-theologian" of the ELCA, has done considerable work promoting faith-based advocacy on issues from climate change to hunger and health care reform. He comes from the Madison area and has worked with former Emmaus pastor Jeff Wild in co-authoring *Church on Earth: Grounding Your Ministry in a Sense of Place.*

We will sign up in small groups, mixing the groups with members of both congregations so we can get to know each other. Each of the groups will be invited to three house parties over the course of the year. We will calculate how many pounds of carbon your household is using and how it compares to the average amount used by families in the United States.

You can then take simple steps toward fulfilling a faith-based pledge to cut your energy use, often saving money in the process! There are lots of ideas, come of which cost little to nothing. At the end of the year, we'll see what we have been able to save.

We keep the faith by keeping the earth.

As We Grow Bigger Together, Let's Grow Deeper Together

By Revs. David Rhoads & Sandy Roberts

A recent issue of the *Lutheran* magazine had an article on church renewal that quotes Dave Daubert, the pastor/consultant who led our FaithWorks retreat in the fall of 2012 and who has continued to advise FaithWorks as we move forward. In the article, Pastor Daubert makes a statement that could become a "treasure map" to guide us in our growth together:

"The central part of renewing church is renewing our spiritual life first, then mission

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Mark Your Calendars for Lent

FaithWorks pastors have met to make preliminary plans for the 2014 Lenten season. FaithWorks North (St. Andrew, Emmaus and Emaús) will worship together at Emmaus Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. The bilingual service will include prayers, music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. FaithWorks South (Our Savior's and Atonement) will worship together at Atonement that evening.

Wednesday evenings March 12 through April 2, each pair of congregations will have their own Wednesday evening light supper and worship. The services for St. Andrew and Emmaus will take place at Emmaus, with dinner for the kids at 5:30 and for adults at 6:00 p.m. Between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. there will be meditation and prayer time in the sanctuary followed by a short worship service of music, reflection and prayer from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The Wednesday before Holy Week, April 9, all FaithWorks congregations are invited to Emmaus to the children-led Prayer Walk of the Passion. The following Sunday, Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, services will be held at St. Andrew, Atonement and Atonement West.

Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held jointly for all the FaithWorks congregations. There is no Easter Vigil service planned. More information on finalized plans for Holy Week and Easter will appear in next month's newsletter.

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English language services are held at Emmaus during odd-numbered months every Saturday evening at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00; we worship at those same times at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, during even-numbered months. Spanish language services are held at Emmaus noon on Sundays.

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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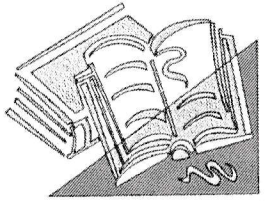
St. Andrew Book Study Invites Lydia Circle

Rather than the regularly scheduled Lydia Circle Bible study on the second Wednesday of February, the Emmaus women are invited to be a part of the St. Andrew study/discussion group meeting at St. Andrew, Thursday, February 13. The group is currently discussing portions of the book *Sabbath* by Wayne Muller, and Pastor Michael will make a copy of the chapter to be discussed to those who would like to read it ahead of time. The group meets in the Fireside Room at St. Andrew at 9:00 a.m. every Thursday. All Emmaus women are invited to any and all of the Thursday gatherings.



Emmaus Hosts Women's Entrepreneurship Session

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC), a statewide economic development corporation, in partnership with Emmaus Lutheran Church, is hosting an informational session Saturday, February 1, 8:00 a.m. to noon, for individuals who are thinking about starting a business. Even if you're just exploring the idea of owning a business, attending this session will give you the tools you need to understand whether it could be right for you. In addition, it will provide a wealth of great resources and practical advice to get you started.

Reservations are required; please call Pr. Jhon Freddy at 262.634.5515 (ext. 2). The session is in English; Spanish translation is available upon prior request.

Are After School Activities Still On?

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) and Serving and Learning Together (SALT), Wednesday supper, and other activities will be canceled whenever weather conditions close Racine Unified Schools.

Check emmaus-racine.org, our Facebook page, or www.tmj4.com for current conditions.

Carroll University Students Meet EASY Kids

Wow! What a fun two weeks for the EASY kids as the students from Carroll University worked and played together. Kathy Kramer, the niece of our Kathy Christensen, came to Racine for two weeks with a group of ten undergraduate students. The purpose of this field education visit was to meet with community leaders to gain a better understanding of the inner workings of a diverse inner city community. They were fortunate to experience hands on with the EASY kids. And, likewise, the kids were thrilled to have the extra attention.

Relationships between the two groups grew easily. They played games, worked together on homework, and readily engaged them in their math and vocabulary workbooks. There was absolute glee as both groups tried a variety of science experiments, some new, some old. The entire group screamed and cheered as one of the Carroll students tried his hand at the Newton Egg Drop. Five glasses of colored water were placed below a cafeteria-sized tray. The kids centered a toilet paper roll over each of the glasses, then placed an egg atop each roll. When the tray was hit, lo and behold, each egg landed in their respective glass. Even the Carroll student was flabbergasted that this experiment worked. Their time together concluded with an afternoon of building Lego robotics and connecting them to computers to program movement and sound.

Youth Birthdays

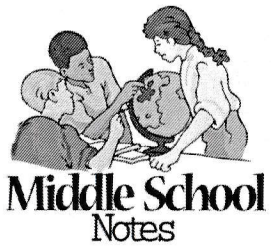
Feb. 4 Emily Montalvo, 3
Feb. 6 Trista Meteyard, 8
Feb. 8 Ismael Saldivar, 10
Feb. 13 Alicea Castulo, 15
Feb. 14 Manuel Martinez, Jr., 2
Feb. 15 Rose Rubio, 2
Feb. 27 Carlos Saldivar, 11

Member Care Team Welcomes Help

By Cathy Meyer

We need extra people to make phone calls, write cards, and visit shut-ins. Even an hour a month would help make someone's life a little better. Make 2014 the year you take that extra step to get involved. Call Cathy Meyer (321-0050) if you can help.

Emmaus to Host WCATY



Emmaus will open our doors to the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) on Thursday, February 20 and Friday, March 21. WCATY will conduct classes for academically talented middle schoolers from the area.

WCATY will offer four online courses for these gifted, talented, and high achieving students. A part of the coursework includes the opportunity to meet together with their instructors and their classmates in face to face meetings.

Cindi Larsen, Gifted and Talented Coordinator for RUSD, has worked with David Metzger at McKinley and the other middle school counselors to arrange the classes for this year. RUSD would like to express its thanks for the cooperation of Emmaus in permitting us the use of the church facility. The face to face meetings will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bible Readings in February

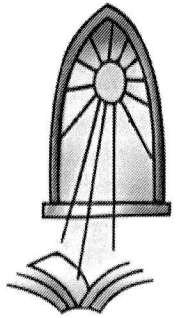
February 2: Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12.
OR Presentation of Our Lord: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7–10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40

February 9: Isaiah 58:1–9a [or –12]; Psalm 112:1–9 [or -10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [or –16]; Matthew 5:13–20.

February 16: Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37.

February 23: Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5:38–48.

March 2: Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9.



'Noisy Offering' Collected on Souper Bowl Sunday

The Super Bowl takes place on Sunday, February 2, and approximately 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch. As many are enjoying abundant food and friendship while hosting or attending parties, approximately 1 billion people will be hungry.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an ecumenical, youth-led movement, with more than 2,000 ELCA youth groups raising money for hunger-related charities each year.

At the February 1 and 2 worship services, drop a dollar in a soup pot during 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.

Thanks to Food Pantry Volunteers

Thank you to the many Emmaus volunteers who have worked throughout the year on the fourth Thursday of the month at the NorthSide Food Pantry: Jim and Mary Larrabee, Cheryl Dexter, Marge Zielke, Diane Melander, Boots LeRoux, Pat and Ron Jensen, June Beck, Kathy and Rich Christensen, and Karen Sedgwick and Art Smith.

Emmaus is so blessed to have such willing volunteers to give of themselves in serving in this important ministry.

Volunteer Schedule

February 27: Boots LeRoux, Pat and Ron Jensen, James Larrabee

March 27: June Beck, James Larrabee, Cheryl Dexter, Art Smith

Scrip Available After Services

By Cathy Meyer

Scrip gift cards make great Valentine gifts. We have many gift cards on hand and can special order others from a wide variety of businesses. Scrip cards will be sold after services both Saturday and Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Meyer (321-0050).

Bethesda Residents Felt Welcome

Pastor Mary and Pastor Freddy,

I work for Bethesda Lutheran Communities in a group home for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Sturtevant. It can be hard to get our people to church, and harder to find a church where we feel they are not just tolerated, but welcomed. Several weeks ago, we visited Emmaus Lutheran, where my co-worker, Laura Bernett, is a member. We found the church welcoming, but the 9:00 a.m. service time didn't work with our home's schedule.

This week, we decided to try the Spanish language service. Even though we didn't know anyone, we have rarely felt so welcomed anywhere. Our people enjoyed singing and clapping to the music, and receiving Communion. We didn't understand much of the sermon, but I felt the deep love Pastor Freddy has for his people, and the love and welcome his people gave us. Everyone went out of their way to greet our people, and Pastor Freddy thanked us from the pulpit for blessing his congregation with our people (in English, so we'd understand).

¡Gracias, mis amigos!

Daniel Kirk

HALO Sends Thanks for Holiday Gifts

Dear friends at St. Andrew, Emmaus and Atonement:

Thank you for your generous donation of toys and gifts to this year's holiday Adopt-a-Family program. We were able to continue our outreach to many organizations that serve families living in poverty or near poverty. Our childcare staff was once again very happy to play the holiday elves to your Santa. Your generosity never ceases to amaze and astound us.

Your thoughtfulness, especially at this time of year, helped 94 Racine County families experience the joy of giving and receiving. Included in these families there is a total of 258 children who will forever have wonderful memories of the special presents they received this year.

Through your support, HALO continues to produce positive outcomes for our community by transforming lives and advancing our mission to identify and address causes of poverty and homelessness.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kober, Family Program director

Worship at St. Andrew in February

Emmaus and St. Andrew will worship together in St. Andrew's sanctuary, 1015 Four Mile Road, in the month of February.

February 2014 Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Feb. 1 4:30 pm	M. Porcaro, Marge & Amy Zielke			
Sun. Feb. 2 9:00 am	Grace Falaschi			
Sat. Feb. 8 4:30 pm	Denise & Brian Keller			
Sun. Feb. 9 9:00 am	Pat Jensen			
Sat. Feb. 15 4:30 pm				
Sun. Feb. 16 9:00 am				
Sat. Feb. 22 4:30 pm				
Sun. Feb. 23 9:00 am				
Sat. Mar. 1 4:30 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 2 9:00 am	TBA	Chris Lamberton	Amy Haman	Team 1
Wed. Mar. 5 7:00 pm	TBA	TBA	—	Team 2 R. Christensen

Fellowship Hosts:

March 2: Marge & Amy Zielke and Missy Porcaro

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	Bernice Helding	401 Center St., Birnamwood WI	54414
Feb. 20	John Demant	8600 Corporate Dr., #1	53406
Feb. 21	Constance Bertermann	135 Avie Ct., Brookfield, WI	53045

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 am WWBIC entrepreneurship class 9:00 am Clase de confirmación 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion at St. Andrew (English)
2 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY; PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	***3*** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	***4*** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class	***5*** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm God Time 6:00 pm English conversation circles	***6*** 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro (español) 7:00 pm FaithWorks council	***7*** 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	***8*** 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion at St. Andrew (English)
9 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 pm Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' camp (bilingual)	***10*** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	***11*** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:30 pm Church council (español)	***12*** LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline *No Lydia Circle in Feb.* 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm God Time 6:00 pm English conversation circles	***13*** 9:00 am Women's book study at St. Andrew 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	***14*** VALENTINE'S DAY 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 	***15*** 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión 2:00 pm M. Martinez baptism **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion at St. Andrew (English)
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23 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	***24*** ST. MATTHIAS 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	***25*** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	***26*** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm God Time 6:00 pm English conversation circles	***27*** 1:30 pm NorthSide Food Pantry 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	***28*** 6:00 pm Bible study (español)	March 1 ST. DAVID 9:00 am Clase de confirmación 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion at Emmaus (English)

Pink Paddling Power Peddles Pasta

By Joy Lippmann

Pink Paddling Power is a breast cancer survivor support group and dragon boat team based in Racine since 2006. PPP is affiliated with Wheaton Franciscan Cancer Center – All Saints. Our mission is to educate women about cancer survivorship as well as to practice the sport of dragon boat paddling and racing.

In 2012, we represented U.S. breast cancer survivors at the World Club Crew Championships in Hong Kong. We have been invited to compete again in the World Club Crew Championships this coming September in Ravenna, Italy.

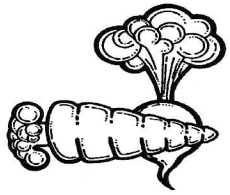
Pink Paddling Power will host a pasta feast at Buona Vita Restaurant, 3701 Durand Avenue, on Sunday, February 23, from 11:00 to 2:00, to raise funds for the trip to Italy. The cost is $10.00 per dinner, or $5.00 for kids 5 and under; beverages and dessert are available for an additional purchase. See Joy Lippmann or any other Pink Paddling member for tickets, or call 554-5508. All proceeds benefit Pink Paddling Power.

Grant Proposals Due February 1

Pastor Mary, Pastor Dana O'Brien, Nancy Smith, and consultant Susan Gould have been doing ongoing work in the past weeks in preparation for an initial grant request to be made of the WheatRidge Foundation on February 1. The grant request, being done on behalf of the FaithWorks congregations, has a strong emphasis on nutrition and wellness.

Should there be an invitation by WheatRidge for FaithWorks to progress with the next steps of the proposal, that would be announced by March 1. Further refinement of the three-year proposal would then have to be completed by late spring.

RUGN to Manage Emmaus Community Garden



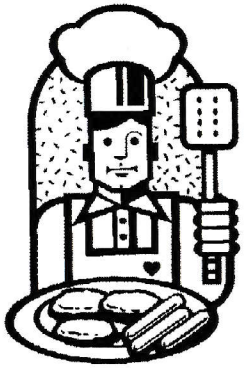
Following discussion regarding the best use of garden space at Emmaus, it has been decided the Racine Urban Garden Network (RUGN) will manage the space, designating it as a community garden. Individual plots will be available for a modest price, with first priority given to Emmaus / Emaús members. Watch for more details regarding plans for the Emmaus Garden of Eatin'!

Garden, Market Volunteers Sought

St. Andrew member Jane Witt expressed the need for garden and market volunteers for the upcoming season of the St. Andrew garden. In addition to a paid garden manager, help is needed in planting, weeding, harvesting, baking and more. Do you have an hour or more a week during the growing season to lend a hand in this worthwhile ministry of food? For more information, contact Pastor Michael or the St. Andrew office at 639-2072. Many hands make light work!

Wednesday Night Help Needed

Are you able to give two hours of your time one Wednesday night a month? If you can fill water and milk glasses or don rubber gloves and serve part of a meal to 60+ eager, hungry kids, your help is needed! Or, if you would like to bake cookies or bars for a crowd of about 75, there would be some mighty big smiles and words of thanks for the homemade treats for dessert!

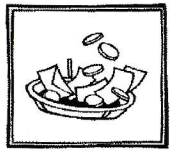


Wednesday night meals are a highlight for so many each week. If you can spare some time from 4:30 to 6:30 on a Wednesday, give Laura Bernett a holler or contact the church office. We need you!

And thanks to those who are already pitching in: Lou Barrera, Barb Larsen, Nancy Posadas, Kathy Christensen, Brenda Trumbauer, and all the others who lend a hand!

Offering Envelopes Are in Narthex

Our offering envelopes for February through May are in alphabetical order in a tray in the narthex for members to pick up.



If your envelope number was between 151 and 230 last year, you have been assigned a new number below 150. This should not affect your offering records; the office has already been using your new number since the beginning of the year.

To trim costs, we have not ordered offering envelopes for members who generally give "loose" offerings or who contribute by electronic funds transfers. We have mailed only those envelopes assigned to members who are not able to attend church regularly. Please give the church office a call if you would like your envelopes mailed or delivered to your home.

Pastor Mary Will Be Away in February

Pastor Mary will be away for the month of February. Pastoral emergencies should be directed to the Emmaus office or to Pastor Michael.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of John Psiones: $125.00

Designated for Outreach:

In memory of Rev. Walter Hermanns: $1,020.00

Crunching the Numbers

FW-North weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Jan. 27)

	2012				2013			2014		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Wed	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
Jan	12	44	186	49	12	44	186	17	66	135
Feb	14	43	183	10	14	43	183			
Mar	17	56	189	14	13	70	154			

Emmaus Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in December 2013:	$ 26,851.20	$ 154,093.43

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Dec. '13 ..... $120.00 ..... Campaign TD: $71,692.62

Mortgage payments in Dec. '13: Principal $876.10

Interest $115.90

Total $992.00

Principal balance as of Jan. 14, 2014: $21,923.33

St. Andrew Boutique to Open

The St. Andrew Boutique will be open after the February first and second worship hours at St. Andrew. There are items appropriate for gifts for Valentines Day and lots of jewelry with many items half priced. The boutique will be open through the last weekend in February and then will close for the season.

FaithWorks Receives ELCA Grant for Funding

An initial grant request of the ELCA on behalf of FaithWorks was made last June. Grant monies were sought to cover expenses for a proposed community youth pastor and for the work by a local consultant in the area of developing a wellness initiative. The grant request, made possible due to the creation of a new grant category with a focus on ELCA Area Mission Strategies, was then sent to Chicago and reviewed by an ELCA panel. While the initial request of over $100,000 was slashed considerably, the review panel did put a conditional hold on $32,000 for funding in 2014. They made the release of the funds contingent on a refinement of the original grant proposal and budget, which was then resubmitted to the ELCA in December.

The reworked proposal modified the full-time staff position of an ordained pastor to half-time in the area of youth / young families (serving the wider FaithWorks community) and half-time as pastor / mission redeveloper in the Emmaus / St. Andrew partnership. Additional specifics regarding staffing and ministry were addressed, and an additional $16,000 was also requested in the revised budget proposal.

Based on a January 17 communication from the churchwide office of the ELCA, the $32,000 that was previously on hold has been released. Further refinement of the missional plan will be required in order to receive partnership support beyond 2014. A May deadline has been set for the submission of that proposal. The national church will also want the pastor redeveloper and other key leaders of FaithWorks to be involved in Missional Leader Training scheduled to take place in Detroit July 30-August 3, 2014.

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- ❑ Debt Retirement $_____
- ❑ Memorials _____ $_____
- ❑ Outreach _____ $_____
- ❑ Neighborhood Camp $_____
- ❑ Other _____ $_____

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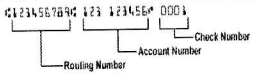

I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

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Please charge my payments to my (check one): ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express ❑ Discover Card

Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date:
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Billing Address (if different from above):	

I authorize the above church to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): _____ Date: _____

Grow Deeper Together

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work second, vibrancy third, and maybe then growth. It's not a numbers game, it's spiritual belief and passion." ("Renew and Renovate," by Jane Oppermann, *The Lutheran*, January 2014, p. 22)

The article goes on to talk about the need for ongoing transformation, indeed conversion, in our life together as congregations.

In our merger, we are so fortunate to be experiencing combined numbers and lots of vibrancy. We are also experiencing a renewed sense of mission as we embrace each other's passions for serving the neighborhood of Emmaus and adopting the commitment to share food from the St. Andrew garden with those less fortunate in the Racine community.

In all of this expansion, let us not forget that renewing our spiritual life must undergird all the rest. In addition to going bigger, let's also go deeper, deeper into the life of the Spirit and into our relationships with each other. We are in process of solving some of our financial problems. But that is no reason to rest on our laurels. Rather, that can free us to pursue more fully the strengthening of our faith as we revitalize our experience of community.

There are so many opportunities in activities that already exist for us to be intentional about growing deeper: new worship experiences, hearing new pastors and voices of the laity, meeting and making new friends, chances to talk at the coffee hour, the St. Andrew Bible study on Thursday mornings, the Emmaus educational programs on Wednesday evenings, the combining of committees, the small groups provided by the green team Cool Congregation program, the joining of youth groups, the shared work on mission projects. We can see these as opportunities to share our faith commitments with each other.

Let's use all of these as fresh opportunities to learn more about our faith, to renew our prayer life and our love of God, to deepen our love for one another, to care for those among us who are ill or troubled or struggling, and together to find new ways to care for God's creation. Let's be intentional about talking with each other about what matters most to us in our effort to find our renewed identity as people of God in this corner of the world.

As Paul said in Romans: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God."

Environmental Stewardship

Clean Water Is Vital Resource

by John Berge

With the recent chemical spill into the Kanawha River in West Virginia, and the resulting draconian ban on the use of tap water for drinking, dish washing, cooking, bathing and other uses, we see once again the importance of clean water in our lives. Can you imagine how that would affect your household if it happened here?

In the creation stories of Genesis, the wind blew over the waters and they were separated above and below the dome or a stream came from the earth to water the land in the first "days" of creation. Water was very important to the people of the Bible since they lived in a land of desert and frequently suffered droughts. The ancient Greeks had water as one of the four elements along with earth, air and fire. Without fire our Wisconsin weather would be quite untenable; without earth, we would be "lost in space." But without air and water, we cannot live.

In our prayers, we should thank God for our abundant supply of clean, fresh and wholesome water. In our actions, we should do all in our power to keep our water clean, fresh and wholesome. What we put on our lawns or spill in the streets goes quickly into Lake Michigan, the source of drinking water for most of us. If we pour unwanted medications down the toilet or sink rather than hold onto them until the medicine collection occurs in spring and fall, we contaminate our water supply.

Unwanted, left-over water-based paints should be left to dry in the opened can and then put in the regular trash; cans of wet paint put in the trash will be crushed in the truck and the paint ends up in our streets and waterways.

Oil-based paints and varnishes, pesticides, organic solvents, mercury containing products and other chemicals should be saved for the Household Hazardous Waste collections that in Racine are held monthly from April through October. There are separate collections for agricultural chemical waste.

All the salt we put on our streets, walkways and parking lots ends up in the lake (or the Mississippi River for those members of the congregation west of the mini-continental divide). So many of our actions directly affect our drinking water that we should think before we act.

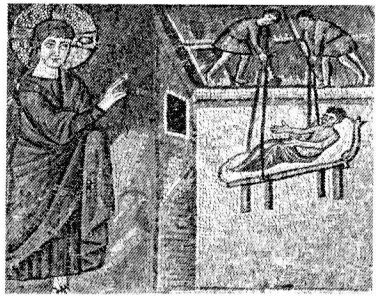
Meal Site Seeks Coordinator

The Racine Cluster Community Meal Program, which operates every Sunday evening, is looking for an onsite coordinator beginning in early March. This paid position involves interacting with guests and supervising volunteers to serve and clean up at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2219 Washington Avenue, Racine, every other Sunday evening. To apply or receive further information please contact Pastor Dana O'Brien by phone at 414-916-3241 or by email at danalobrien@gmail.com.

Applications are due by February 14.

Elsewhere in Our Area

RIC Serves Love & Justice Breakfast



2014 Racine Interfaith Coalition February 15, Love and Justice Breakfast at Christ Church-United Methodist, 5109 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI 53406. This event is 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served promptly at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are $12.00; Ages 5-12 $5.00 and Under 5 Free. Tickets can be purchased at the RIC Office, 2302A DeKoven Avenue, Racine, 53403 (please call the office first before coming-office hours vary) or contact a RIC Board of Director for tickets.

Gentle Worship Meets Special Needs

Someone you know needs Gentle Worship. The couple who has been married 50 years, and one of them now has dementia... The family who has a child with autism... The single mother with a boy who just can't sit still... The man who relies on his service dog to get around...

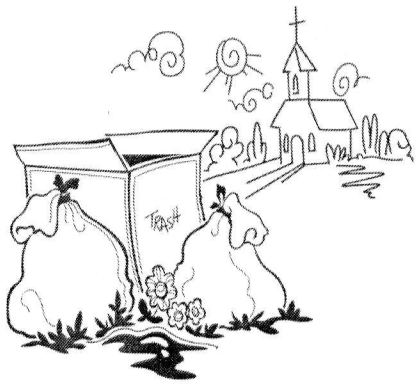
These are the folks you might find at Gentle Worship, a 30 minute monthly service designed for folks with disabilities or special needs. Please spread the word to those that you know who may not feel comfortable in a typical Sunday church service, but hunger for a chance to be part of a worshiping congregation!

Their next service is Saturday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Communion Northwest Campus, 5040 Northwestern Ave.

Pastor Mary's Column

What's Essential? What's Not?

What does a pastor do with a weekend when she isn't busy doing sermon prep or isn't "up front" preaching and leading worship? This pastor spent much of the past weekend off in the basement sorting, organizing, schlepping, labeling, and disposing of "stuff." Upstairs... downstairs... to the attic... to the trash... to recycling... to a friend... to a temporary storage area. So much to process! So many decisions!



What amazed me was the thought process that took place when I awoke just a few hours after collapsing in bed exhausted that Saturday night. I wasn't rewriting the sermon in my head, as often happens in those awake times on the weekends. Rather, I kept seeing parallels between life at church and the whole process of emptying the basement at home, which is being done, by the way, in preparation for an upcoming renovation.

How do we visualize something new when we are almost literally buried by the old? How can we make better use of space? What needs to be shared, because it's no longer of use? What do we need to let go of in order to have freedom, creative space and the ease of moving unencumbered? What can be re-purposed? What might best serve future needs? What are we clinging to because of nostalgia and memories?

Fortunately, the longer the Smiths and I have lived in our home on Main Street, the easier it has become to decide what is essential and what is not. And we have been working together in the basement, purging, reorganizing, and consulting along the way. Oh, by no means do we have it all figured out, nor do we always agree! But each of us has pitched in, and we have done our best to take one another into consideration as we do our "reorganization" in preparation for something new.

I see much of the same occurring as we, the people of St. Andrew and Emmaus, are "sorting out" what we hold as most treasured in our patterns and

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Pastor Mary's Column

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practices, and yes, even our "stuff." I am reminded of a big word I learned years ago at seminary: audiaphora. That's a word that refers to what is "extra" or "non-essential, something that is neither prohibited nor prescribed in scripture." In other words, some things are essential or non-negotiable, and others can be considered "audiaphora" and even superfluous.

As we continue our life of worship together, we are entering more frequent conversations about "What is next?" "Where do our core beliefs and values lie, and what is audiaphora?" At times, it's easy to be impatient with our partnership process, but then we do have to consider that it does take time to build relationship and trust as we move forward together. We have agreed that, as followers of Jesus, we are called to be a missional church and to share the life-giving Good News to ALL of God's creation. As we continue in conversation with God and with one another, I'm convinced the Holy Spirit will help us move to the next steps—helping us to sort and reorganize and communicate in love, and, yes, even to shed the audiophora when necessary. God is about making all things new! I count it a blessing to be a part of this Emmaus / St. Andrew "renewal team" as we move forward together!

So, back to work...there is still a lot of processing, culling, and communicating to be done as we "roll up our sleeves" together!

Pastor Mary

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New Door System

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As his wife, June, shared, "It is only fitting...Al was on the building committee and was one of the first to walk through those doors when we worshiped together the first time on Easter Sunday. He was one of the last to be carried through those doors, and now in his memory, those doors will be inviting others to enter in the generations to come."

In the February Visitor:

- Community Meal
- Door Replacement
- Cool Congregations Speaker
- Let's Grow Deeper Together
- Lenten Worship Plans
- Women's Book Study
- Pioneers Meet EASY
- Member Care
- Souper Bowl Sunday
- Pink Paddlers' Pasta
- Garden Report
- St. Andrew Boutique
- What's Essential?

...and plenty more

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Emmaus Hosts FaithWorks North Wednesday Services

FaithWorks North (Saint Andrew, Emmaus and Emaús) will worship together at Emmaus Ash Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. The bilingual service will include prayers, music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

On Wednesday evenings March 12 through April 2, the services for St. Andrew and Emmaus will take place at Emmaus, with dinner for the kids at 5:30 and for adults at 6:00 p.m. Between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. there will be meditation and prayer time in the sanctuary followed by a short worship service of music, reflection and prayer from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

On April 9, the Wednesday before Holy Week, all FaithWorks congregations are invited to Emmaus to the children-led Prayer Walk of the Passion. The following Sunday, Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, services will be held at St. Andrew, Atonement and Atonement West.

Atonement will host a Passover Seder for all FaithWorks congregations on Maundy Thursday, and St. Andrew will be the site of a joint Good Friday worship service.

The Emaús Latino congregation will have an Easter Vigil service at Emmaus Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Manuel Martinez, Jr. Feb. 15, 2014	Manuel is the son of Nina and Santiago Martinez.
Sophia Elizabeth Bernal Feb. 22, 2014	Sophia is the daughter of Alisia Lira.
Memorial service: Geraldine Herrmann Dykstra Service pending	Geraldine Dykstra was Emmaus's first woman usher and donated several of the items that grace our worship space in memory of her husband, Clarence, and of their children, Lennie and Judy Dykstra.

Remember Them in Your Prayers

Please keep the family of Marge Jensen's brother, Don Lambert, in your prayers. Mr. Lambert was a resident of Dallas, Texas.

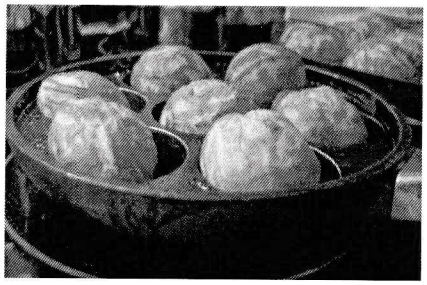
Daylight Saving Time Resumes

Early to bed and early to rise may or may not make you healthy, wealthy, or wise; but they will help make you on time for church on the morning of Sunday, March 9 when Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to spring ahead one hour on Saturday night, setting your clocks 60 minutes forward before you drop off to sleep.

Souper Bowl of Caring Tops $7 Million

As of February 19, nearly 6,000 groups around the country collected $7,345,859 in cash and food items for the 2014 Souper Bowl of Caring. Emmaus and St. Andrew raised $182.39 through a "noisy offering" on February 1 and 2. The money collected at St. Andrew will be donated to the Northside Food Pantry.

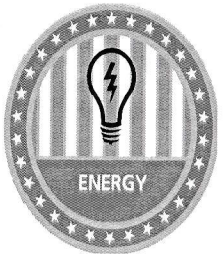
Æbleskiver Brunch Served March 2



Emmaus will host an æbleskiver brunch after the worship service on Sunday, March 2. Æbleskiver are a Danish breakfast treat like a pancake but fluffier like a popover and more spherical, about the size of a tennis ball. They may be made with or without apple slices inside, and topped with syrup, powdered sugar, or jam.

Brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering to benefit the Green Team will be taken.

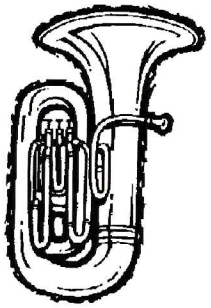
Green Team Invites All to Meeting



So that everyone who wishes can enjoy the æbleskiver breakfast on March 2, the FaithWorks North Green Team will hold our Cool Congregations organizing meeting immediately afterward in the Sunset Room upstairs. The Green Team will give you the forms you need to gather your footprint information at that meeting.

We will also be sure everyone is signed up for their first party in April. If you are unable to be there, please let us know at 633-5438, and someone will meet with you separately.

Brass Nickel Returns for Easter Worship



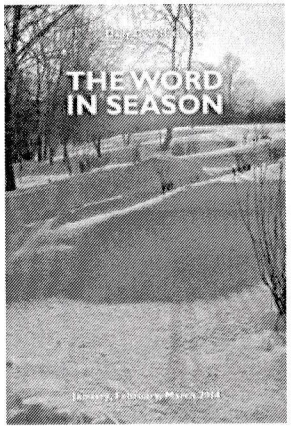
The Brass Nickel will provide special music for our Festival Easter services on April 20. Donations to help defray the cost can be earmarked "Easter Music" on your offering envelope. Note the amount on the blank on the right side of your offering envelope and note "Easter music" above it, or include that notation on your check if you do not use your offering envelope. If you make your donation on line (you may use the "Electronic Fund Giving" link at www.emmaus-racine.org), select "Other" as the category and note "Easter music" in the space provided.

New Devotional Booklets Have Arrived

By Cathy Meyer

Look for a new devotional booklet beginning with the April through June publication.

For many years, we have offered *Portals of Prayer*, but this devotional is no longer printed by Augsburg Publishing Company. We are now ordering *The Word in Season*, which reflects on the themes of the ELCA's Sunday texts as well as relevant meditations throughout the week.



The Word in Season is edited by Pastor Rochelle Melander, daughter of Emmaus member Diane Melander.

The new devotional will be available in both the pocket size print and the large print edition. If you cannot get to church to pick up a copy of the new devotional, call the church office (634-5515) to request one to be delivered to you.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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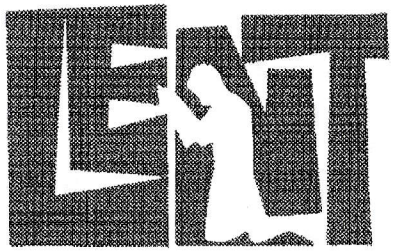
English language services are held at Emmaus on Saturday evening at 4:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:00 during odd-numbered months, and at those same times at St. Andrew during even-numbered months. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon. Bilingual Lenten worship services are at Emmaus on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting March 5.

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 17. Please submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

Bishop Barrow Pens OFH Lenten Devotion Series

Bishop Jeff Barrow is this year's author of the Outreach for Hope Lenten devotions. Jeff has titled his devotions, "The Holy Places." Journey with Bishop Jeff as he shares personal stories of the places in his ministry and life that have inspired his faith and drawn him toward the cross.



Sign up in the narthex or email the church office (emmausracine@sbcglobal.net) to have Bishop Barrow's daily devotion sent to you. You may choose to receive the devotion by mail or by email.

This is the fourth year that a Lenten devotional resource is being made available in conjunction with Outreach for Hope's "Dollar a Day for Poverty" Lenten offering.

We encourage our parishioners to observe a Lenten discipline of giving a Dollar a Day for Poverty during the 40 days of Lent. The offerings received will support the 21 congregations and ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod which are working to be the presence of Christ in the poorest communities of our Synod.

Emmaus receives significant Outreach For Hope monies to support our after school, Wednesday night, and Neighborhood Camp programs each year, so we are some of the fortunate recipients of the money from fund raisers such as Dollar a Day for Poverty.

Listening Session Set to Revitalize Local Clusters

The Cluster Re-organization Task Force invites all those interested – both rostered and lay leaders – to attend a listening session to share your thoughts on the future of cluster within the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Come and hear what others are thinking about the potential for clusters to strengthen relationships and build partnerships; to increase lay participation and develop lay leadership; to support mission development and evangelical outreach.

The Racine session is Thursday, March 6, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas on revitalizing clusters for mission purposes.

RIC Urges Lenten Fasting Days

Racine Interfaith Council (RIC) will sponsor fasting days on the Saturdays of Lent: March 8 at Olympia Brown UUC; March 15 at Atonement; March 22 at St. Paul's/Miracle Center; and March 29 at Wayman AME.

The fast days are intended to bring attention to the still unmet needs in our community for health insurance and health access. Certified enrollers will be available at each site on each Saturday to help eligible people to enroll for insurance through the health care insurance exchange.

RIC is petitioning our county board to request the federal funds (previously rejected by Gov. Walker) so that adults between 100 and 138% of the poverty line could be fully covered under BadgerCare (Wisconsin's version of Medicaid). As of April 1, these people will be required to pay premiums, deductibles and copays for insurance through the exchange, but because of their low income level they won't be able to afford it, even with the discounts. All of the states around Wisconsin have opted to expand their Medicaid program to include all people up through 138% of the poverty level.

FaithWorks Lenten Schedule

FaithWorks North
Emmaus Lutheran Church, Parroquia Emaús and St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Emmaus Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Avenue, Racine

Ash Wednesday - March 5th
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Worship Service

A bilingual service that includes prayers, music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Wednesday Evenings March 12th - April 2nd
5:30 pm Dinner (Children) 6:00 pm (Adults)
6:45 pm Meditation and prayer
7:00 pm Music, reflection and prayer service

FaithWorks ELCA Racine
A Profound Mission Partnership

FaithWorks South
Atonement Lutheran Church, Atonement West and Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Atonement Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

Ash Wednesday - March 5th
10:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Worship Service
Services will include prayers, music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Wednesdays March 12th - April 2nd
10:00 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer service

Prayer Walk of the Passion - Wednesday, April 9th
Emmaus Lutheran Church
The final day of Jesus' life are reenacted by the children of Emmaus. The dramatic presentation begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and follows Jesus through the last week of his life. The evening ends with a moving representation of the empty tomb.
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Prayer Walk of the Passion

Holy Week Worship Schedule to be announced soon!

FaithWorks ELCA Racine is a profound mission partnership of Atonement Lutheran Church, Atonement West, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Parroquia Emaús, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Emmaus Hosts Prayer Walk of the Passion

Wednesday, April 9, Emmaus /Emaús will host the FaithWorks congregations for our annual Prayer Walk of the Passion.

At 6:00 p.m., everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall for a full meal.

At 7:00 p.m. the procession, begins at the back circle drive, where the crowds shout "Hosanna" and wave palms, as they greet Jesus and the live donkey making their entry into Jerusalem, circling around the field area of the church. The crowd then enters the sanctuary to a changed mood. The time which precedes Jesus' death is reenacted

by the children, with the story being told through mime and the narrator. At the end, all are invited to the haunting experience of entering the tomb—a time for prayer and reflection.

We will need greeters, ushers, and kitchen crew for the evening. How can you help? Please see Pastor Mary, and ask how you can give an hour or two of your time.

Youth Birthdays

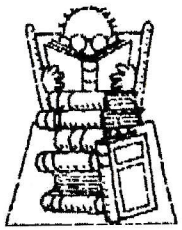
Nolan Meteyard	March 3	4
Cameron Palmgren	March 4	3
Jiselle Dominguez	March 5	9
Jaxon D'Alie	March 6	1
Kaiyd Cardenas	March 6	1
Alexandra Zuniga	March 6	1
Nancy Aragon	March 6	4
Paul Velasquez Jr.	March 6	15
Sophia Bernal	March 7	3
Marilena Velasquez	March 7	16
Natalie Garcia	March 8	4
Fernando Cruz	March 9	5
Veronica Medina	March 11	11
Jackson Tepley	March 12	10
Katie Maranger	March 15	15
Jovanna Hernandez	March 18	11
Jesper Christensen	March 21	2
Lukas Burns	March 23	9
Adrian Sanchez, Jr.	March 25	4
Angie Mendoza	March 31	5

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Jerry Doughty: $260.00
In memory of John Psiones: $45.00

Auxiliary Hosts Spring Book Fair



The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary spring book sale is almost here! As usual, the sale will take place in the lobby of the Lincoln Village facility, and provides easy parking for shoppers. The dates are Wednesday and Thursday, March 19 and 20.

All proceeds from this fund raiser and all fund raisers are used to provide items that improve the lives of Lincoln Lutheran clients.

Books will help you start planning for spring – gardening, vacations, picnics, and outdoor activities. Please join us and spend some time browsing through the large selection.

Snowy Winter Plows Through Budget

Because of the frequent snow showers this winter, plowing and shoveling have put a severe crimp in the 2014 budget. Each time our snow removal service comes to clear our alley and walkways costs us $180, and we are falling behind in paying the bill.

If you are able to help out with an extra offering – adopting a plowing bill or just a portion of one – your help is more than welcome. Thank you!

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (figures available as of Feb. 25, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus				2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks-North		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Wed	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
Feb	14	43	183	10	14	38	180	19	73	137
Mar	17	56	189	14	13	70	154			
Apr	15	70	205	143	12	61	140			

Emmaus Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in January 2014:	$ 8,761.59	$ 8,761.59

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Jan. '14 ..... $120.00 ..... Campaign TD: $71,812.62

Mortgage payments in Feb. '14:
Principal $885.03
Interest $106.97
Total $992.00

Principal balance as of Feb. 14, 2014: $21,042.77

March 2014 Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Mar. 1 4:30 pm	M. Porcaro, M. & A. Zielke	—	—	–
Sun. Mar. 2 9:00 am	Barb Larsen Grace Falaschi	Chris Lamberton	Amy Haman	Team 1
Wed. Mar. 5 7:00 pm	P. Jensen, J. Lippmann, M. Jensen			Team 2 Christensen
Sat. Mar. 8 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	—	—	–
Sun. Mar. 9 9:00 am DST	Caren Lamberton	Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 3
Sat. Mar. 15 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	–	–	–
Sun. Mar. 16 9:00 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Kathy Christensen	Jenn Haman	Team 4 Meteyard
Sat. Mar. 22 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	–
Sun. Mar. 23 9:00 am	Kathy Christensen	Cindi Larsen Carol Eschmann	Melissa Lemke	Team 5 Porcaro
Sat. Mar. 29 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 30 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick Diane Melander	Lee Woodward	Team 1
Sat. Apr. 5	—	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 6	—	—	—	—

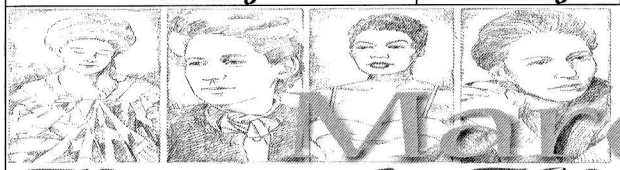
Fellowship Hosts

March 2: Æbleskiver brunch

Fellowship hosts are needed! Call the church office to sign up for a Sunday.

Bible Readings in March

March 2: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.
March 5: Joel 1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.
March 9: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.
March 16: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17.
March 23: Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.
March 30: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.



March, 2014

Women's History Month

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
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emmausracine@sbcglobal.net
http://www.emmaus-racine.org
March worship services are at Emmaus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 St. David 9:00 am Clase de confirmación 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion
2 Transfiguration of Our Lord **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am Æbleskiver breakfast 11:00 am Green Team adult forum **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**3** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	**4** Shrove Tuesday 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo	**5** Ash Wednesday 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm God Time **7:00 pm Worship service**	**6** 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 7:00 pm FaithWorks council 7:00 pm Cluster event	**7** 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	**8** 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 7:00 pm Super Baile, at Bray Center *2:00 am Daylight Saving Time begins*
9 1st Sunday in Lent **9:00 am DST Chicago Folk service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' camp (bilingual)	**10** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One	**11** 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo 6:30 pm Church council (español)	**12** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 5:30, 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Meditation **7:00 pm Worship service**	**13** 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	**14** 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Grupo de grados 9-12	**15** 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
16 2nd Sunday in Lent **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & conversation **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**17** St. Patrick *April* Visitor *articles due* 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	**18** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo 6:30 pm Church council (English)	**19** St. Joseph 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30, 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Meditation **7:00 pm Worship service**	**20** 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	**21** 9:00 am WCATY 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	**22** 10:00 am Clase de primera communion **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion at St. Andrew (English)
23 3rd Sunday in Lent **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & conversation **12:00 n** Santa misa (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**24** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	**25** Annunciation of Our Lord 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	**26** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30, 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Meditation **7:00 pm Worship service**	**27** 1:30 pm NorthSide Food Pantry 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	**28** 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Grupo de grados 9-12	**29** 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión 12:00 n M. Ayala baptism **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English)
30 4th Sunday in Lent **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**31** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 3:00 pm EASY	April 1 April Fool 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo	2 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:30, 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Meditation **7:00 pm Worship service** at Emmaus	3 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	4 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	5 9:00 am Clase de confirmación 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC at St. Andrew (English)

Maryland Set to Launch Innovative School

Joyce Kaiser's son-in-law Willie Maryland is spearheading the creation of Racine Civil Leaders Academy (RCLA) to serve families in Racine's urban neighborhoods. A new public school within Racine Unified School District (RUSD), RCLA's mission is to prepare students from age 4 to eighth grade for post-secondary education programs, meaningful careers, and to become empowered community stakeholders through project-based learning that requires math, science and community activism.

The school has arranged to use space in the downtown YWCA. RCLA management will have authority over the school's staffing decisions, budgeting, and curriculum. RCLA secured a grant of nearly $250,000 in August which will enable it to open in time for the 2014-15 school year without any further monies from RUSD.

RCLA will hold an information session for Racine church leaders at the Racine Family YMCA, 725 Lake Avenue, Thursday, March 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Pink Paddling Power Proposes Purpose for Purses

Pink Paddling Power, a non-profit group benefiting cancer survivors, will host Purse with a Purpose at Preservation Hall (formerly the Woman's Club), 740 Lake Avenue in Racine, Sunday, March 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The group also plans a rummage sale at Emmaus from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. April 11 and 12. PPP will accept donations; call Joy Lippmann at 878-2081 or 497-9322.

March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	130 23rd Avenue, Kenosha	53140
Mar. 7	Pat Jensen	5512 West Branch Trail	53402
Mar. 19	Bonnie French	1600 Ohio Street, #52	53405

Emmaus Serves April St. Patrick's Community Meal

Emmaus and St. Patrick's will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 3. 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 350°F for 45 minutes.

Northside Food Pantry Schedule

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
March 27: June Beck, James Larrabee, Cheryl Dexter, Art Smith
April 24: James Larrabee, Kathy and Rich Christensen, Karen Sedgwick

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.

Scrip Card Sales Continue

by Cathy Meyer

Need something for your Easter baskets? 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.

Easter Blooms

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS BY MARCH 30:

Emmaus and St. Andrew invite you to help make the sanctuary Easter-beautiful on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Fill in this form below and return it along with payment in the offering plate any time through the weekend of March 29-30.

You may take your flowers home after worship on Easter Sunday.

Thank you!

Your name(s) as you want it to appear in the bulletin:.....

In ☐memory ☐honor of:.....

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Flower	Quantity	Price	Total
Tulips, 7"		(qty) x $9.00 =	$
Daffodils, 7"		(qty) x $9.00 =	$
Hyacinths, 7"		(qty) x $9.00 =	$
Lilies, 6"		(qty) x $8.00 =	$

Grand total

$ _____

Environmental Stewardship

Locally Grown Food Aids Sustainability

by John Berge

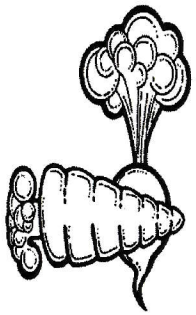
With the weather we have experienced this winter, locally grown food is probably not on your list of what to look for or what to do to support sustainability – being a good environmental steward when it comes to food.

Yet spring will come and farmers will be bringing their locally grown produce to farmers' markets and roadside stands. Buying locally grown food is the first of several choices you can make to support a sustainable food system on a list prepared for the National Town Meeting Shallow Footprint Working Group.

Other things they suggested you choose are:

- Certified organic foods,
- Food that has been processed as little as possible;
- Products fairly traded to guarantee farmers and food workers a living wage,
- Eat less meat and dairy products, choosing pasture-fed, organic or free range;
- Support sustainable food production to reduce environmental/social impacts;
- Grow your own and cook at home – fast food is some of the worst food nutritionally *and* ecologically;
- Encourage public officials to support a sustainable food system.

Palm oil is an example of the effect of our food choices on society, the environment and our health. It must be the cheapest of all cooking and baking oils, because you find it on all sorts of ingredients lists -- cookies, crackers, other baked goods and many packaged meals.



Other vegetable-based oils generally have less or zero trans fats and saturated fats, however. Part of the health attributes of the Mediterranean diet is its use of olive oil, but corn oil and canola are probably just as good for you and the environment.

Much of the palm oil is coming from areas where rain forests are being cut down to put in palm trees, removing the natural habitat for such animals as the orangutan and wiping out the small farms of the natives, driving one to extinction and the other to poverty. The loss of rain forests is a major contributor to climate change. Thus, a simple choice to not buy palm oil or products containing it can be a win-win-win situation if we take the time to read the ingredients and make a sensible choice.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 504744303

Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____

Type of Authorization Form:
- ❑ New Authorization
- ❑ Change donation amount
- ❑ Change donation date
- ❑ Change banking information
- ❑ Discontinue electronic donation

Last Name	First Name	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email Address		

FIRST DONATION DATE:

____/____/____

FREQUENCY OF DONATION:
- ❑ Weekly on _____
- ❑ Monthly on _____
- ❑ Semi-Monthly (transferred on 1st and 15th of each month)

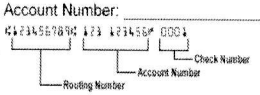
FUNDS AND AMOUNTS:
- ❑ General Operating $_____
- ❑ Debt Retirement $_____
- ❑ Memorials_____ $_____
- ❑ Outreach_____ $_____
- ❑ Neighborhood Camp $_____
- ❑ Other_____ $_____

CHECKING / SAVINGS

Please debit my donation from my (check one):
- ❑ Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
- ❑ Checking Account (attach a voided check below)

Routing Number: _____
Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

Account Number: _____



I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature:_____ Date:_____

CREDIT CARD

Please charge my payments to my (check one): ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express ❑ Discover Card

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Elsewhere in Our Area

Soup Event Aids Hunger, Homeless Programs

Empty Bowls, a hunger-fighting event to remind us that there is always an empty bowl, will be held at its new location, Racine Festival Hall, Monday, March 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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 (plastic bowl), or $10 for "soup to go."

Since 1997, Empty Bowls has donated over $138,000 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.

St. Rita's Hosts HOPES Talent Show

The second annual "Got Talent?" silent auction and talent show will be hosted by HOPES Center on March 8 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Rita's School Hall, 4433 Douglas Avenue. The event will feature a talent show, silent auction, 50/50 raffle while you enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages.

Tickets for the event, $15 for an individual, $40 for a family, are available at HOPES Center, 507 Sixth Street, or by calling 262-898-2940. All ticket holders will help determine the winners of the talent show competition.

HOPES Center, sponsored by the Racine Dominicans, provides services to persons experiencing homelessness and who suffer from mental illness and/or addictions. The street outreach program is designed to connect un-sheltered individuals with available resources and services.

For more information call Sr. Maryann, 262-898-2940 for more information.

Siena Center Lenten Series Follows Jesus

Sr. Miriam Brown, OP, will present a Lenten series at Siena Center Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., March 17, 24 and 31. Follow Jesus through Desert, Sea, and Mountain. Call 262-898-2590 for more information or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org and click on Retreat Programs.

Pastor Mary's Column

Connections and Reconnections

As I write this, I feel like I am worlds away from life in Racine. However, as I look at the wildlife refuge in the foreground and the mountains in the background, there are constant reminders of the interconnectedness.

I may be in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, but those connections seem to keep popping up. Just this morning at breakfast, I asked the people at the table next to us where they were from. A few minutes into the conversation, the response had gone from "the Washington DC area" to "our kids went to Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia" – the same high school that Nancy and Art's kids had attended. Small world!

Yesterday I said "adios" to five dear women, all of whom were part of IASP, the travel program I was a part of forty years ago. We had shared experiences of traveling in school buses across Mexico with groups of American students, and we remembered when the roads were just two lanes and when we had to take a rickety bus into town to make a long distance phone call. We laughed and we sang one night as we were serenaded at our dinner table and watched the sunset.

Last week's reunion was amazing—there we were, a Lutheran pastor, a retired Spanish teacher, a retired business executive, a retired Navy underwater doctor, an educator who started a school in Cairo, and a bank executive who now lives in Mexico City. One woman had traveled for a year with a backpack in Asia, another had biked across Cuba and another goes annually to a border town in Mexico on church mission trips But it wasn't all glamour. We listened to one another's stories about failed relationships, struggles with alcoholism, premature deaths of loved ones, and challenges of aging parents. There were highs and lows, shared with honesty and love.

I guess what I wasn't expecting were the deep theological and philosophical conversations that became a regular part of most of our days. We talked for hours about the

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expanses of the universe and the wonders of creation. We admired the ease of a pelican in flight or the new green shoot emerging from what appeared to be a dead stump. We released endangered baby turtles into their new home, the vast ocean.

Care of the environment and healthy diet were often focal points in our conversation. We wondered about the many ways God's Spirit blows in our lives, the mystery of the tide and of Baptism, and the blessing of a shared meal. We talked about the spiritual journey we are all on and of the importance of knowing we are not alone.

Renewal comes in many forms, and I discovered again this past week just how important relationships, both with creation and with friends, really are. Isolation is not an option! We are created to be in community and to be here for one another! I am grateful to a God who has created this amazing Web of Creation and who has invited us to be co-creators in the wonder of it all. It is such a small world—and such an immense universe!

Grateful for all the connections,

Pastor Mary

Congregational Leaders Event Slated in Tosa

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 12012 W. North Avenue in Wauwatosa, will host a Congregational Leaders Event for the Greater Milwaukee Synod March 8, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bishop Jeff will share an inspirational sermon along with Gospel style music provided by Incarnation Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jim Nieman, President of Lutheran School of Theology will share an insightful keynote address. Enjoy a festive global fair over the lunch hour and learn about our strides against malaria.

Attendees can take part in educational workshops. This year there are three learning tracks, they are: 1) Diversity and Global Awareness, 2) Developing Missional Leaders, and 3) Sent Out!

Who should attend? All leaders active in ministry looking to connect, share and learn with other congregational leaders.

Registration is now open! Fee: $20.00. Questions? Comments? Contact Rhonda Hill, Director of Discipleship by (414) 671-1212 or e-mail rhonda@gmselca.org

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- Lenten Devotion Series
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Emmaus Youth Lead Prayer Walk of the Passion

By Diane Thygeson

The Wednesday before Holy Week, April 9, all FaithWorks congregations are invited to Emmaus-Emaús for the children-led Prayer Walk of the Passion.

The Prayer Walk is a dramatic re-enactment of the final days of Jesus' life. It begins with a procession around the field at Emmaus, and then moves in to the sanctuary where the children and congregation shout "Hosanna" and wave palms, greeting Jesus and a live donkey as they enter Jerusalem. The mood quickly changes as a narrator tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial and crucifixion. At the end of the presentation, all are invited to the haunting experience of entering the empty tomb - a time for reflection and prayer.

A pizza dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Prayer Walk will follow at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this powerful event.

We will need greeters, ushers, and kitchen crew for the evening. How can you help? Please see Pastor Mary, and ask how you can give an hour or two of your time.

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Please Remember Former Member in Prayers

Please keep the family of Capt. Paul L. Anderson (ret.) in your prayers. Anderson, the brother of the late Jan Svendsen, grew up in Racine before joining the U.S. Navy in 1951, eventually assuming command of the USS Mansfield and serving in the Vietnam War. He passed away in King George County, Virginia, on February 14. His widow, Carolyn Anderson, writes, "He always enjoyed his visits back to Emmaus during the years that his parents were alive." Capt. Anderson's obituary can be found at nashandslawfh.com.

Brass Nickel Returns for Easter Worship

The Brass Nickel will provide special music for our Festival Easter services on April 20. 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. If you make your donation on line (you may use the "Electronic Fund Giving" link at www.emmaus-racine.org), select "Other" as the category and note "Easter music" in the space provided.

BRASS QUINTET

Easter Brunch Served in Memory of Betty Johnson

The main fare for the Easter brunch to be served at St. Andrew following the 9:00 a.m. festival worship service, will be provided by Danny Johnson and Manuel Gallardo in memory of Danny's mother, Betty Johnson. Chef Manuel will prepare ham, eggs, pancakes, fajitas, tamales, and fruit. Members are encouraged to donate bakery items and juice for the meal.

A lighter continental breakfast will be offered in Fellowship Hall following the 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Wind Point Lighthouse.

FaithWorks Congregations Offer Variety of Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday

FaithWorks congregations will come together at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Holy Thursday, April 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The experiential service will feature aspects of the night of the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane. Stations will be set up for the confession of sins, washing of hands and feet, communion, Jesus' betrayal in the garden, and prayer. The service will end with the stark stripping of the altar.

A more traditional service will also be held at Atonement at 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday

St. Andrew Lutheran Church will host a FaithWorks Good Friday service on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. The service will allow you to imagine yourself there on the day of the crucifixion through experience, scripture and music.

Atonement will host a traditional service at 1:00 p.m for those unable to attend the evening service.

Easter Vigil

Emaús will host an Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. The service will be in Spanish, and all of FaithWorks are welcome to attend.

Easter Sunday

Celebrate Easter at the FaithWorks sunrise service, to be held at the Wind Point lighthouse at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, April 20. In addition to the sunrise service, festival Easter services will be held at St. Andrew at 9:00 a.m., Atonement at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Atonement West at 10:00 a.m. and Emaús at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to come and celebrate the good news of the Resurrection Easter morning at one of our FaithWorks churches!

Emmaus Serves April 3 Community Meal

Emmaus's and St. Andrew's turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church falls on April 3.

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.

Thank You to Æbleskiver Cooks

By Pat Jensen

Thank you to all those who attended the æbleskiver brunch to make it a successful event.

A special thank you to Kathy, Shirley, Boots, Cindi, Sandy, Stu, Barb, Lou, and Laura for all their hard work in making this event a success.

—Emmaus Congregational Life Committee, Cheryl & Pat

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Pastoral assistant:	**Rev. Gabriel Marcano**	**fathergabrielm@gmail.com**	
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Council President:	Chris Lamberton	clamberton@wi.rr.com	
Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	brenda6175@gmail.com	
Custodians:	Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez		

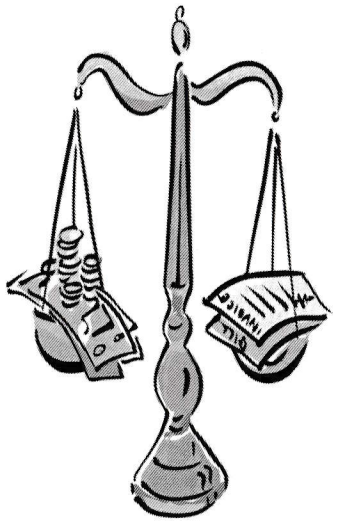
English language services are held at Emmaus on Saturday evening at 4:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:00 during odd-numbered months, and at those same times at St. Andrew during even-numbered months. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon. Bilingual Lenten worship services are at Emmaus on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. April 2 and 9.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed at noon April 18 and all day April 21).

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

Council Issues Above & Beyond Plea

We've seen in it our heating bills. We've experienced it on our city streets. We have watched the mounds of snow give way to running water as temperatures have finally moderated a bit. This past winter has taken its toll in so many ways—money spent on snow removal and heating, folks forced to stay inside for fear of falling and slipping, spirits down after so many gray, blustery days.



Sometimes, it all seems so unending, so insurmountable, doesn't it? Even as we enter spring, the aftermath of the winter blast continues to challenge Emmaus. How are we going to pay the exorbitant WE Energies bill, the expense to fix the boiler and the backed up bills for snow removal around the church?

In the first three months of 2014, the energy expenses alone totaled $9,405, a jump of 35% over last year. In addition, there was an unbudgeted expense of $908 to repair the boiler in January. Added to that, the snow removal costs, which were $700 last winter, skyrocketed to $5,835 this winter. That's an increase of 734%!

At the March 18 council meeting, it was decided that a special plea would go out requesting "Above and Beyond" gifts from those who are able to go the second mile. The leaders also understand that there may be a number of households that are struggling due to the very same set of circumstances challenging the church—elevated bills due to weather together with no financial reserves.

The plea for additional help is only to those who have the ability to do more. Thank you to each and every one who faithfully supports the ongoing ministry of the church and to those who have already stepped up to help defray these unexpected costs.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Gerry Dykstra: $125.00

Designated for bills:

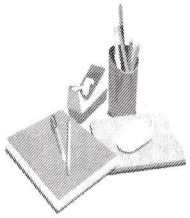
In honor of Ken & Eric Larsen and their families: $550.00

Office Management Structure Changes

Christina Miller, office administrator for St. Andrew, has resigned her position in order to accept a new position offering her more hours and income. As a part of integrating yet another area of St. Andrew and Emmaus operations and ministry, the Executive Committees of both church councils have proposed a plan to consolidate much of the work of the two offices.

Paul Berge will assume responsibility for all the weekly bulletins, daily emails, church calendar, correspondence, mailings, and church records of both congregations. While the majority of the work can be accomplished from the Emmaus office, he will dedicate Friday afternoons to take care of any work that can only be accomplished at the St. Andrew site.

New office hours at Emmaus will be 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 to noon on Friday. St. Andrew has a part-time person who handles finances and the recording of offerings, and Mike Metz, a member of St. Andrew, currently prepares their online newsletter. Meanwhile, a receptionist will be hired to be available at St. Andrew from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon from Monday through Friday.



The leaders of both congregations are hoping to streamline the ordering of supplies in several areas, and further study will lead to recommendations regarding the most efficient and economical use and distribution of office equipment.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (figures available as of Mar. 25, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus				2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks-North		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Wed	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
Mar	17	56	189	14	13	70	154	23	75	129
Apr	15	70	205	143	12	61	140	Ash	Wed.:	225
May	10	53	142	n/a	15	63	130			

Emmaus Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in February 2014:	$ 9,951.41	$ 18,713.00

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Feb. '14.....$140.00..... Campaign TD: $71,952.62

Mortgage payments in Mar. '14: Principal $889.53
Interest..... $102.47 Principal balance as of
Total..... $992.00 March 14, 2014: $19,268.21

Phone Directory Will Be Updated

The church phone directory will be updated in May. This time around the directory will include both Emmaus and St. Andrew names and contact information. All households are encouraged to provide the information on the FaithWorks North Directory Information form. This can be done on paper and put into the offering plate, or mailed to the office, or the information can be emailed to Art Smith (aps3@aol.com).

FaithWorks North Directory Information

Household name .....

Address .....

City, ZIP ..... Home phone .....

Person	Cell	email
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Pink Paddlers Hold Rummage Sale

Pink Paddling Power, a non-profit group benefiting cancer survivors, will hold a rummage sale at Emmaus from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12. Donations are accepted; please call Joy Lippmann at 878-2081 or 497-9322.

April 1 Joint Brainstorming Session Set

As a follow-up to discussion at the joint council meeting of Emmaus and St. Andrew in March, the two councils will join for further discussion Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew. The April 1 meeting is intended to accomplish two things: to look at additional ways that Emmaus and St. Andrew can integrate in the future and to prepare for the FaithWorks A leaders retreat scheduled for April 25 and 26.

You Are Invited to FaithWorks Leaders Retreat

This year's FaithWorks leadership retreat is scheduled for April 25 and 26 at Atonement Lutheran Church. The retreat is open to all members of FaithWorks congregations. You don't have to serve on a council to be a church leader. If you are interested in what FaithWorks is doing, this retreat is for you!

The retreat will be led by the Reverend Dave Daubert (pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod) and the Reverend Sandra Chrostowski (Director of Evangelical Mission of the Greater Milwaukee Synod). They've been working with FaithWorks since the beginning, and will be there to help keep us on track and moving forward.

During the retreat we'll review our vision; what have we accomplished so and what we are looking to do in the future. We'll take a look at individual church goals and share them with the other FaithWorks members. We'll also take time to define what it means to be FaithWorks as a whole and as an individual and renew our commitment to the FaithWorks mission.

The retreat schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 25

5:30 p.m. - Gathering (a light supper will be served)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Meeting

Saturday, April 26th

8:30 a.m. - Continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Meeting

April Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Mar. 29	Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 30 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick Diane Melander	Lee Woodward	Team 1
Sat. Apr. 5 4:30 pm				
Sun. Apr. 6 9:00 am				
Wed. Apr. 9 7:00 pm				TBD
Sat. Apr. 12 4:30 pm				
Sun. Apr. 13 9:00 am				
Fri. Apr. 18				
Sun. Apr. 20 6:00 & 9:00				
Sat. Apr. 26 4:30 am				
Sun. Apr. 27 9:00 am				
Sat. May 3 4:30 pm	Marge & Amy Zielke, M. Porcaro	–	–	–
Sun. May 4 9:00 am	Grace Falaschi	Carol Eschmann	Kathy Christensen	Team 2 Christensen

April Bible Readings

March 30: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

April 6: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

April 13: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.

April 17: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

April 18: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1 – 19:42.

April 20: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43. Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

April 27: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

APRIL 2014

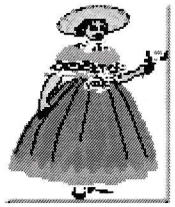
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Election Day (no fooling) 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:30 pm FW-North visioning at St. Andrew	**2** 3:00 pm EASY 5:30, 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Meditation **7:00 pm Worship service** at Emmaus	**3** 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	**4** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**5** 8:30 am Green congregations mtg. at Trinity U. Meth. 9:00 am Confirmation class 10:00 am 1st communion class **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English), at St. Andrew
		Pastor Mary's week off				
6 5th Sunday in Lent **9:00 am Communion service** (English) at St. Andrew 10:30 am Coffee & conversation 10:30 am Blood pressure tests **12:00 m Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**7** 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1, Sew 1, Quilt 1 3:00 pm EASY	**8** 1:30 pm Clergy meeting 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm GED class 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council (español)	**9** 1:30 pm Women's Bible study 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Pizza supper **7:00 pm Prayer Walk of the Passion** at Emmaus	**10** 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm GED class	**11** 8:00 am Pink Paddler rummage sale 5:30 pm FaithWorks youth event at St. Andrew 6:00 pm Bible study	**12** 8:00 am Pink Paddler rummage sale 10:00 am Clase de 1ª comunión 12:00 n Bernal, Alvarez baptisms **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
13 Passion of Our Lord **9:00 am Passion Sunday worship** (English) at St. Andrew 10:30 am Breakfast at St. Andrew **12:00 m Santa Misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**14** 10:00 am Knit, Purl, Sew & Quilt 3:00 pm EASY	**15** Passover May *Visitor* deadline 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm GED class 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council, at St. Andrew	**16** 1:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY	**17** Maundy Thursday **1:00 pm Holy Thurs. worship** at Atonement 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments **6:30 pm Holy Thurs.** w/Holy Communion at Our Savior's	**18** Good Friday **1:00 pm Good Friday worship** at Atonement **7:00 pm Good Friday worship service** at St. Andrew	**19** **7:00 pm Easter vigil service** (español)
20 Resurrection of Our Lord **6:00 am Sunrise service** (English) at Wind Point Lighthouse 7:00 am Continental breakfast at St. Andrew **9:00 am Festival Service** (English) at St. Andrew 10:30 am Easter brunch at St. Andrew **12:00 m Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**21** 10:00 am Knit, Purl, Sew & Quilt 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Choir (español)	**22** Earth Day 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	**23** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wed. God Time 6:15 pm English conversation	**24** 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm GED class	**25** St. Mark; Arbor Day 5:30 pm FaithWorks retreat at Atonement 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm 9th-12th grade group	**26** 8:00 am FaithWorks retreat at Atonement, to noon 10:00 am 1st communion class **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
27 2nd Sunday of Easter **9:00 am Communion service** (English) at St. Andrew 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 m Santa Misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**28** 10:00 am Knit, Purl, Sew & Quilt 3:00 pm EASY	**29** 5:30 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class	**30** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm God Time 6:15 pm English conversation	May 1 St. Philip & St. James 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appointments 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm GED class	2 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	3 9:00 am Confirmation class 10:00 am 1st communion class 11:00 am Fiesta Mexicana **4:30 pm Worship service** w/Holy Communion at Emmaus

EASY Plans Closing Program

Mark your calendars: the last day for EASY will be Thursday, May 15. We will conclude with an evening program. Mentors, families, and friends are invited.

Supper: 5:30 p.m. Easy Hands on Science Fair: 6:15 p.m. Closing Program: 7:00 p.m.

Emmaus Celebrates Fiesta Mexicana May 3



Plans are now being made for the fourteenth annual Fiesta Mexicana, a fundraiser that helps defray general operating expenses for Emmaus. Scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Fiesta offers an abundance of authentic Mexican food, raffles and mariachi music.

Come for the food and the fun as you help support the ongoing ministry of Emmaus. This event will receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial.

April Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Apr. 7	Frank Martin	1808 Mt. Pleasant St.	53404
Apr. 14	Mavis Agerholm	15827 N. 138th Ave. Surprise AZ	85374
Apr. 26	Arvilla Nemer	816 Porter Ave., Eau Claire	54701
Apr. 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Avenue #204	53402

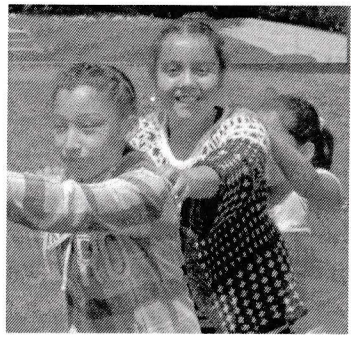
St. Andrew Collects for May Rummage Sale

The members of St. Andrew will hold a rummage sale May 16 and 17 and are now welcoming donations for the sale. The donations (no winter clothing) will be accepted until May 5. They may be left in the Rummage Sale Room in the northeast corridor of the north hallway of St. Andrew.

The office hours are from 10:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Proceeds from the sale are being designated to the furnace fund. Application for matching funds has been made to Thrivent Financial.

Neighborhood Camp Internships Open

As of this writing, there is another blanket of white on the ground, but the calendar says camp will kick off in less than three months. Dates for camp: June 23 through July 24. The kids are asking about Neighborhood Camp and ideas are being percolated as staff sits around the table.



Themes: Eat Smart - Play Hard; Destination Imagination: Legoland; Nature Ickeology; Native Americans: The Web of Creation; Groovin 60's: The Beatles, Warhol and Mary Poppins.

Liliana Moncada is now accepting applications for Neighborhood Camp interns. Forms are available in the narthex and by download from emmaus-racine.org and faithworksracine.wordpress.com

Training is tentatively set for Wednesday through Friday, June 18 - 20. All interns are expected to participate. Applications are due to Liliana Moncada before May 1. Most hiring is complete by May 31.

Stay tuned to updates about how you can help with supplies that can enhance our projects. We will need Legos; new and used. There are amazing projects and activities that can be implemented using Legos. Donations of money will allow us to shop: online shopping results in good bargains.

Your help will be needed in the kitchen for breakfast and lunch. This will be the fifteenth year for Neighborhood Camp and it continues to have a positive impact on the lives of our neighborhood kids. We couldn't do this program without the ongoing financial, volunteer, and spiritual support of each and every one of you.

Youth Birthdays

Sarah Albright	April 4	14
Carlos Garcia	April 4	16
Aymara Zabler	April 6	2
Karla Arce	April 9	2
Rafael Carrasquillo	April 9	4
Camaria Cardenas	April 10	4
Paola Posadas	April 13	7
Michaela Keller	April 18	16
Jose Medina	April 19	12
Brisa Antonio	April 20	5
Evelyn Valentin	April 20	8
Alexis Medina	April 23	14
Aiden D'Alie	April 27	2
Miguel Aragon Vasquez	April 27	8
Marco Posadas	April 27	10

Women's Bible Study Meets April 9

The regular gathering for the women's Bible study, with coffee and conversation, meets in the Sunset Room at 1:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday in April. All women are invited to the April 9 study led by Pastor Mary.

Community Garden Planned at Emmaus

Emmaus will be the site for a community garden this year. The Racine Urban Garden Network will assist in getting the Emmaus garden up and running.

There will be 24 4' x 10' feet plots created on the north side of the Emmaus grassy area. Individuals may apply for one plot with the option to have another after a certain date. A $20 donation per plot is suggested. The garden is for the use of Emmaus, Emaús, St. Andrew, and the surrounding neighborhood. More information will be forthcoming. Questions: Please contact Nancy or Art Smith.

Wanted: a manager or co-managers to work with RUGN (Racine Urban Garden Network). The manager(s) will oversee communication amongst the gardeners and RUGN, manage the water system, and oversee the garden site and the tool shed.

Northside Food Pantry Volunteers

Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
April 24: James Larrabee, Kathy and Rich Christensen, Karen Sedgwick
May 22: Pat & Ron Jensen, James Larrabee, Boots LeRoux

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.

Check Us Out on Line

There are plenty of places to find us on line besides our emmaus-racine.org web page Find Emmaus on Facebook by searching for Emmaus-Racine. Our photo album is on line at www.flickr.com/photos/emmausracine.

First Quarter Statements Available Soon

First quarter offering statements will be available early in April. Anyone 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.

Environmental Stewardship

Hazardous Waste Collection Resumes

by John Berge

One of the most effective things we can do to be good environmental stewards is to protect the environment from the products of science, medicine and technology that nature cannot digest. It is reasonable to feel powerless to stop the oil and major chemical spills that pollute the land, air, streams, rivers and waters off our coasts. But we can influence our government and companies we do business with to reduce this pollution. And we can make sure that those chemicals and medicines that pass through our homes and businesses are properly disposed of.

Unused medicines should never be left around so that children and others might accidentally ingest them nor should they be flushed down the toilet nor put out with the trash. Both of the latter may lead to their getting into ground or surface waters and wild life. Household hazardous waste (HHW) also should never be flushed down the toilet, thrown into the gutter or placed in the trash.

On the third Saturday of every month from April to October, there is a collection of household hazardous wastes from 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at 6200 21st Street, west of Hwy. 31 and north of the former Sam's Club. That means that they will be open to properly dispose of your HHW on Saturday April 19. This program is for the City of Racine, Sturtevant, North Bay, Elmwood Park, Wind Point, Mt. Pleasant and Caledonia residents. Others should check with their municipal government to find how they can properly dispose of their HHW.

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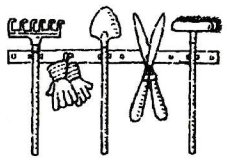
Speaker Offers Lawn Care Tips

You are invited to the Green Congregations' Spring meeting on Saturday, April 5 from 8:30 to 10:00 at Trinity United Methodist Church at 3825 Erie Street (one block south of 3 Mile Road). The program will focus on "Earth-Friendly Lawn Care: What It Is and How to Do It" presented by Susan Greenfield, Director of the Root Pike Watershed Initiative Network. The meeting includes devotions, reports from churches, and refreshments. The public is welcome.



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HHW that will be accepted includes but is not limited to:

- Household items that contain organic solvents (they usually have the words, flammable, combustible or contains petroleum distillates on the label), items containing mercury such as old thermostats, thermometers and fluorescent lamps,
- Many home improvement products such as solvent- or acid-based cleaners, oil-based, but not latex, paints,
- Automotive fluids and automotive repair products,
- Yard and garden products such as weed killers, pesticides, pool chemicals and poisons.

Some items such as ammunition, electronics, smoke detectors, lead acid batteries, tires and propane tanks are not accepted.

In a separate traffic line at the same location, the Racine and Central Racine Health Departments will be collecting unused medications. They should be kept in their original containers. You can black out your name but leave the name of the medication showing. Place them in a clear, zipped up, plastic bag. Medicine drop off is limited to the third Saturday in April and October, so if you miss the April collection it will be a fairly long wait. Plan your stewardship of proper disposal early and carefully. For more information visit the City of Racine website http://www.cityofracine.org/HHW.aspx#medicines.

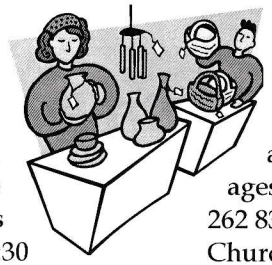
Zumbathon Benefits Tanzanian Clinic

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2219 Washington Avenue, will host "Zumbathon for Hope," a benefit for the Tumaini Clinic in Tanzania, Africa.

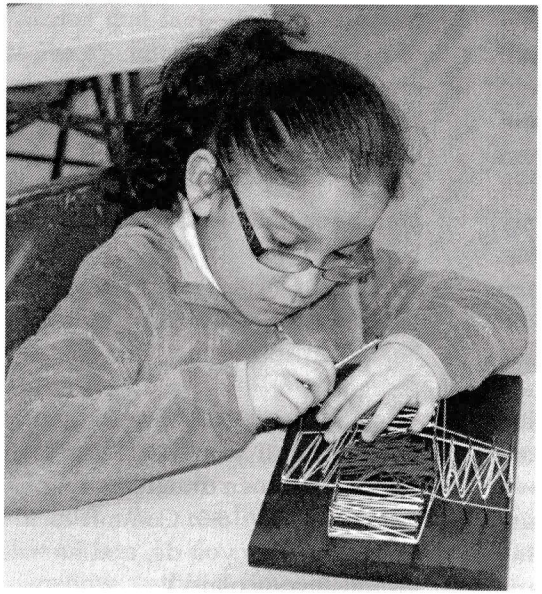
The Zumbathon runs from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5. A $5.00 donation is suggested. Water and fruit will be provided.

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 12. The craft and bake sale runs from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. This year's featured display is "Honoring God in Our Homes."



An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be held between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are $9.00 per person ($4.00 for ages 4-12) and are available at 262 835-2271. North Cape Lutheran Church is located on the east side of Highway 45 just south of Five Mile Road.



Kids in the Wednesday night created cross wall hangings with nails and colored thread in March.

Pastor Mary's Column

Head Scratching, Listening, and Following the Spirit's Lead

On a recent trip to Milwaukee to have my taxes prepared, I ***thought*** I knew where I was going! I took the exit on National Avenue and was pretty sure I was following the directions given me by Google maps to get to my destination. What I didn't anticipate was road construction. One thing led to another, and I got lost.

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Pastor Jhon Freddy's Column

God's Dream!

Larguisimo – A long, long, long winter – illness, crises, sufferings, debts, (perhaps the FaithWorks' process) what else has been ***so long*** for you?

Although it is the end of March when I am writing this column and the ground is still covered with snow, I hope that Spring is here at last! But where are any signs of it? How to trust that it will come? How am I to trust that my illness, my crises, my suffering, my anguish, my debts, my family, my brokenness, in one word my life/my future are in good hands? Though I cannot see (sometimes) glimpses of what God dreams I want to trust that is going to be not ok but wonderful! I want to trust God!

Thanks to my mom and dad, my grandma and grandpa, my wife and my son, and to so many of you who had taught me this:

God's Dream: Psalm 37:5: Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

1 Peter 5:7: Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Psalm 4:5: Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 55:22: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

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

Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 16:3: Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.)

Pastor Jhon Freddy

Pastor Mary's Column

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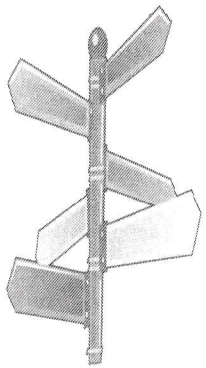
I ***thought*** I could figure it out on my own, but after a fair amount of head scratching (and feeling disoriented), I broke down and called the accountant. It turned out I was only a few blocks from his office, but I hadn't realized that. I got back on track, arrived a few minutes late and was assured that we could accomplish what needed to be done in spite of the detour. Whew!

That's a bit how I initially felt when returning from vacation. I ***thought*** we would be taking steps to call Andy Twiton to be a part of our FaithWorks staff to lead our young people in Racine, but learned that he had been assigned to the Madison area rather than to our synod. And, I ***thought*** we would get the major grant we had worked so hard to prepare, only to learn that we would not be the recipients of the big chunk of money we were requesting.

It took me a while to pause and to admit that it was time to ask for further direction. That movement was from one of head scratching to prayer in a very short period of time.

Stopping to listen and to consider the roadblocks is not something I do easily. But, somehow, this time (maybe because I was rested following my vacation and was able to gain more perspective?) I was more able to accept that, while there may have been some turns in the road, the Spirit continues to lead and guide us.



And so, when we learned of the recent resignation of Christina, the office manager of St. Andrew, we asked ourselves again how the Spirit was leading us through this new unexpected detour. While we are listening to one another as we navigate this new territory, we are also realizing that there are new opportunities that will come with the integration of the office operations of our two congregations. Communication, listening and trust—with one another and with God--will be imperative as we move forward.

We continue the conversation among FaithWorks North leaders April 1, and the weekend after Easter we will all join together as FaithWorks leaders to listen, to dream and to ask where God is leading us next. Trusting in the One who goes ahead of us and leads the way, we can expect Resurrection surprises and good news on the other side of Lent!

In Anticipation and Hope,

Pastor Mary

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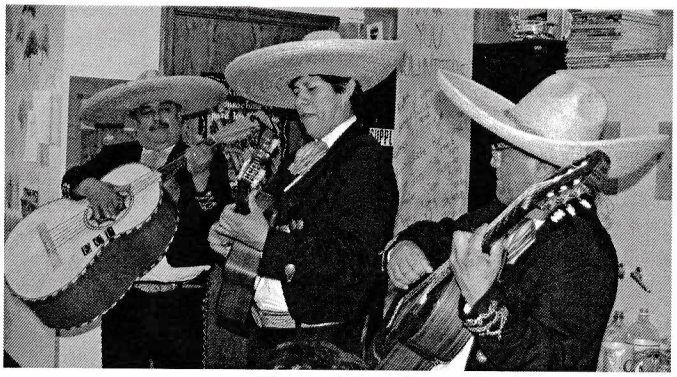
Come to Fiesta Mexicana for Food and Fun

Tickets are now for sale for Fiesta Mexicana at Emmaus Lutheran Church - Parroquia Emaús, 1925 Summit Avenue in Racine from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Savor the home made and absolutely delicious all-you-can-eat Mexican fare! Meal tickets are $8.00 for adults, $4.00 for children age 3 to 12, and can be purchased at the door or by phoning 262 634-5515.



Guests will enjoy special live Mexican music at various times throughout the day. Special gift baskets are being prepared for silent auction and raffle. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 3, and the meal will be offered until 3:30 p.m.

Come, join the fun and help support the church with this special fund raiser! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has pledged partial matching funds for this event.

Just Imagine!

Just Imagine...hundreds of ELCA Lutherans out in Racine at the very same time engaged in works of love and service!

Just Imagine...those hundreds

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Mathew Alexander Ayala March 29, 2014	Mathew is the son of Daysi Vasquez. His sponsors are Alfredo Ruiz and Rosa Arellano.
Sophia Elizabeth Bernal April 12, 2014	Elizabeth is the daughter of Alisia Lira; her sponsors are Ruben and Sonya Ramos.
Weddings: Rachel Benson Travis Williams April 19, 2014	Rachel is the daughter of Rich Benson and Brenda Trumbauer. The couple plan to live in Canada.
Funerals: Elías Cabrera Navarro March 28, 2014	Elías Cabrera died March 25. He is survived by his wife, Gabriela Juarez, and their son Christopher.
Doris Andersen April 6, 2014	Doris, 92, was a regular at Saturday worship services with her daughter, Sandy (Dennis) Roche.
Olaw Thomsen April 27, 2014	Olaw, 90, was one of Emmaus's Danish-born members, emigrating here as a child. Skilled as a carpenter, the army veteran of World War II built his home on his own in Wind Point. He is survived by his children, Deb (Bernie) Vash and John (Sarah) Adamson, Jr., grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thanks to Johnson Family for Easter Breakfast

The memory of Betty Johnson was honored by her family sponsoring a brunch shared after the Emmaus-St. Andrew and Emaús Easter services. Thanks go to Danny Johnson and family, along with chef Manuel Gallardo, for donating the food and food preparation for the Easter brunch.

Betty passed away two years ago on Easter Sunday, and the gathering of folks Easter Sunday, coming from many walks of life, would have been something she would have celebrated.

Racine ELCA FaithWorks Congregations Work Together to Live Out God's Mission in Racine

FaithWorks ELCA Racine
A Profound Mission Partnership

Atonement Lutheran Church
Atonement West
Emmaus Lutheran Church
Parroquia Emaús
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
St. Andrew Lutheran Church

A group of approximately fifty FaithWorks members, including council members, lay leaders and pastors got together April 25 and April 26 at the FaithWorks Leadership Retreat held at Atonement Lutheran Church. FaithWorks is the partnership of the following ELCA Lutheran congregations in Racine: Atonement, Emmaus, Emaus, Our Savior's and St. Andrew. The purpose of the retreat was to further develop relationships among FaithWorks members, clarifying and defining the FaithWorks vision as we work to move our vision into action, impacting the Racine community. Retreat facilitators were Rev. David Daubert, Rev. Sandy Chrostowski and Susan Gould.

The conversation on Friday night focused on what we believe the Lord is saying about FaithWorks and what God's plan is for our congregations and the FaithWorks mission as a whole. Some good conversation centered around the need for further faith formation among adults so they may be prepared to share the faith with the next generations. Emphasis was also placed on the need for intentional listening and communication, both within our congregations and in the community at large.

On Saturday the conversation became more specific. The group split into two, FaithWorks North (St. Andrew, Emmaus and Emaús) and FaithWorks South (Our Savior's and Atonement). Each group discussed specific, measurable goals for their congregations. Participants also discussed how individual congregational goals could be a part of the overall FaithWorks goals. For example, one item discussed was the potential sale of the Our Savior's building. How could the sale of the building be used to further the FaithWorks mission? Other items discussed included acquiring a van for Atonement's childcare ministry, the plans for a covenant between Our Savior's and Atonement, and the need for a more organized education program for children and adults. The northside congregations stressed the need to harmonize/integrate accounting and reporting practices. They also underlined the need for careful

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of Lutherans all wearing brightly colored t-shirts with the words "Racine ELCA FaithWorks-God's Love in Action in Racine"

Just Imagine...the entire morning of Sunday, September 7, the ELCA initiative of "God's Work, Our Hands," being lifted up in communities throughout the entire country!

Just Imagine...a fun-filled festival with clowns, kid friendly games, and great food that Sunday afternoon to celebrate FaithWorks, the Racine community and God at work in this city!

Check out the FaithWorks website (www.faithworks.wordpress.com) in early June. There you will find details about how to order your very own t-shirt and how to register to be on a FaithWorks team going out to serve the community September 7.

Want to be in on the planning? Show up at 6:30 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, on Wednesday, May 21 to be part of the planning or contact Pastor Mary (mljanz@aol.com) or Margaret Robinson to learn more.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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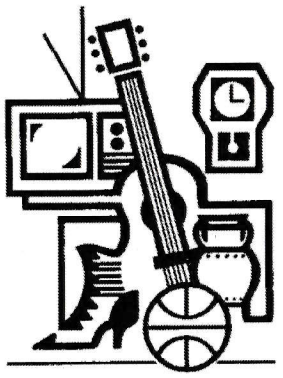
Custodians: Antelmo Hernando & Rich Benson

English language services are held at Emmaus during odd-numbered months and at St. Andrew during even-numbered months: Saturday evenings at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00. Spanish language worship services are offered at Emmaus Sundays at noon.

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

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

Rummage Through St. Andrew Sale



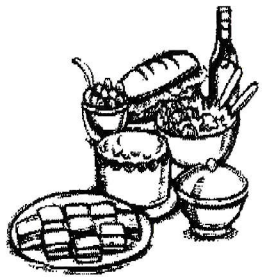
St. Andrew Lutheran Church will hold a rummage sale on Friday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donations (no winter clothing) will be gladly accepted until May 9. They can be placed in the Rummage Sale room in the North East corridor of the North hallway of St. Andrew from 10:00 a.m. until noon Tuesday-Friday. Smaller items can be given to Helen Eckheart or Marilyn Beck at worship at Emmaus on May 10 or 11.

We could use help in setting up and during the sale. If you would like to help, there is a signup sheet in the narthex at Emmaus. If you have further questions, please contact Helen at 681-0275 or Marilyn at 639-9636.

Community Meal Asks: Keep It Cool

On April 3 Emmaus and St. Andrew again prepared and served the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you so much to all who helped out. It is good to see so many willing to help out those who are in need.



Our next scheduled date at St. Patrick's is Thursday, June 5. St. Patrick's plans not to use their oven during the summer, so we will not provide the usual casseroles. Instead, we're asking for cold pasta or leaf salads, fresh fruit, beans, and desserts. St. Andrew members plan to bring hot dogs, buns and chips. Watch for a new sign-up sheet in the narthex this month.

Community Meal director Margaret Clickner reminds you to please use a spray in pans to make the dish washers' job easier. Thank you!

Memorials

Designated for chair:

In memory of Raymond Burby: $1,000.00

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Bonnie Witt: $100.00

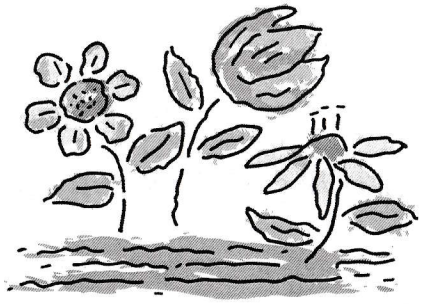
In memory of Doris Andersen: $120.00

Coffee Sales Boost Meru Farmers

Mt. Meru Coffee is the delicious coffee served and sold at our coffee hour. The coffee sales go directly to help the farmers of the Meru region of Tanzania to support their families and their community. The coffee is available in whole bean, regular, decaf, flavored, perfect pot packs and the new k-cup. To read more about this project, check their website at: www.mtmerucoffee.org

You're Invited to Dig in the Dirt

To celebrate spring (finally!), come and dig in the dirt and be a part of one of the church gardens! Volunteers from Racine Urban Garden Network will be readying approximately 20 small community garden plots on the Emmaus grounds.



Interested? During the May 3 Fiesta Mexicana, more information will be available in the Sunset Room about adopting a plot. Check it out then; we anticipate they will go quickly! That is also the day the RUGN volunteers will be rolling up their sleeves, with a break, of course, to savor some of the great Mexican food at the Fiesta.

The St. Andrew garden is well on its way, thanks to work from volunteers the weekend of April 26. Much more help is needed. See Cy or Vickie at worship, or check with the Emmaus church office (262-634-5515) for more details.

May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

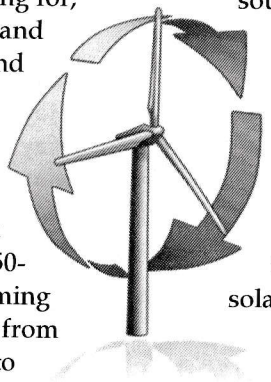
May 5	Carolyn Wooster	4825 Indian Hills Drive	53406
May 8	Bill Irvine	5119 Valley Drive	53402
May 9	Ruth Estep	8600 Corporate Drive, room 22	53406
May 9	Jim Simonsen	2939 Hayes Avenue	53405
May 11	Ray Rommelfaenger	2513 Jean Avenue	53404
May 17	Janet Thomsen	3296 Backridge Road, Woodlawn TN	37191
May 20	Marjorie Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
May 28	Diane Melander	1315 Isabelle Avenue	53402

Environmental Stewardship

Roadmap to Renewable Energy Unveiled

by John Berge

Most of the time in this column I write about lifestyle changes we can do as individuals to protect the environment. This month, however, I am writing about one professor's recommendation of what we, as members of the larger community, should be pushing for, lobbying our governments and businesses for what can and needs to be done.



In a news release earlier this year, Mark Shwartz wrote, "Stanford University scientist Mark Jacobson has developed a 50-state roadmap for transforming the United States from dependence on fossil fuels to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050." If we are to avert a drastic climate change, we must wean ourselves from fossil fuels.

Jacobson unveiled his roadmap at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago. The plan was developed with careful analysis of what resources were available, how much land would be required, jobs created, costs and savings.

For the state of Wisconsin, Jacobson projects: 45% onshore wind turbines, 30% offshore wind turbines, 15% solar photovoltaics plants, 3% residential rooftop photovoltaics, 3% commercial and government rooftop photovoltaics, 2% CSP (concentrating solar power or solar thermal units similar to what are currently in use in the southwest of the country), and 2% hydroelectric. Note that there is no use of fossil fuels, nuclear power or biogas from landfills or other sources in his projections.

Other states are predicted to avail themselves of wave devices, geothermal and tidal turbines, but not Wisconsin.

The footprint for all this wind, water and solar (WWS) generation of electricity is only 0.51% of Wisconsin's land. There would also need to be an additional 3.03% for proper spacing and protection. Currently the state's average fossil fuel plus nuclear energy costs are 24.9 cents/kilowatt-hour with another 5.7¢/kwh for health and external costs of using fossil fuels. With WWS the average electricity cost would drop to 6.0¢/kwh, saving each person in 2050 $8,200 per year for energy and $11,200 in health and climate costs. It would save 860 air pollution deaths per year and avoid health costs amounting to 3% of the state's gross domestic product.

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Garden Market Opens May 22

St. Andrew's garden market opens Thursday, May 22. Potted perennial plants are a great seller in the early part of the season. So we are looking for plants that you or your friends and neighbors could donate for sale at the Market. Pots are available by the worship entrance at St. Andrew. As you thin out the perennials in your garden this spring, please consider potting them and dropping them off at church for the Farmers Market. If you need someone to help you do the potting, leave a message at 262-639-2072 and we will make arrangements to gather your plants. Volunteers are needed to pull the wagons around from the back parking lot and create the market setup.

Do you like to make soup for the Farmer's market? Please contact Lou Barrera at 930-4430.

Youth Birthdays in May

May 4 Kaylee Trevino, 5
May 9 Elias Orozco, 8
May 11 Alexis Christensen, 16
May 12 David Parra, Jr., 12
May 14 Ella Briere, 7
May 21 Jayanah Montes, 7
May 24 Ashley Villalobos, 14
May 25 Alex Zavala, 7
May 26 Cesar Herrera-Saucedo, 8

ELCA Responds to U.S. Tornadoes

Several tornadoes have ripped through multiple states causing loss of life and massive devastation, and the threat of more tornado outbreaks is looming. Hundreds of people must now find a way to rebuild their lives, homes and communities after the tornadoes destroyed almost everything they had.

Your help is needed to bring hope to our sisters and brothers in need. Lutheran Disaster Response is at work, assessing the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the tornadoes. Working with our extensive network of ELCA members, local congregations, synods and Lutheran Social Service affiliates in the affected area - we will respond wherever we are needed.

Gifts designated to "U.S. Tornadoes" through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely – 100 percent – to help survivors of tornadoes rebuild their lives and livelihoods. You can help provide comfort, healing and hope in the midst of destruction.

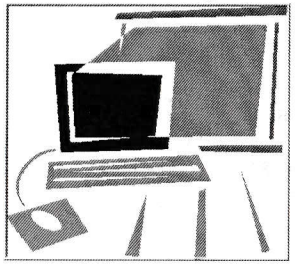
Women's Study Groups Meet

All FaithWorks North members are invited to participate in our Bible and book study groups. Pastor Mary leads a group meeting in Emmaus's Sunset Room on Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30.

Pastor Michael leads a book study group at St. Andrew's Fireside Room on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Find Emmaus, FaithWorks On Line

Emmaus invites you to keep up with the latest news by visiting www.emmaus-racine.org. You can follow the link there to browse our photo album on Flickr. There is also a link to set up automatic contributions from your checking account or credit card.



Neighborhood Camp has set up a web page at neighborhoodcampracine.org. Visit this site to download application forms, check out photos, and donate to keep the camp running.

FaithWorks posts a blog at faithworksracine.wordpress.com; a web page is in production.

"Like" us on Facebook by searching for "Emmaus-Racine," "Parroquia Emaus," and "FaithWorks Racine."

Department of Corrections

In the April *Visitor*, we reported that Gerry Dykstra had been the first woman to serve on a regular usher team. Harold Miller tells us that while Gerry was one of the first women ushers, Emmaus's very first woman usher was in fact Jan Sukus. We apologize for the error.

Bible Readings for May

May 4: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Ps. 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35.
May 11: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19–25, John 10:1–10.
May 18: Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16; 1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14.
May 25: Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:8–20; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21.
June 1: Acts 1:6–14; Ps. 68:1–10, 32–35; 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11; John 17:1–11.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 email: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org			May worship services are at Emmaus.	**1** St. Philip & St. James 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 4:00 pm BENNU legal appts. 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm GED class (español)	**2** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**3** 9:00 am Confirmation class 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) 11:00 am Fiesta Mexicana **4:30 pm Worship service** w/ Holy Communion (English)
4 3rd Sunday of Easter **9:00 am Worship service** w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:00 n Fiesta de los niños	**5** 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1, Quilters 3:00 pm EASY	**6** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class (español)	**7** 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm God Time 6:15 pm English conversation circles	**8** 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm GED class (español) 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro (español)	**9** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**10** 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** w/ Holy Communion (English)
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11 4th Sunday of Easter; Mothers' Day **9:00 am Worship service** w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Church council (español) **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**12** 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1, Quilters 3:00 pm EASY	**13** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class (español)	**14** St. Mathias 9:00 am WCATY 1:30 pm Women's Bible study 3:00 pm EASY 5:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm God Time 6:15 pm English conversation circles	**15** *June Visitor articles due* 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 3:00 pm Final EASY supper 4:00 pm BENNU legal appts. 6:00 pm GED class (español) 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro (español) 6:30 pm Science Fair 7:00 pm EASY closing program	**16** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**17** Syttende Mai; Armed Forces Day 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** w/ Holy Communion (English)
18 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Musicians' rehearsal **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** w/Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**19** 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1, Quilters	**20** 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class 6:30 pm FaithWorks North council mtg. at Emmaus	**21** 6:30 pm Festival planning meeting at Atonement LC	**22** 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 6:00 pm GED class (español) 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro (español)	**23** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**24** 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
25 6th Sunday of Easter **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 Coffee & fellowship **12:00 n Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School (bilingual)	**26** Memorial Day *Office closed*	**27** 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm GED class (español) 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	**28**	**29** Ascension of Our Lord 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 4:00 pm BENNU legal appts. 6:00 pm GED class (español) 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro (español)	**30** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**31** 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** w/ Holy Communion (English)
				Greater Milwaukee Synod assembly, Waukesha		

May Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	HC Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. May 3 4:30 pm	Marge & Amy Zielke, M. Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. May 4 9:00 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Shirley Velzka	Kathy Christensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. May 10 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	—	—	—
Sun. May 11 9:00 am	Pat Jensen	Chris Lamberton Nancy Smith	Sandy Strini	Team 3
Sat. May 17 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. May 18 9:00 am	Barb Larsen Grace Falaschi	Carol Eschmann	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. May 24 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. May 25 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Kathy Christensen	Nancy Smith	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. May 31 4:30 pm	L. Schaefer M. Mau	—	—	—
Sun. June 1 9:00 am	Eckheart, Rigden, Skrzypchak	tbd	tbd	tbd

Fellowship Hosts

May 4: Cindi & Loren Larsen
May 11: Kathy Christensen & Sandy Strini
May 18: Marge Zielke, Amy Zielke, Missy Porcaro
May 26: Audrey: Ashley's birthday

Wanted for Neighborhood Camp

Food Engineers - Volunteers to help serve breakfast and lunch
Legos new and/or used for Legomania Week
Paper toilet and towel rolls
Microwave containers
Tennis balls
Ping pong balls
Paint brushes – household kind
Playground sand
National Geographic magazines
Deli containers with lid
2 litre bottles
Coffee containers

'Witness to Hunger' to Address Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly, "Together at God's Table," will take place May 29-31 at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center, Waukesha.

Barbie Izquierdo, a young mom from Philadelphia featured in the documentary "A Place at the Table," will be the keynote speaker on Friday for the assembly banquet at noon.

Throughout the greater Milwaukee area, many organizations are collaborating to construct a local food table that is just and inclusive, acknowledges the gifts and resources that exist within local neighborhoods and grassroots organizations, and cares for Creation while nourishing the community. This year's synod assembly will provide an opportunity for you to engage some of these organizations, gleaning resources and information for your ministries, and guiding you in building a stronger, healthier food network for your congregation.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (figures available as of Apr. 27, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus				2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks-North		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Wed	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
Mar	17	56	189	14	13	70	154	23	73	126
Apr	15	70	205	143	12	61	140	39	105	160
May	10	53	142	n/a	15	63	130			

Passion	MThu	GFri	Passion	MThu	GFri	Passion	MThu	GFri	Vigil
236	132	124	288	?	?	221	n/a	?	76
Easter	Pascua		Easter	Pascua		Easter		Pascua	
134	243		131	?		50 + 210		218	

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2014 to date
General Fund offerings received in Mar. 2014	$15,090.86 }	$33,803.86

Mortgage retirement offerings received in March, '14 ..... $160.00

Mortgage payments in Apr. 2014:
Principal $894.05
Interest $97.95
Total $992.00

Principal balance as of April 14, 2014: $18,374.16

Neighborhood Camp Registration Opens May 5

Neighborhood Camp registration will begin Monday, May 5. Those who have attended camp in the past will have the opportunity to register by May 15. New campers who register before May 15 will be put on a waiting list and invited to attend camp after May 15. Camp is offered to those who live in the neighborhood, to those who attend EASY and the Wednesday night program and to those who are Emmaus/Emaús members. Forms will be available in the narthex, outside Nancy's office and online at the camp website neighborhoodcampracine.org .

The 5-week camp session for the summer of 2014 is from June 23 to July 24. Plans are underway. Interns have been asking about applications. Many interns from last year are planning to return. The following themes have been selected: Eat Smart: Play Hard, Destination Imagination: Legomania, Native Americans: The Web of Creation, Nature Ickeology, and Groovin' 60's.

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listening as the many proposed changes take place.

After much discussion, it was decided that. in order to truly move forward, a FaithWorks Director (Facilitator/Champion) needs to be brought on board. A team of lay leaders and pastors, led by Art Smith of Emmaus, will develop a job description and recommend appropriate compensation for this position. This role may be filled by someone already active in FaithWorks or by someone entirely new.

The retreat ended with groups gathering together to plan some potential FaithWorks events: a FaithWorks Fall Festival (set for September 7), service projects for the ELCA's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (also September 7) and a possible new Vacation Bible School program.

The leaders left the retreat with a renewed sense of energy, ready to work together to do God's work. Updates were shared the same weekend with the individual congregations following worship, and there is a commitment to keep communication open and timely.

Susan Gould, a consultant working closely with FaithWorks leaders, shared this quote, which is so appropriate for our work together: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Prayer Walk Was a Moving Experience

The Wednesday Night kids overcame their excitement and nervousness to carry out the traditional Prayer Walk of the Passion. The prayer walk was narrated as the kids dressed in period costume mimed the various events of Jesus' last week. The sanctuary was transformed into the various scenes for this presentation.

Chris Lamberton's portrayal of Jesus captured the mood of the transition from a happy group entering the city of Jerusalem to the somber scene of the Last Supper, and the disturbing events in the Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus was betrayed by Judas. The walk then proceeded to Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees and Peter's emotional denial. Jesus then moved before Pilate where the crowd shouted, "Crucify Him! Nail him to the cross!" As Jesus was mocked and beaten, he made his way through the crowds carrying his cross. At the conclusion of the walk the congregation was invited to visit a re-creation of the tomb.

One congregant addressed the Prayer Walk with these words to Pastor Mary.

Terri Nelson told her, "I needed to let you know how moved I was by last night's Prayer Walk of the Passion. I have been to the Passion play in South Dakota and the play put on by the First Assembly of God in Kenosha, but this one was my favorite. Hearing the story told and watching it play out was very emotional. It was a joy to watch the kids participate. The empty tomb was a time to realize just what Jesus went through out of His love for us and give a prayer of thanks . . . Well done to all who participated. God bless."

RIC Sponsors Workshop

Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC) will have a workshop at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, for all community members interested in faith-based community activism. The $25 registration fee includes dinner on Friday and a light breakfast on Saturday. Topics include holding effective meetings. Please call 635-9532 or email ricwi@tds.net to register. Deadline to register is May 5.

St. Paul's Senior Center Holds Open House

The Neighborhood Center at St. Paul's Lutheran Church began 45 years ago as an outreach to local senior citizens and retirees. Over the past year they have been working to enhance this ministry to better meet the needs of our seniors and the retired in Racine. Part of this change is in their new name: The Racine Senior Center a Ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Everyone is invited to their free open house at the Racine Senior Center on Thursday, May 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be food, activities, music, and a chance to meet other people. The Racine Senior Center welcomes all people no matter where your church membership is or what your faith tradition may be.

The Racine Senior Center meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3011 Erie Street every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with games, speakers, entertainment, exercise class, and the sharing of relevant information. A homemade lunch is always served at 12:00 noon at a cost of $4.00 per person. If you have any questions please call Marcia at 262-639-2038.

Mbise Leads Gentle Worship

Pastor Denise Hofer Mbise will be contributing her energy, talents and leadership to the Gentle Worship ministry at the Northwest campus of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 5040 Northwestern Avenue. Gentle Worship meets at 4:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month for a casual 30-minute worship service geared to the needs of Christians facing physical and mental challenges.

Racine Observes Freedom Summer

The partnership of Coming Together Racine, the Racine Public Library, and the Racine Heritage Museum, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, invite the community to a series of programs on race and racism at the Racine Public Library, 75 7th Street, Racine, Wisconsin, as part of the Road to Freedom Summer. "Freedom Summer" is an exhibit being held at the library from July 21 to August 8, 2014 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer.

The programs are presented by Reggie Jackson, Head Griot and Chairman of the Board of America's Black Holocaust Museum. All programs are free and open to the public, and will be held upstairs in the Adult Department at 6:00 p.m. No registration is required.

The programs in May, 2014 are on "The History of Race and Racism in America."

Thursday, May 1: "Race: What is it? Is it biologically constructed or socially constructed?"

Thursday, May 16: "Racism: Interpersonal, Structural, and Institutional forms. "

Tuesday, May 20: Movie Night, "Ethnic Notions."

Thursday, May 24: "A history of Racism in America."

The programs in June, 2014 are "Understanding the Impact of Racism and How to Work Against It."

Tuesday, June 10: "The Psychological Effects of Racism, part 1."

Tuesday, June 17: "The Psychological Effects of Racism, part 2."

Tuesday, June 24: "Anti-Racism Work: What can you do?"

Environmental Stewardship

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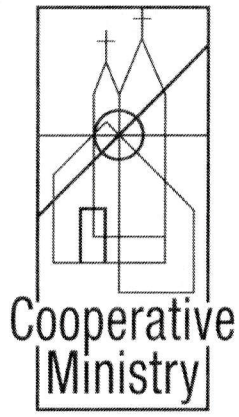
But what about cars, trucks, buses and planes, you ask. So did I and Prof. Jacobson told me that these would all be powered by clean-burning hydrogen obtained by electrolysis of water.

Obviously there will be opposition to this, led by the fossil fuel industry, power companies and the global climate change deniers that they support. It is up to the rest of us to see that good environmental goals and solutions are put into practice as soon as possible.

Pastor Mary's Column

Listen to the Voices, Listen to THE Voice!

When asked by others, "What have you been up to lately?" I find myself reflecting on the richness of Holy Week and Easter. I also catch myself giving an update on the noticeable movement that we are experiencing as congregations of FaithWorks. Because there is a separate article outlining some of that bigger picture, I'd like to share just some of what is happening on the north end of town.



Leaders from SEE (St. Andrew, Emmaus and Emaús) have been hard at work asking the questions about how to best be a unified body on the north side of Racine. Two joint council meetings of St. Andrew and Emmaus began the process of goal setting, and all three groups participated in the two-day FaithWorks retreat held April 25 and 26 at Atonement. The goal is to establish a joint council of leaders, including the leadership of Emaús (the Latino community), at future meetings.

The ultimate goal is to come together with everyone worshiping in the same location, replacing the current practice of alternating monthly between the two English speaking communities of St. Andrew and Emmaus. A desire to form stronger relationships with one another across worshiping communities and cultures has also been expressed.

The key question now being asked is, "What is essential in our core values and to the mission to which God calls us? That question leads to a second, "How will what is essential affect our decision about a common location?" Pastor Michael, at the informational meetings following worship on April 26 and 27, spoke of the importance of the Latino and outreach ministry in and around Emmaus as being central to mission in our neighborhood. He then urged everyone to hold this important question in prayer during the entire season of Easter. Pam Robers, St. Andrew council president, assured the group that this coming together will be a reality in 2014, with Reformation Sunday, October 26, the target date. She said that it will happen, but that it will be critical to make our decisions on the right place for the right reasons.

As leadership continues to discuss the process of how this decision making and transition will take place, there will be

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opportunity for the voices of all members to be heard. Sandy Roberts (St. Andrew) and Cathy Meyer (Emmaus), together with an Emaús member yet to be named, will be heading up times of listening, both in small groups and one-on-one. Those engaged in leading the listening process will be trained so that they may better hear the voices of the entire community.

The Spirit continues to move and to challenge us, and we pray for open hearts and minds as we strive to be faithful in our journey into the future, confident that we are being led through this unknown territory. I am reminded of the words of the resurrected Christ assuring us that he does go ahead of us, telling us "Do not be afraid!" As Easter people, let us hear THE voice of the Resurrected One!

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Mary

Science Fair Highlights EASY Closing Program

On Thursday, May 15, you are invited to the EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) closing program. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a picnic style supper. Afterwards, you can try your hand at the Hands-on Science Fair. The kids will demonstrate many of the experiments they have tried during the year.

A brief program will take place in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Mentors who have contributed their time and talent to the EASY kids will be recognized. A highlight of this program will be a slide show of the year's activities.

Homework help is the number #1 priority for the EASY kids. They have been engaged in math, science, language arts, geography and art activities. Time has also been designated for Lego Robotics in which the kids create projects that can be programmed on the computer to move and make sound. These projects included a spinning top and an alligator that can open and close its mouth.

In the May Visitor:

- Fiesta Mexicana
- FaithWorks Gets Specific at Retreat
- St. Andrew Rummage Sale
- Community Meal
- Garden Plots
- Women's Groups
- Synod Assembly
- Neighborhood Camp
- Moved by Prayer Walk of the Passion
- Listen to the Voice

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Share Hopes, Concerns in Listening Corner

Beginning this month, there will be a "corner" in the monthly newsletter to inform you of what is happening with the listening sessions involving members of the three worshipping communities of Faithworks North. These listening sessions will give everyone a chance to be heard regarding the proposals of how we come together.

At this time, Sandy Roberts from St. Andrew and Cathy Meyer from Emmaus have formed teams to lead the listening sessions. Edilberto Martinez will be a liaison for Emaús. By mid-June, these committee members will be trained to listen actively to members of the congregations. The listening sessions, individually or in groups, will begin after the training and run from late June through August 4.

Information collected at the listening sessions will be compiled and reported to the councils by August 17. At the August 19 joint councils meeting, the council members will make a recommendation regarding the site for worship based on information gathered from the listening sessions as well as an assessment of ministries, staff, finances, buildings and grounds.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: **Reyna Alvarez** **Mauricio Hilario Alvarez** April 12, 2014	Reyna and Mauricio are the children of Lori Luevano and Juan Alvarez. Reyna's sponsors are Santiago Coronado and Vanessa Garcia. Mauricio's sponsors are Martin Esqueda and Maria Luevano.
Maria Josefina Flores Romero May 21, 2014	Maria Romero joined the Emaús congregation by adult baptism.
Confirmation: **Humberto Ibarra** April 19, 2014	Humberto joined the Emaús congregation through adult confirmation on Easter eve.
Funeral: **Ruth Traeger Estep** May 21, 2014	Over the years, Ruth had been a Sunday School teacher and custodian at Emmaus, and a member of the Prayer Chain and Mary Circle. She died peacefully on May 16 at the age of 93, survived by her sons, Larry Estep, Jr. and Gary (Sheryl) Estep, and a grandson, Nicholas (Kati Bobke) Estep.

Please Hold the Family in Your Prayers

Paul Williams, father-in-law of Rachel Benson Williams, succumbed to a brain tumor in April. He had been able to attend Rachel and Travis's wedding on Easter Eve, but fell into a coma shortly afterward. Rachel was able to get an expedited passport to be with the family in Toronto.

FaithWorks North Serves Community Meal June 5

Our next scheduled date to provide and serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's is Thursday, June 5. Instead of the usual casseroles, we're asking for cold pasta or leaf salads, fresh fruit, beans, and desserts. St. Andrew members plan to bring hot dogs, buns and chips.

Community Meal director Margaret Clickner reminds you to please use a spray in pans to make the dish washers' job easier. Thank you!

Listening Corner

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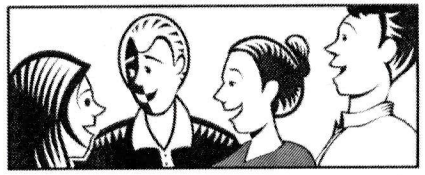
An informational letter will then be mailed to all congregation members that will detail the councils' recommendation and remind members of a congregational meeting September 14, 2014 to vote on a single site for Faithworks North.



Please remember you all have a voice that needs to be heard. There will be sign-up sheets available at church with a variety of dates, times and places to meet for a listening session. Also, anyone who prefers to have a private conversation with one of the team members will have that opportunity.

Anyone who is unable to sign up at church will be contacted by one of the team members. Please watch for more information regarding this important process.

Say It with Scrip

Need a graduation or Father's Day gift? We have a variety of gift cards on hand, including various restaurants, department stores, and specialty stores. Check out the Scrip table after worship service.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Council President:	Chris Lamberton	Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	
Custodians:	Antelmo Hernando & Rich Benson			

English language services are held at Emmaus during odd-numbered months Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; during even-numbered months, we worship at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road. During the summer months, Spanish language worship services are offered at Emmaus Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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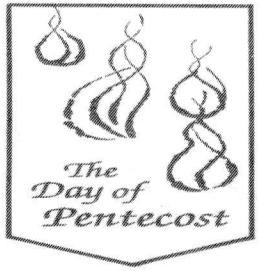
Blow, Spirit, Blow!

The birth of the church and the gift of the Spirit will be celebrated the weekend of June 7 and 8. The festival Pentecost worship will include the color red, readings in a variety of languages, and signs of fire and wind and Spirit throughout.



Come! Join the Spirit of celebration as we worship together at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday at the St. Andrew site.

Heavy Rains Wreak Disruption, Damage

Backaches, personal loss for Pastor Jhon Freddy and Liliana, financial loss for Emmaus, not to mention time spent without heat or hot water, were all results of the sewer back-up affecting the parsonage following the May 12 rain storm. The parsonage was just one of many dozens of houses in Racine suffering damage when the city's sewer system was unable to handle the stress of the torrential rains that evening.

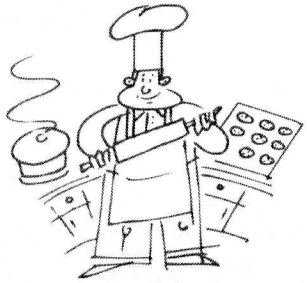
Not only was it necessary to have professional cleaners come to clean and disinfect the basement (after Jhon Freddy and Liliana literally hauled all of their personal items to the dumpster), but the furnace, hot water heater and dryer also had to be replaced. Unfortunately, there was not a specific rider on the church insurance policy to cover damage in the event of a sewer back-up.

Cost of cleaning and replacement of the major appliances totaled approximately $10,000. Of that amount, $335.00 was collected in a special "sludge fund" offering the following week. In addition, $2,500 was contributed by the Emaús Latino community, $1,000 was given in re-designated memorial money, and a new dryer and water heater were donated by two Emmaus families. As of press time, a portion of the cleaning costs, together with the cost of the furnace, have not yet been covered. Special gifts designated "parsonage fund" are still being welcomed.

At the May council meeting the unanimous decision was made to add the sewerage back-up rider to our current insurance policy. That will go into effect one month after adding it to the policy.

Neighborhood Camp Needs Kitchen Volunteers

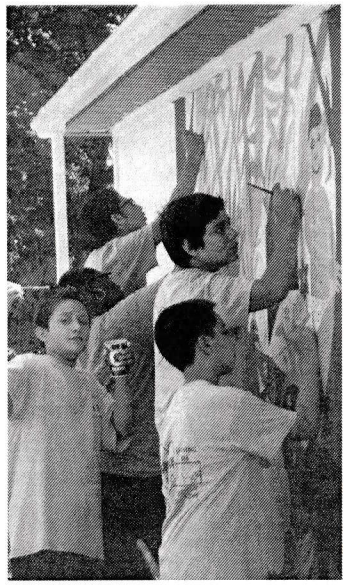
Again this summer the Emmaus Neighborhood Camp qualifies for Department of Public Instruction grant money to feed over 100 hungry campers and staff for the five weeks of camp June 23 to July 24. Campers are offered a free, nutritional breakfast and lunch each day of camp, with pre-planned menus and shopping coordinated by this year's kitchen manager, Karen Alvarez. Karen will have two paid assistants (primarily for dishwashing and clean-up of Fellowship Hall), and will also depend heavily upon Emmaus, Emaús and St. Andrew volunteers to help with food prep and serving.



Are you able to lend a hand? Would you be willing to bake four dozen or more cookies or bars? Check sign-up sheet in the narthex or church office to offer your time in the kitchen and/or goodies to help feed the kids!

Neighborhood Camp Garners Grants

Three ELCA sites, Emmaus, Atonement and Redeemer, will host the 2014 summer Neighborhood Camp. The most recent notification of a grant reward comes from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation in the amount of $35,000.



In addition, we have verbal or written commitment from the synod Outreach for Hope, Thrivent, RUSD and the Department of Public Instruction to provide additional support. Two grant proposals are still pending, which will determine the level of staffing and programming that we will be able to offer this summer.

Individual and congregational donations are being received at this time and are critical in order to meet this year's budget. The three camps provide approximately 250 kids a free five-week high quality experience from June 23 through July 24.

ELCA Neighborhood Camps Partner with Summer Food Service Program

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program at Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church and Atonement Lutheran Church in Racine.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following locations will be serving the free meals this summer: Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue and Atonement Lutheran Church 2915 Wright Avenue. Meals are provided between June 23 and July 24, 2014 to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

"This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available," said Liliana Moncada. "Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program."

After School Program

EASY Kids Celebrate Mentors

What is a mentor? That question was put before the EASY kids and what they created was an appreciative acrostic poem that was shared the night of the EASY closing program.

M Mentors are: Marvelous, Magnificent Motivators!

E Mentors are: Extraordinary, Encouraging Educators!

N Mentors are: Nifty, Nice and Noble!

T Mentors are: Trustworthy, Talented and Terrific!

O Mentors are: Outstanding, Out of Sight and Outrageously Cool!

R Mentors are: Reliable, Resourceful and Remarkable!

Each mentor was called forward and received a personal thank-you as well as a plant and a bracelet on which was woven EASY does it! Yes, EASY celebrates the many hours and devotion put forth by our mentors! Thank you Lou Barrera, Rachel Benson, Laura Bernett, Barbara Ott, Kathy Christensen, Carol Eschmann, Sandy Greulich, Jenn Haman, Margaret Knotek, Caren Lamberton, Cindi Larsen, Melissa Lemke, Joy Lippmann, Diane Melander, Emma Mueller, Rachel Mueller, Dana O'Brien, Judy Olsen, Missy Porcaro, Art Smith, Stacy Steinike, Sandi Strini, Jane Uecker, and Lee Woodward.

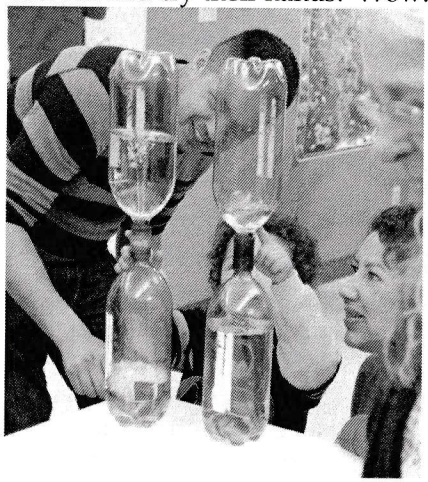
The kids enthusiastically shared that they hope to see you next fall. You are a light in their lives!

Youth Birthdays

June 2 Paulina Rubio, 5
June 8 Quinn Toslek, 3
June 12 Christopher Mendez, 4
June 16 Max Schultz, 2
June 16 Ciara Williams, 17
June 19 Anthony Rubio, 8
June 25 Scarlett Clinton, 2
June 27 Cinthia Rubio, 12
June 28 Mario Posadas, 14
June 29 Mayliana Corso-Mendez, 2
June 30 Christopher Cabrera, 3
June 30 Tayshaun Carothers, 8

Hands-On Science Fair Challenges Guests

The science experiments were set and ready to go. The EASY kids had taken their stations. Family and friends were invited to come and see and try their hands! Wow!



Eggs, fire, water, candles, bubbles, nails, optical illusions, ping-pong balls, air and magic beads were some of the elements used to show what the kids have been trying throughout the year.

A first grader exclaimed, "Nancy, this is so exciting! All these people came to see our projects!" He was truly on another planet.

What fun it was to experience kids who are turned on to learning and excitedly sharing what they know with others!

Wanted for Neighborhood Camp

Your help will be appreciated. Please note camp needs:
Legos (new and used)
Toilet and paper towel rolls
Plastic milk cartons (gallon size) and coffee containers
Household paint brushes
Microwave and deli containers
Cereal boxes
#2 pencils (new)
Cardboard for sand painting
Geographic magazines

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (figures available as of May 25, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus			2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks-North		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
May	10	53	142	15	63	130	16	61	139
June	13	48	143	16	49	113			
July	15	23	127	16	46	134			

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2014 to date
General Fund offerings received in Mar. 2014	$15,090.86 }	$33,803.86

Mortgage retirement offerings received in March, '14 ..... $160.00

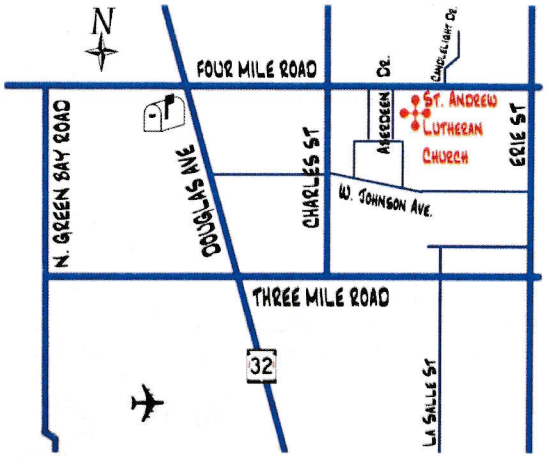
Mortgage payments in Apr. 2014:		Principal balance as of
Principal	$894.05	May 14, 2014:
Interest	$97.95	$17,475.56
Total	$992.00	

St. Andrew Hosts Worship Services in June

Emmaus and St. Andrew will worship at the St. Andrew campus, 1015 Four Mile Road, during the month of June. This will include the 4:30 p.m. Saturday worship service on May 31.

Sunday worship services are at 9:00 a.m.

Emaús Sunday worship services at the Emmaus campus move up to 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.



June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

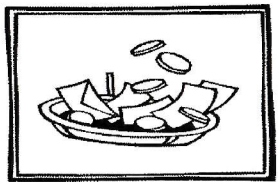
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	3920 N. Green Bay Road, # 74	53404
June 17	Mildred Schroth	244 N. Macy St., Fond du Lac	54935
June 19	Renate Doughty	1921 Arcturus Avenue	53404
June 21	Lee Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
June 26	Rose Rommelfaenger	2513 Jean Avenue	53404
June 27	Al Svendsen	949 Sibley Memorial Hwy, #101, St. Paul	55118

NorthSide Food Pantry Schedule

June 26: June Beck, Cheryl Dexter, Karen Sedgwick, Dianne Melander
July 24: Cindi Larsen, Cheryl Dexter, Boots LeRoux, Art Smith

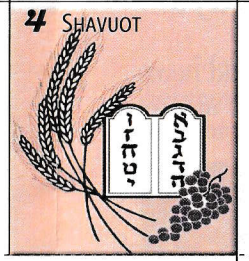
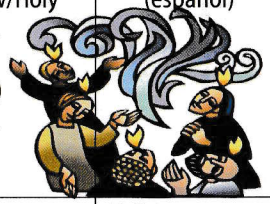
Find Your Offering Envelopes at St. Andrew

Emmaus offering envelopes have arrived and can be picked up in the St. Andrew narthex before and after weekend worship services.



Second quarter offering statements will be available at Emmaus in July.

June, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER **9:00 am Worship service** w/Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:10 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Y. Vital-Bonilla baptism 12:30 pm Sunday School	**2** 9:00 am WCATY 6:00 pm Support group (español)	**3** 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	**4** SHAVUOT 	**5** 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's	**6** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**7** 9:00 am Confirmation class (español) 10:00 am 1st Communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
Pastor Jhon Freddy on vacation May 28 – June 4				*Pastor Mary off June 1 – 7*		
8 PENTECOST 8:00 am Musicians' rehearsal **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** w/Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 11:11 am Church council mtg. (español) 12:30 pm Sunday School	**9** 6:00 pm Support group (español) 	**10** 11:30 am Worship & Music committee 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	**11** ST. BARNABAS 6:30 pm Listening training	**12** 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline 2:00 pm SALC listening training, at St. Andrew	**13** 6:00 pm Bible study 	**14** FLAG DAY 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) 11:00 am Baptism 1:00 pm Martina-Cruz anniversary **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
15 TRINITY SUNDAY; FATHERS' DAY **9:00 am Worship service** (English) with Holy Communion at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa misa** (español) 10:10 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Coach group 12:30 pm Sunday School	**16** July-August *Visitor* articles due in office 6:00 pm Support group (español)	**17** 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg. (English) at St. Andrew	**18**	**19** JUNETEENTH DAY 11:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 	**20** 6:00 pm Bible study 6:00 pm Confirmation class	**21** 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
22 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:00 am Worship service** (English) w/Holy Communion at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Coach group 12:30 pm Sunday School	**23** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 6:00 pm Support group (español)	**24** ST. JEAN-BAPTISTE 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	**25** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	**26** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	**27** 6:00 pm Bible study	**28** 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) 10:30 am M. Corso-Mendez baptism 12:00 día J. Mora quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
				Pastor Mary out of town June 26 - 29		
29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL **9:00 am Worship service** (English) w/Holy Communion at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 12:30 pm Sunday School	**30** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 6:00 pm Support group (español)	July 1 CANADA DAY 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	2 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Weekend bulletin deadline	3 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY *Offices closed*	5 10:00 am 1st communion class (español) **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English) at Emmaus
Pastor Mary out of town						

St. Andrew Farmers' Market Opens Thursdays

Hours for the Farmers' Market at St. Andrew, 1015 Four Mile Road, are 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thursdays. Come check out the selection of everything from potted plants to cookies to the soup of the day.

To donate baked goods, bring them to St Andrew Wednesday or Thursday 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please have them packaged and ready for sale. Pricing of said items will be done by farmer's market staff.

St. Andrew Farmers Market fall of 2012

'Your People Shall Be My People'

By Rabbi Renee Bauer

Shavuot (June 4 this year) is a central Jewish holiday that celebrates both the spring grain harvest and the revelation of the Torah to them at Mt. Sinai. On this holiday, Jewish congregations read the biblical description of the people receiving the Ten Commandments and they also read the Book of Ruth.

The Book of Ruth tells the story of Ruth who leaves her native land of Moab and follows her mother-in-law to Bethlehem. The women must depend not only on the kindness of others but also on important social welfare laws that are in place in order to survive. Ruth is a strong woman who works hard and negotiates the system in order to care for herself and her mother-in-law. At the end of the Book of Ruth we learn that she is the great-grandmother of King David. In Jewish tradition the Messiah will come from the line of King David. The Book of Ruth is thus a text that uplifts a poor, immigrant woman and teaches us that those from foreign lands bring gifts we can yet to imagine.

It is compelling at this moment in our country, as our representatives in Washington, DC, have been debating immigration reform and the plight of 11 million immigrants living in our communities is being decided, that we all hear the message of the Book of Ruth. Whether or not we believe that the Messianic age will come through the line of Ruth, may we all use this sacred text to remember that immigrants and their descendants are made in the image of God and deserve the rights, respect and care that all of God's children do.

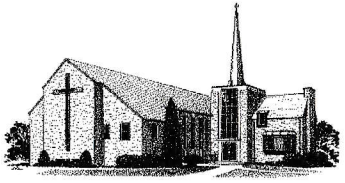
FaithWorks Festival Slated September 7

Mark your calendar for September 7, a day of service, worship, food and fun! We hope to blitz the community with servant workers donning "God's Work, Our Hands" t shirts, bearing both the ELCA logo and FaithWorks as we offer service throughout the community that morning. Watch for order forms in next month's Visitor and in upcoming bulletins.

Are you willing to help plan the pig roast/potluck for the festival to be held at St. Andrew? Or, maybe being a part of the planning team for outdoor worship or for fun and games is your interest! See Pastor Mary about lending a hand in one of those areas. If service to the community is how you would like to be involved, check in with Caren Lamberton. There is a place for everyone! Many hands make for light work—and a lot of fun as well!

Emmaus Assesses Physical Resources

As St. Andrew and Emmaus/Emaús consider what it means to come together, it has been determined that a full assessment of all our resources, including building, grounds, equipment, bank accounts, staffing and other resources be inventoried as we assess the full scope of those resources.



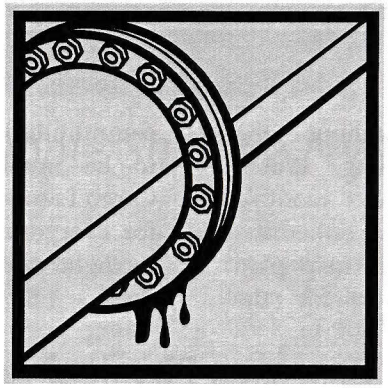
June 1 has been given as a deadline for completion of the assessment at both locations. Loren Larsen, Paul Berge, Pastor Mary and Nancy and Art Smith have worked on the assessment on behalf of Emmaus/Emaús. The compiled information will be presented to those who will be trained as listeners, and the information will then be shared with worshiping members from both sites. It has also been suggested by Bishop Jeff that we call in an outside person with experience in evaluating church buildings to bring his perspective, assisting us as future decisions are made regarding building use and/or updates.

Environmental Stewardship

Pipelines Heighten Environmental Risk

by John Berge

One of the major environmental issues in the news is the Keystone XL pipeline and the tar sands bitumen they want to pump through it from Canada to the refineries on the Gulf Coast. This has also become a political issue, but I want to stress the environmental and energy issues and bring it home to Wisconsin.



First of all, it is generally agreed that the toxic Canadian tar sands are the dirtiest source of petroleum products in North America. It is also generally agreed that it takes as much, or almost as much, energy to get it out of the ground and shipped as anyone can get out of it for fuel. It has been ruining the homes, fisheries, wild rice sources and health of the native Canadians that live nearby.

So why dig it out in the first place? Somebody can make a profit if they can somehow get it to a refinery and the pollution and hazards can be "outsourced" – that is, if somebody else picks up the bill. Why don't they pipe it to a refinery in Canada or to their ports? Because the Canadian people won't let them. To top it off, greenhouse gas emissions are 17% greater for tar sands than for the average oil on life-cycle basis.

Do you remember the spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River a few years back? That was "diluted bitumen" or "dilbit", bitumen from the tar sands of Alberta, Canada, that had been diluted with water in order to make it thin enough to be able to pump it through a pipeline.

Bitumen is heavier than water so it sinks to the bottom of a river and cannot be skimmed off the surface as with ordinary petroleum spills. It also contaminates the river beds where so much important life is carried on. That is also why the Kalamazoo spill, "The Biggest Spill You Never Heard Of," has still not been cleaned up almost four years later and is expected to cost one billion dollars! (A friend of ours and two colleagues won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting on this spill.)

Keystone XL would go through the United States well west of here if it were permitted, and therefore many seem not to be

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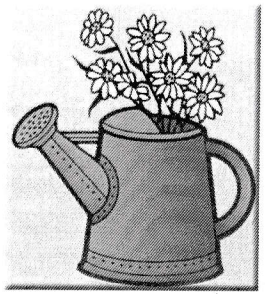
Community Garden Plots Are Available

Up to 20 raised beds are being offered to church members and neighbors for the adoption fee of $20.00. Racine Urban Garden Network (RUGN) is partnering with Emmaus/Emaús to make this community garden possible, providing funding for lumber, mulch and compost, together with some initial volunteer help to prepare the beds.



A short application form is available in the church office. If the assigned bed is left in good shape at the end of the season, the $20.00 fee will be returned! Where else can you make such an investment, and reap the harvest of fresh goodies at the end of the growing season? Want to know more? Contact Sandy Strini at skaye46@hotmail.com.

Environmental Stewardship

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concerned about it. But Enbridge Energy has announced plans to expand their pipeline, Line 61, to 880,000 barrels/day. This pipeline cuts right through Wisconsin from Lake Superior to Illinois. It comes as close to us as Delavan after going by many lakes and recreational areas in the process of going from Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin, and then on down to the Chicago area and probable export of the refinery products.

Enbridge would increase the capacity of this line by both enlarging it and increasing the pressure with more and larger pumping stations. I don't have space to write about their pipeline through the Soo area to Detroit, but imagine the effect of a spill there which could affect the drinking water of 42 million people.

There are those who say that we need this petroleum to fuel our cars, homes and factories. As long as there is the need, somebody may approve these pipelines. Therefore, the way to stop them is by every legal means and, more importantly, by conserving energy and converting to renewable sources as soon and wherever possible. That is our environmental stewardship challenge!

AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

Effective date of authorization: _____/_____/_____

Type of Authorization Form:
- ❑ New Authorization
- ❑ Change donation amount
- ❑ Change donation date
- ❑ Change banking information
- ❑ Discontinue electronic donation

Last Name	First Name	
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Email Address		

FIRST DONATION DATE:

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FREQUENCY OF DONATION:
- ❑ Weekly on _____
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- ❑ General Operating $_____
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CHECKING / SAVINGS

Please debit my donation from my (check one):
- ❑ Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
- ❑ Checking Account (attach a voided check below)

Routing Number: _____
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I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature:_____ Date:_____

CREDIT CARD

Please charge my payments to my (check one): ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express ❑ Discover Card

Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date:
Name on Card:	
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I authorize the above church to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

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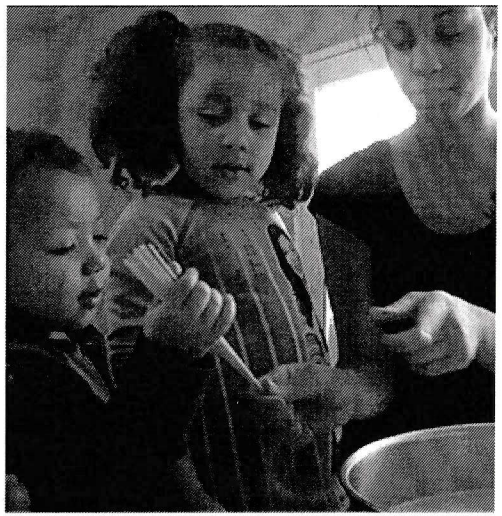
Synod Assembly Focuses on Food Security



Voting members from Emmaus, Emaús and St. Andrew are attending the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly May 29-31, 2014 at the Country Springs in Waukesha.

As a part of this year's focus on food security, Barbie Izquierdo will be a keynote speaker. Barbie Izquierdo puts a human face on hunger and poverty in America. She and her family have suffered from food insecurity, and as a result of it she has been a hunger advocate for the past five years.

Barbie Izquierdo is a young mother who has found the task of feeding her children challenging. Having lost her job during the recession, she was often unable to buy enough food for her daughter, son, and herself. Looking back on the hardest days, Barbie recalls thinking, "I literally have nothing left. What do I give them?"

Some days, Barbie skipped meals to make sure that her children ate. "I feel like America has this huge stigma of how families are supposed to eat together at a table," Barbie says, "but they don't talk about what it takes to get you there or what's there when you're actually at the table."

Having gone hungry many days as a child, Barbie was determined that her children would not be caught in the hunger and poverty cycle. Barbie dreamed of going to college and earning a degree in criminal justice so that she could earn a decent salary. But first she had to figure out how to keep her children fed. The seemingly simple act of providing food was a stressful struggle.

Barbie can be found in the documentary that urges a call to action "A Place at the Table and has been featured as a guest speaker at the White House. She has also been featured on WHYY radio, BBC World News, CNN, Associated Press, Philadelphia *Daily News*, Philadelphia *Inquirer*, The Moth Storytelling, Philadelphia *Metro* Newspaper, Washington *Post*, and many other media venues. She is a courageous mother of two fighting for substantial changes to end food insecurity.

Food, Fun Abound at Fiesta Mexicana

Proceeds from the May 3 Fiesta Mexicana fund raiser totaled $2,237. Application for matching funds will be made to Thrivent for $1 for every $3 raised.

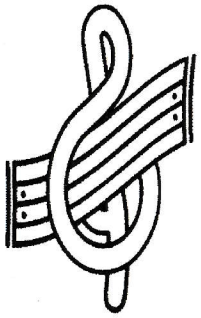
Many thanks to all who donated food, time, and hard work to make the Fiesta fundraiser such a success! Special thanks go to sponsors, Danny's Meats, and all who served food at the event—and most of all, to all who bought raffle tickets, bid on auction items and came to enjoy the food, music, and fun in person!

All proceeds of the fund raiser will go to fund regular programming and operating costs included in the general budget of the church.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Downtown Summer Concert Series Returns

"Music & More" returns to First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue on Thursdays at noon starting June 5. The one-hour concerts continue through August 7, followed by a season finale concert at 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 15.



Artists performing at the Tuesday concerts include Frank Suetholtz, Kai Bergendahl and Jeremy Scott, Zachary Scott Johnson, the Corporate Downsizing Quartet, and many more.

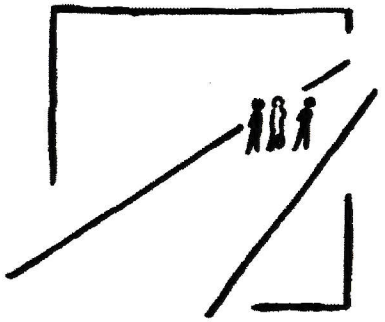
A free will offering is taken at the Tuesday concerts, to benefit Schools of Hope, Navigator Racine, and Health Care Network. Tickets for the finale concert are $10 or complimentary with a donation to "Music & More."

Pastor Mary's Page

Stronger Together!

Many times since our FaithWorks leaders' retreat held in late April I have reflected on the saying shared by Susan Gould, reminding us that if we want to go fast, we should go alone; but, if we want to go far, we need to go together.

Moving forward together will ultimately take us further and help us accomplish our goals *only* if we have a clarity of vision and we know where we are going. The upcoming listening sessions for Emmaus and St. Andrew are not only intended to air feelings, concerns and fears, but they also are needed to articulate our mission as God's people here in Racine.



It has been stated by the leadership that it is the hope and intention that we come together in one location by the end of October. Our coming together must be broader than Sunday mornings (or Saturday afternoons) only. How do we come together to serve the God we worship? What expression does that take during the course of the entire week?

What are your dreams of coming together as a unified community? How will we express being the Body of Christ *together* in Racine? What is essential, and what may we need to let go of in order to move forward with boldness?

This moving together is far more than Emmaus, Emaús and St. Andrew walking on the road together. Remember who was the walking partner on that road? Read Luke 24 once again! The resurrected Christ walks with us, revealing himself to us when we least expect it. And now, as we prepare for the celebration of Pentecost, we are reminded that we are not on this venture alone. Jesus promised, "I will not leave you orphaned." We have been promised the gift of the Spirit to accompany, guide, direct and lead us as we move forward.

The Spirit knits us together, making us ever stronger in our journey together! Let's join hands and hearts as we venture into the future *together*!

Counting on the Spirit…

Pastor Mary

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In the June Visitor:

- Listening Corner
- Community Meal
- Sewer Woes
- Neighborhood Camp
- EASY Celebrates Mentors
- Hands-On Science Fair
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Congregational Meeting Asked to Authorize Refinancing Loan

At its June meeting, the Emmaus council passed a motion to recommend refinancing the existing loan with Thrivent. It is proposed that the current balance of under $18,000 be rolled over into a new loan, adding slightly over $100,000 to that amount.

The additional funds would then be used to help defray expenses already incurred for winter utility bills, snow removal and the recent damage resulting from sewer back-up in the parsonage. Internal borrowing from designated funds has been necessary to meet those and other obligations. In addition, $30,000 would be used for upcoming alley repair, and the remainder would be earmarked for future capital improvements.

Congregational Meeting

The recommendation includes the parameters of keeping the monthly payments at under $1,000 (current payment is $992.00) with a fifteen year fixed rate. This recommendation will be officially made to the congregation at a special meeting to be held Sunday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

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Pastoral Acts

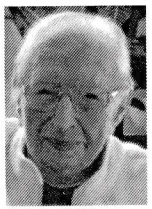
Baptism:
Julissa Cordero
June 14, 2014

Julissa is the seven-year-old daughter of Adela and Fabian Cordero. Her sponsors are Guillermo Reyes & Blanca L. Miranda

Mathieuses to Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

The family of Edna and Bob Mathieus will host the coffee hour on Sunday, July 27, as they celebrate both Edna's birthday and the 60th wedding anniversary of Edna and Bob. The coffee hour will be followed by what is expected to be a brief congregational meeting. (Please see the article on page 1.)

Please Remember Them in Your Prayers



Longtime Emmaus member Bea Helding passed away in Birnamwood, Wisconsin on June 21. She was 97. Our present telecoil system in our sanctuary for the hearing impaired is a lasting legacy of Bea's generosity.

Sandy Strini's cousin Al Sorensen ended his long battle with cancer on June 19.

Council Approves Redefining Pastor Mary's Call

At the request of Pastor Mary, the council approved redefining Pastor Mary's call. Because Pastor Mary's compensation is below Synod guidelines for her base salary, she would rather have the call be renamed as a half-time position.

It is her intention to continue to fulfill her responsibilities as she has in the past, but she does not want her work with FaithWorks to be reflected in the call to Emmaus.

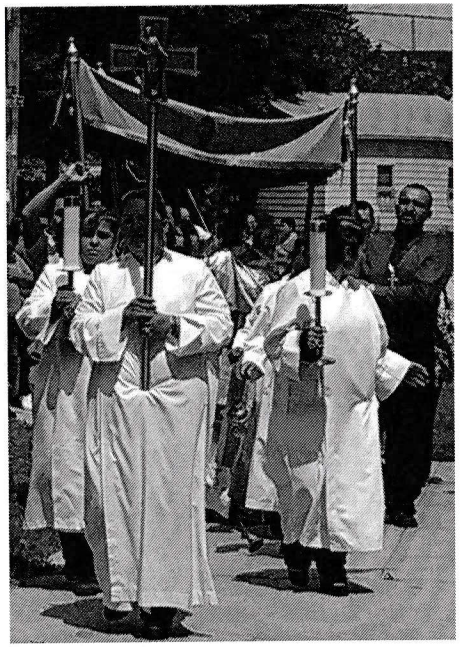
Because of her requested decrease in monthly housing equity, the change will result in a monthly savings to Emmaus of approx.-imately $500.

Pastor Mary will continue to take off the first week of each month in addition to her vacation time.

Emaús Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

Five years ago on Pentecost Sunday, the Emaús Spanish speaking worship service began under the leadership of Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa. The initial community of 25-30 people first met in homes. The Sunday attendance now fluctuates between 150 and 200 people weekly.

During the month of July, the Emmaus, St. Andrew and Emaús communities will literally "bump into one another" between worship services. The English worship service, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is planned to be one hour long. (Worship leaders and pastors have pledged to make that possible!) At 10:00 a.m. the Latino worshipers will be entering the sanctuary for their Sunday worship. Each week, as we come and as we go, we will have the opportunity to share a short time celebrating who we are together. The first Sunday in July, the three congregations will share the peace during the "together time."



We look forward to celebrating the richness of our diversity as we do some intentional "bumping into each other" Sunday mornings in July!

New Assisting Ministers Invited

By Kathy Christensen

The Worship and Music Committee is encouraging more lay participation in worship services by inviting anyone interested to serve as an Assisting Minister occasionally. An Assisting Minister would lead portions of the liturgy including prayers and could also serve as a communion assistant (optional).

If this sounds like something you would be willing to do, contact Kathy Christensen at 909-4799 or rdckic@sbcglobal.net or the church office.

Mt. Meru Coffee Project Needs Your Help

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project has an urgent need for an infusion of cash.

The 2014 coffee crop is maturing more quickly than normal, partly due to climate change and the on-going drought in certain regions of Tanzania. And a reduced global supply of coffee is driving prices up. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project remains committed to paying farmers a higher than market price, but if the market price rises dramatically, this becomes more difficult.

Members of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project Board met with Bishop Jeff Barrow recently, and the outcome of that meeting was a letter (excerpted below) from the Bishop to Synod congregations.

"I would like to be able to send coffee to places it's never been before, the numerous coffee shops and roasters that we all visit in each of our local communities, as well as other congregations, locally and nationally," Bishop Barrow writes. "The history has been that when

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Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Custodians	Antelmo Hernandez & Rich Benson		

During odd-numbered months, English language services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00. During even-numbered months, we worship at St. Andrew. Spanish language worship services are offered at Emmaus Sundays at 10:00 a.m. during summer months, and at noon the rest of the year.

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

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the September VISITOR is August 18. Submit articles to Paul Berge's attention by mail or by e-mail.

Neighborhood Camp Gets Off to Running Start

Stop watches, jump ropes and fitness gear have been part of the first week of Neighborhood Camp, which began June 23. At full capacity, the camp has welcomed 60 elementary kids to "Eat Smart, Play Hard" days packed with healthy eating, fun learning, physical fitness and God time as part of the daily routine.

New campers returned the second day to say that they couldn't wait to have more fun and that "camp is just awesome!"

Donations of time in the kitchen or of money are still welcome—it takes a significant amount of each to make this free camp available each summer for five weeks. Thanks for all you do to support our kids, showing them God's love in very tangible ways!

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated:

In memory of Ruth Estep: $470.00

In memory of Olaw Thomsen: $150.00

Designated for NorthSide Food Pantry:

In honor of Diane Melander: $20.00

SALT Kids Serve and Learn

The middle school component of Neighborhood Camp is off to a strong start this summer at Emmaus. The nineteen kids in the SALT program (Serving And Learning Together) are led by Anthony Figueroa and Ken Huissen, who have both studied at Carthage. Anthony began as a camper in elementary school and has since volunteered and been on staff for Neighborhood Camp at three different sites.

This year's SALT program includes service to the community and an introduction to photography. Art Smith is the will walk the kids through the steps for use and care of the digital cameras that they will be using throughout the five weeks. Some of the students will also try their hand at developing a website as they document their summer experience.

Included in SALT's community outreach are working in the St. Andrew garden, the Jacato Drive Racine Urban Garden, cleaning up North Beach, and preparing and serving a dessert for the downtown Hospitality Center.

After a day of weeding, hauling and spreading lots of mulch in the St. Andrew garden, one of the boys who is new to the SALT program this year asked Pastor Mary, "Can we come back here tomorrow?"

Transportation for the outings is being provided by volunteers from the church and by the city bus system. The kids round off their experience with physical activity and by journaling their daily activities.

Campers to Present Final Summer Program

Campers, families, friends and members of Emmaus are invited to Neighborhood Camp's closing picnic at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24. Hot dogs, water, soda and ice cream will be provided. Salads and desserts are welcomed by those attending.

At 7:00 p.m., there will be a closing program in the sanctuary of the church. Reading rewards and other recognitions will be given, and campers will share an original presentation with those attending the final program.

Check Out Scrip Table

By Cathy Meyer

School supplies are on sale now. Pick up whatever is needed using a Scrip card. We have a variety of gift cards on hand, including department and discount stores. Check out the Scrip table after worship services.

Listening Corner

Listening Sessions Are Underway

June was a busy month for the listening teams from St. Andrew and Emmaus. On June 11 and 12, team members were trained by Pastor Michael and Pastor Jhon Freddy to actively listen to members of the congregations. The listening session, individually and in groups, have begun and will continue through July 20.

Information collected at the listening sessions and at a team member meeting July 21 will be compiled and reported to the councils by August. At the August 19 joint councils meeting, council members will make a recommendation regarding the site for worship based on information gathered from the listening sessions as well as an assessment of ministries, staff finances, buildings and grounds.

An information letter will then be mailed to all congregation members detailing the councils' recommendation and reminding members of a congregational meeting September 14 to vote on a single site for Faithworks North.

Please remember: you all have a voice that needs to be heard. If you have not already signed up to meet in a group or for a one-on-one session, team members are now calling congregation members so that everyone can be a part of this important process.

Emmaus

Tues., July 8, 6:30 p.m., Emmaus Fireside Room
Wed., July 9, 6:30 p.m., Emmaus Fireside Room
Thurs. July 10, 10:00 a.m. at Loren & Cindi Larsen's, 6115 Fayette Dr.
Sun., July 13, 10:15 a.m. Emmaus Fireside Room
Wed. July 16, 1:00 p.m. Emmaus, Pastor Mary's office

St. Andrew

Wed., July 9, 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew library
Tues., July 15, 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew Fireside Room
Sun., July 20, 10:45 a.m. in Emmaus Fireside Room.

Community Meal Director: 'Cool It!'

St. Patrick's has decided not to use its ovens to cook food for Community Meals during the summer. Emmaus and other contributing congregations are asked not to bring the usual casseroles.

Instead, please substitute food that can be heated in a Nesco or served cold. Community Meal Director Margaret Clickner suggests hot dogs, beans, chips, tacos, hamburgers, brats, sloppy joes, sub sandwiches, cold pasta salads (tuna, chicken, and shrimp), leaf salad, pickles, olives, and fresh fruit.

"These are some examples, but if you can come up with some personal favorites that you make during hot days, they would be greatly appreciated," Clickner said. "We know how we feel in the heat; this solution will also help those who make the dishes to pass out. You won't have to heat up your kitchen, either!

"Ovens will not be used from June 1 until September 26. Also, please use a spray in pans; this will help our dish washers a lot."

The next meal that we will serve at St. Pat's is on Thursday, August 7. Watch for the new sign up sheet and the pans to reappear in the Emmaus narthex in early July.

Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule

July 24: Cindi Larsen, Cheryl Dexter, Boots LeRoux, Art Smith
August 28: Kathy & Rich Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, Ron & Pat Jensen
September 25: June Beck, James Larrabee, Boots LeRoux, Art Smith

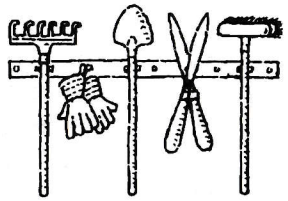
Calling All Cooks and Bakers

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

Consider making a batch of cookies or some jello for the campers. Help is also needed in the kitchen in July and August. Camp runs Monday through Thursday through July 24. If you can help one or more days, please sign up in the church narthex.

Community Garden Plots Are Still Available

FaithWorks North members and neighbors have adopted a number of garden beds in our field, but we still have more available. Racine Urban Garden Network (RUGN) is partnering with Emaús-Emmaus to make this community garden possible, providing funding for lumber, mulch and compost. A short application form is available in the Emmaus church office. If the assigned bed is left in good shape at the end of the season, the $20.00 adoption fee will be returned.



To know more, contact Sandy Strini at skaye46@hotmail.com.

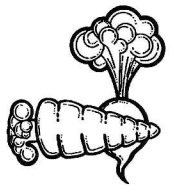
St. Andrew Farmers' Market, Boutique Are Open Thursdays

The Farmers' Market of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road is held on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. until October 16. Plants, homemade soups, baked goods, are available. Other vendors offer eggs, chicken, crops in season and handmade yarn and fabric items. A percentage of the profits from the Farmers Market is given to the Northside Food Pantry as well as produce.

The Boutique is open inside the church at the same time as the Farmers' Market. The Boutique features collectibles: a brownie scout doll, brother and sister Hummels, numerous plates, spoons, books, glassware, china, costume jewelry and smaller types of decorative, household, holiday and miscellaneous items of interest.

St. Andrew Garden Welcomes Help

The St. Andrew garden needs more help! In order to hire a part-time garden worker, we need your assistance. In the narthex, there is a tree with some funny-looking vegetables attached to envelopes. Please take one, add a check or cash (whatever amount you think is best), write your name on the envelope, and put it in the offering plate. The garden thanks you!



Synod Aims to Be Gathered, Sent

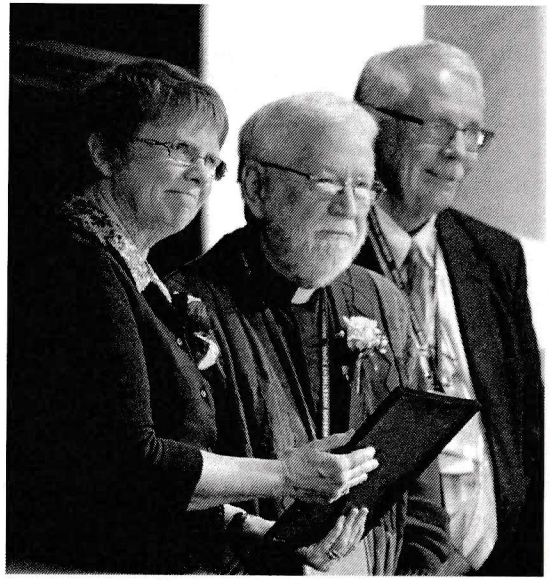
The 2014 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly convened Thursday, May 29 at the Country Springs Hotel Conference Center at 2810 Golf Road, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

In Thursday's worship message, Synod Bishop Jeff Barrow walked the road from El Salvador to Emmaus, professing joy at being part of a church that was finding ways to find unity of purpose with other faith traditions.

On Friday, Rev. Ruben Duran offered "greetings from your colleagues south of the border at the churchwide offices," noting his close work with Rev. Sandy Chrostowski on the synod staff. He praised the "exciting outreach" in our synod, saying that Christ is present on the streets of Milwaukee and in the small towns and rural communities.

He said that population growth continues most in the south and west, with an ever growing Latino population. He reported that 1,400 existing congregations are located in zip codes with at least 30% Latino population, and 2,000 in zip codes with at least 30% African-American populations. In fact, he said, half of ELCA congregations are in communities that embody some significant form of diversity, whether in population or finance or age.

That said, he added that "our identity is a theological identity," not intrinsically tied only to specific populations. While he said that "we are graying," there are new faces in our midst, and we possess the gift of hospitality. While Lutherans were once



"called, gathered and nourished," we now aim to be "claimed, gathered and sent."

In closing, Rev. Ruben recalled the Road to Emmaus, a downhill road seven miles long. Something happened, he said, on that road that caused the two disciples to run uphill to share the story of

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FaithWorks Plans Fall Festival September 7

Mark your calendar for September 7, a day of service, worship, food and fun! We hope to blitz the community with servant workers donning "God's Work, Our Hands" t shirts, bearing both the ELCA logo and FaithWorks as we offer service throughout the community that morning. Are you willing to help plan the pig roast/potluck for the festival to be held at St. Andrew? Or, maybe being a part of the planning team for outdoor worship or for fun and games is your interest! See Pastor Mary about lending a hand in one of those areas. If service to the community is how you would like to be involved, check in with Caren Lamberton. There is a place for everyone! Many hands make for light work—and a lot of fun as well!

FaithWorks ELCA Racine
A Profound Mission Partnership

FaithWorks Fall Festival 2014
Sunday, September 7
ELCA "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday

We'll be hitting the streets of Racine doing 'God's Work' and want to be seen! Get your ELCA t-shirt, with the FaithWorks name and logo on the back, and join in the fun!

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

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Size	Cost/Shirt	# Ordered	Total Cost
Youth Small	$6.00		$
Youth Medium	$6.00		$
Youth Large	$6.00		$
Adult Small	$6.00		$
Adult Medium	$6.00		$
Adult Large	$6.00		$
Adult XL	$6.00		$
Adult 2X	$8.00		$
Adult 3X	$9.00		$
Adult 4X	$10.00		$
Adult 5X	$10.50		$
*Donate A Shirt	$6.00		$
		ORDER TOTAL	$

Put your completed order form in the offering plate, or drop it off in the church office.
Checks should be made out to FaithWorks Racine.
*Indicate how many shirts you'd like to buy for one of our volunteers. First order will be placed on July 10th.

Summer Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jul. 5 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter	–	–	–
Sun. Jul. 6 9:00 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Pat Jensen	Chris Lamberton	R. Christensen team
Sat. Jul. 12 4:30 pm	Missy Porcaro Marge Zielke	–	–	–
Sun. Jul. 13 9:00 am	Barb Larsen Pat Jensen	Cindi Larsen Joy Lippman	John Knuteson	W. Meteyard team
Sat. Jul. 19 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	–	–	–
Sun. Jul. 20 9:00 am	Kathy Christensen	Shirley Velzka	Jim Larrabee	L. Woodward team
Sat. Jul. 26 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	–	–	–
Sun. Jul. 27 9:00 am	Pat Jensen	Karen Sedgwick Chris Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick	M. Porcaro team
Sat. Aug. 2 4:30 pm				
Sun. Aug. 3 9:00 am				
Sat. Aug. 9 4:30 pm	**Saturdays:** Margaret Mau Lori Schaeffer			
Sun. Aug. 10 9:00 am				
Sat. Aug. 16 4:30 pm	**Sundays:** Carol Deschler Helen Eckheart Joan Hage Barb Rigden Joyce Skrzypchak Laurie Spa			
Sun. Aug. 17 9:00 am				
Sat. Aug. 23 4:30 pm				
Sun. Aug. 24 9:00 am				
Sat. Aug. 30 4:30 pm				
Sun. Aug. 31 9:00 am				

Coffee & Fellowship Hosts:
July 27: Edna Mathieus & Linda Verwey

Wednesday	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, Wisc. 53404 262 634 5515		***August 1*** 6:00 pm Support group	**2** 12:00 día M. Salinas baptism 2:00 pm A. Ramirez quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English) at St. Andrew
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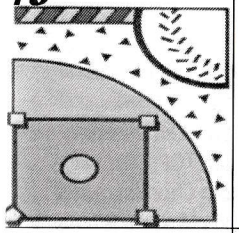
13 	**14** V-J Day 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline Sept. *Visitor* articles needed 4:00 pm LL Auxiliary ice cream social at Lincoln Villas	**15** Mary, Mother of Our Lord 6:00 pm Support group	**16** **12:00 pm First communion service** (español) 3:00 pm T. Gardaño quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
20	**21** 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	**22** Emmaus founded, 1851 6:00 pm Support group	**23** St. Bartholomew **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
27	**28** 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	**29** Martyrdom of John the Baptist 1:00 pm P. Rivera quinceañera 6:00 pm Support grp.	**30** 12:00 día Sanchez quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew
3	4 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	5	6 TBA Festival set-up **4:30 pm Worship service** (English) with Holy Communion at Emmaus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 Phone 262 634-5515; fax 262 634-0835 www.emmaus-racine.org Follow Emmaus-Racine on Facebook	June 30 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	**July 1** Canada Day 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	**2** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline	**3** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp *Office closed in afternoon*	**4** Independence Day *Offices closed* 	**5** **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus
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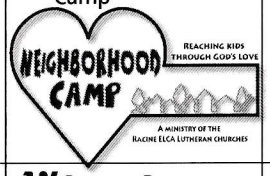
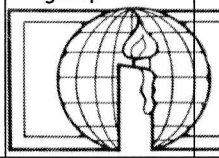
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost **9:00 am Worship** service w/Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:05 am Coffee & fellowship 12:30 pm Kids' Camp	**7** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 	**8** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Emmaus listening group	**9** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 6:30 pm Emmaus listening group	**10** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline 7:00 pm FaithWorks Mission Council	**11** 6:00 pm Support group	**12** 10:00 am Sabal baptism 12:00 día Romero quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus
13 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Musicians' rehearsal **9:00 am Chicago Folk Service** (English) with Holy Communion at Emmaus **10:00 am Santa misa** (español) 10:05 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am Emmaus listening group 12:30 pm Kids' Camp	**14** Bastille Day 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp	**15** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg. at Emmaus	**16** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 1:00 pm Emmaus listening group	**17** 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Sun. bulletin deadline	**18** 6:00 pm Support group 	**19** **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus July
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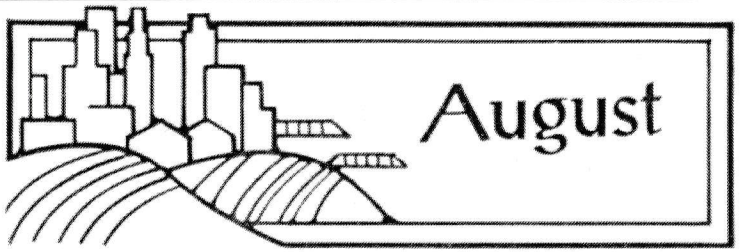
27 7th Sunday after Pentecost **9:00 am Worship service** (English) with Holy Communion at Emmaus **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:05 am Coffee & fellowship **10:30 am Congregational meeting** 12:30 pm Kids' Camp 1:30 pm Griffin-de la Cruz wedding	**28**	**29** 1:00 pm Staff meeting 5:00 pm TOPS	**30**	**31** 9:00 am Bulletin deadline	***August 1*** 6:00 pm Support group	**2** 12:00 día M. Salinas baptism 2:00 pm A. Ramirez quinceañera **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English) at St. Andrew



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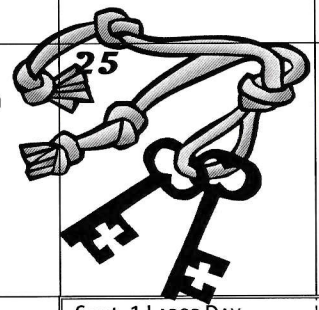
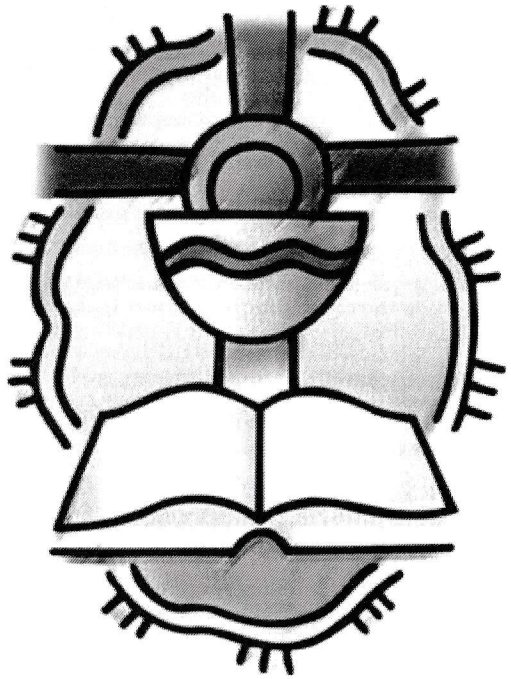
31 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **9:00 am Worship service** (English) with Holy Communion at St. Andrew **10:00 am Santa Misa** (español) 10:05 am Coffee & fellowship 2:00 pm Vargas, Rocha baptisms	Sept. 1 LABOR DAY *Offices closed*	2 5:00 pm TOPS



Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53404
July 18	Joy Lamberton	1027 Berkeley Drive	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 25	Nancy Smith	1530 S. Main Street	53403
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 12	Joyce Kaiser	14220 56th Road, Sturtevant	53177
August 15	Rich Christensen	1019 Hwy. V, Sturtevant	53177
August 27	Richard Larsen	4202 Erie Street	53402

Summer Bible Readings



July 6: Zechariah 9:9–12; Psalm 145:8–14; Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30.

July 13: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

July 20: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

July 27: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

August 3: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

August 10: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

August 17: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28.

August 24: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

August 31: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

September 7: Ezekiel 3:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

FaithWorks Champion Seeks Champion

FaithWorks Racine is looking to hire a "FaithWorks Champion." This position will be responsible for leading FaithWorks in the discovery and implementation of its unifying mission focused on children, education and nutrition.

To apply for this position, submit résumé and cover letter no later than July 10 to: Pastor Warren Williams, Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave., Racine, WI 53405.

FaithWorks ELCA Racine
A Profound Mission Partnership

JOB TITLE: FaithWorks Champion

LEVEL OF EFFORT: Half time, salaried, exempt position
SALARY: Commensurate with experience and in accordance with the Greater Milwaukee Synod guidelines (approximately $20,000 annually)
BENEFITS: Medical, dental, retirement per ELCA guidelines

OVERVIEW OF POSITION:
To lead FaithWorks in the discovery and implementation of its unifying mission focused on children, education and nutrition.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Develop the FaithWorks message and supervise the delivery of that message via the communication coordinator.
2. Identify the issues that FaithWorks needs to address and develop the decision points where the FaithWorks Mission Council needs to take action.
3. Develop the agenda and lead the FaithWorks Mission Council meetings.
4. Assemble and lead an advisory committee to help plan the implementation of the FaithWorks mission.
5. Coordinate all fund raising activities including the writing of grants.

ACCOUNTABILITY:
The FaithWorks Champion is accountable to the FaithWorks Mission Council.

RELATIONSHIPS:
1. Serves as primary spokesperson for FaithWorks
2. Communicates openly with each FaithWorks congregation and with the Greater Milwaukee Synod office
3. Serves as administrator and colleague of various staff and volunteer committees

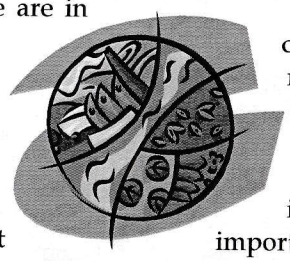
QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Demonstrated commitment to Jesus Christ
2. Excellent written and oral communications skills, bilingual (English and Spanish) required.
3. Demonstrated leadership ability in strategizing and coalition building
4. Documented "can do" spirit tempered with cultural humility
5. Demonstrated effectiveness in fund development

Environmental Stewardship

Every Litter Bit Hurts

by John Berge

It has been said of some environmentalists that they worship nature -- the creation -- rather than the creator. Other environmentalists worship and serve the Lord by doing their best to preserve and protect that creation. I hope that we are in the latter category.



Both God and the creation will be here long after we are gone; what we can affect is the condition of that creation, how we share it and what we leave for future generations. In a sense, we are just being somewhat selfish in that we want to live with clean air and water, with resources left for future generations to use, and that we are allowed to enjoy the presence of the other creatures God has created.

If we wish to preserve and protect, we should minimize our pollution and littering. I recently read of a celebration in which large numbers of helium-filled balloons were released, apparently without thought to where they would end up. The balloons do not stay up in the air forever. In our area, the odds are that the balloons will end up in Lake Michigan.

A latex rubber balloon will degrade in a few years, if it doesn't end up fatally clogging up the stomach of a fish or other animal. A Mylar® balloon will not degrade for decades. If either reaches the oceans, sea turtles may mistake it for a jellyfish, their favorite food, and it can cause death or extreme discomfort.

Do we really wish to celebrate some event or memorialize someone by littering and causing the death of some other creature? This is but one illustration of the importance of looking toward the end results of our actions.

In my April column, I urged people to dispose of any unwanted medications at the collection site set up by local health departments on the third Saturday of that month. Response was very good. 1,318 pounds of non-controlled and no longer wanted medicines were collected and incinerated.

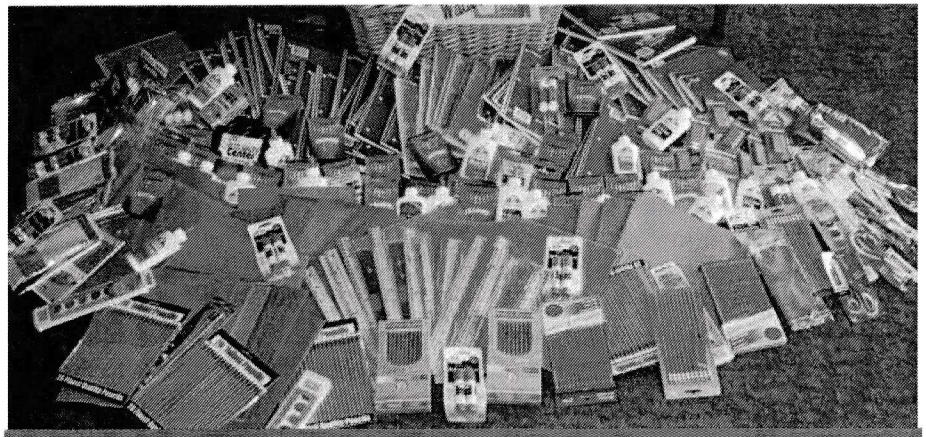
In addition, about 150 pounds of controlled substances (narcotics, opiates, etc.) were collected, turned over to the police and properly disposed of. Thus, almost 1,500 pounds of medication were kept out of the landfills, our ground and surface waters, and away from children and others who might be harmed by them. The next medicine collection will be the third Saturday of October.

Help Fill Basket with School Supplies

Thanks to your support, many Wadewitz children received needed school supplies this past school year. Let's help make that possible again this year!

Look for a basket in the narthex in August where you can donate:

- spiral notebooks with wide lines
- new #2 pencils with erasers
- colored pocket folders
- glue sticks and regular Elmer's glue
- large pink school erasers
- crayons (boxes of 16 or more)
- rulers (with both inches and centimeters)
- boxes of watercolors with a brush



Youth Birthdays

July 3	Gabriel Carrasquillo, 1	July 31	Alejandra Antonio, 5
July 9	Mosley Egerson, 1	Aug. 6	Mercedes Cruz, 11
July 9	Veronica Maldonado, 10	Aug. 11	Samuel Martinez, 5
July 11	Clara Larsen, 1	Aug. 14	Kevin Montalvo, 11
July 11	Kevin Garcia, 12	Aug. 21	Cole Cacciotti, 7
July 12	Mason Jamieson, 4	Aug. 21	Giselle Becerra, 13
July 14	Anthony Medina, 18	Aug. 21	Saul Sánchez, 17
July 16	Glenndon Toslek, 6	Aug. 22	Mabel Christensen, 1
July 17	Jaydan Ponder, 6	Aug. 23	Marleni Aragon, 6
July 22	Giselle Gallegos, 15	Aug. 25	Abel Velasquez, 13
July 23	Adriana Zavala, 8	Aug. 28	Diana Rubio, 10
July 25	Jennifer Lopez, 15	Aug. 29	Irma Gallardo, 16
July 26	Alexis Austin, 18	Aug. 29	Mark Nunez, 14
July 30	Melissa Rubio, 17	Aug. 31	Alexander Lopez, 4

National Night Out Planned for August 5

Plans are beginning to take shape for a time to celebrate with our neighbors at an August 5 block party. Mark your calendar for a time to share food, conversation and fun with those living in the immediate neighborhood of Emmaus. The church will provide water and soft drinks as well as hot dogs to grill. Those who are able are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Stay tuned for hours and further details for our August 5 get together!

Elsewhere in Our Area

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Hosts Ice Cream Social August 14

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary will host its annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 14 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.

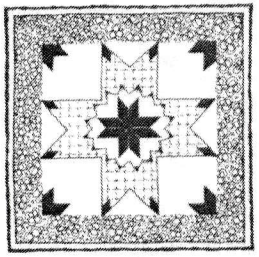
Please mark your calendar for this special event. A $4.00 donation will allow you to enjoy delicious pie or cake, ice cream, and a choice of beverage. Brats, hot dogs and chips will be sold separately.

All proceeds will be used to fund the Auxiliary's projects which benefit the residents and program participants of Lincoln Lutheran with matching funds provided by Thrivent Financial.

Plan to join them for good food and fellowship!

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 9. Donations of quilts for the auction must be received by July 15.



Photos of the quilts are posted on line at www.lutherdale.org. The quilts will also be on display during Lutherdale's Friday Fish Fry on August 8. Contact Casey Rohde at 262-742-2352, ext. 103, or e-mail casey@lutherdale.org for further details.

Lutherdale is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

SCAN Screams for Ice Cream

Did you know July is National Ice Cream Month?

Join Just Add Kids and Stop Child Abuse and Neglect of Lutheran Social Services for SCAN's Cones for Kids on Wednesday July 16, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for an ice cream tasting fund raiser at the Racine Masonic Center. All proceeds will benefit child abuse awareness programming in Racine schools.

Admission is $5.00 per person in advance, $6.00 at the door. Children under 3 are admitted free of charge.

Bring the whole family to sample mini-cones from Racine's best ice cream/gelato/custard shops. Vote for your favorite to win the Golden Scoop Award. Bid to win fantastic prize packs for kids and families! Craft with Racine Art Museum's RAM on the Road and visit the Big Balloon Tycoon.

Space is limited. Contact Karen at (262) 619-1633, or email karen.fetherston@lsswis.org for advance ticket sales. Visit conesforkids.blogspot.com for additional information.

Check Us Out On Line

Keep up with the latest news by visiting www.emmaus-racine.org and by following Emmaus-Racine on Facebook. Peruse photos of Emmaus people and events at www.flickr.com/photos/emmausracine/

Schuh to Speak at WELCA Convention

Early bird registration is open for the WELCA Annual Convention Saturday, October 11. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; opening devotion at 8:30.

Theme: Bold Women Laugh ... Bible Verses: Proverbs 31:25-26

Keynote Speaker Tasha Schuh is an inspirational speaker who helps others overcome challenges and struggles by giving a relevant message filled with humor and real life stories. Tasha grew up in Ellsworth Wisconsin and was a happy, normal teenager. She was involved in sports, music, work and theater.

In 1997, at the age of 16, Tasha's life changed dramatically. While at play practice she took one step backward and fell sixteen feet through a trap door landing on the concrete floor below. With a broken neck, crushed spinal cord and fractured skull, Tasha would never again walk. Come and hear the rest of the story.

Full Convention information can be found in the June 2014 Gleanings. Go to www.greatermilwaukeeswo.org for all of the information

Early bird registration by August 30 is only $50.00. Questions may be directed to Betty Warber, SWO President at 262-886-8918 or betty@warber.net

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (figures available as of June 22, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus			2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks-North		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
May	10	53	142	15	63	130	16	61	139
June	13	48	143	16	49	113	21	74	165
July	15	23	127	16	46	134			
Aug.	11	39	158	14	40	136			

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2014 to date
General Fund offerings received in May 2014	$9,398.14 }	$53,917.95

Mortgage retirement offerings received in April, '14.....$159.00

Mortgage payments in Apr. 2014:		Principal balance as of
Principal	$894.05	
Interest.....	$97.95	June 6, 2014:
Total.....	$992.00	$16,572.39

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- ❑ Change donation amount
- ❑ Change donation date
- ❑ Change banking information
- ❑ Discontinue electronic donation

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Email Address		

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FREQUENCY OF DONATION:
- ❑ Weekly on _____
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- ❑ Debt Retirement $_____
- ❑ Memorials _____ $_____
- ❑ Outreach _____ $_____
- ❑ Neighborhood Camp $_____
- ❑ Other _____ $_____

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Please debit my donation from my (check one):
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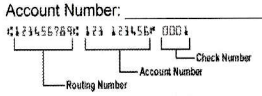

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I authorize the above church to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): _____ Date: _____

Synod Assembly

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their meeting with Christ. What happened? On that road, they began to recognize the presence of Christ, who is walking with us. The disciples were left with burning hearts; they had a different look on the way back, a sense of urgency, couldn't wait to tell the story. We have the expectation to seek Christ every day.

Action on Resolutions

On Friday, voting members took up four proposed resolutions, voting to create a Synod Endowment Fund.

Voting members passed a resolution stating that the congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod oppose any legislation that authorizes acts of discrimination against any person or groups of people in the name of religion, and that the congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod continue to invite all people into our congregations and communities.

Two other resolutions were referred to the Synod Council.

The Cluster Task Force reported that after a year of listening sessions, they found no clear consensus on realigning the present cluster system.

The Friday midday banquet featured keynote speaker Barbie Izqueirdo, who was featured in the film "A Place at the Table," and continues to build awareness by putting a face to the issue of hunger.

On Saturday, Bishop Jeff Barrow read from Isaiah 35, explaining, "These words provide the core of what I understand to be the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to stop lamenting and stop living in the past. We are the fragile vessels, and this provides an awakening for those who have fallen asleep. It is a matter of discerning what we take and what we leave behind. …

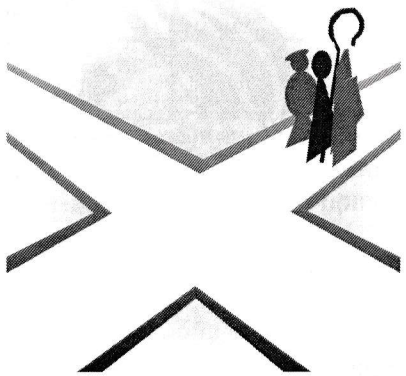
"In Isaiah, renewal began with employing the gifts of the sacred remnant – the dreams of a great new reality. …

"I visited one congregation and asked for a tour of the building before worship. I saw every corner, talked about what had gone on there, and heard the dreams that never materialized in that space. Those may embody the seed of new growth. The trick lies in leaving behind the trappings of the institution, the buildings and hierarchy, but then to remember the important witness of those who have gone before."

Pastor Mary's Column

Next Steps on the Journey Together

From the Racine Area Mission Strategy (RAMS) process to the FaithWorks mission partnership (currently with St. Andrew, Emaús, Our Savior's and Atonement) to joint worship services of Emmaus and St. Andrew, to assessment of resources and listening sessions – step by step we have been on a journey together.



We have asked, "What is God's vision for mission together in Racine?" We have discovered more about ourselves and about our partners in the process. We have asked tough questions like "What is essential to mission, and what might we need to give up/change/leave behind for the sake of God's mission?" We have expressed both fears and dreams for the future of the church.

To some, it may seem like we have taken baby steps and moved way too slowly. For others, what is familiar and comfortable remains front and center, and there may be resistance to moving ahead into what is unfamiliar territory. What we do know is that this is a new era in our society and in our church, and we are called to be pioneers and to follow God's call, venturing forth into places unknown.

As leaders, many of us have invested considerable time, energy, prayer and work in this venture together. We believe that there is no going back and that it is soon time to take the next steps in this "Forward in Faith" journey we call FaithWorks.

We anticipate that after the listening sessions are completed in late July, and following a debriefing by the listening leaders of what has been heard, the councils will then be prepared to take the next step and make a recommendation centered around coming together.

The stated goal of many is that in the fall, we (Emmaus, Emaús and St. Andrew) would come together in one location for worship and ministry as one body. And, even though we would continue to offer worship services both in English and Spanish, we would make a priority the task of building relationships and finding more and more ways of being a

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faith community together.

What all of this will look like we do not yet know. What we do know is that each part of the body brings unique gifts and is essential to the whole. As daughters and sons, created in God's image, we ALL have gifts, and we ALL have a place at the table. Hand-in-hand, hanging on to God and to one another, we will navigate this new terrain together, and we will all be richer for it! I, for one, can't wait to see what God has in store for us and for all of Racine!

With hope and anticipation,

Pastor Mary

Mt. Meru Coffee

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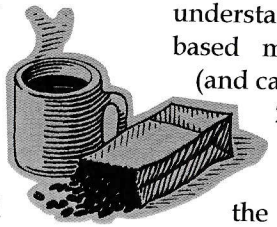
people experience our great Mt. Meru Coffee, hear the story of our partnership in supporting the farmers, they want to be a part of it, buying more and continuing to sell and drink it."



Bishop Barrow has pledged $1,000 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to start the ball rolling. "Believing that stewardship is never someone else's responsibility, I am happy to put $100 of my own money toward this project. I invite you to join me in expanding the scope of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project. $10,000 will have a big impact on the future of this great ministry."

1. Individuals can purchase more Mt. Meru Coffee for their own use or for gifts. The more people find out how good the coffee is and understand the Project's justice-based ministry, the more sales (and cash) will be generated.
2. Individuals can donate to the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, following the Bishop's own personal example. They can do this by check or by making $25 "purchases" on the Mt. Meru Coffee Project web site. (http://www.mtmerucoffee.org/products/donation)
3. Congregations can "purchase" a 60-kilo (132 lb.) bag of green beans for $500 and "donate" the bag back to the Project to be used to provide samples to coffee roasters, coffee shops, other congregations, etc.

As the Bishop said in his letter, "This is a crisis...but it is also a great opportunity" to do ministry.

In the July-August Visitor:

- July 27 Meeting of Congregation
- New Terms of Pastor Mary's Call
- Emaús at Five
- Assisting Ministers
- Mt. Meru Coffee Calls for Help
- Neighborhood Camp
- Listening Sessions
- Garden Plots
- Synod Assembly
- National Night Out
- 'Next Steps on the Journey Together'

...and that's not all!

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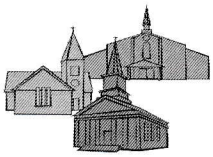
FaithWorks North Congregations to Vote on Next Steps of Partnership

There will be a congregational meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 14 at Emmaus to consider the recommendation made at the August 19 council meeting. The members of St. Andrew will be worshiping and meeting at their home church on Sunday, September 14. There will be no Saturday worship that weekend. Following is what will be considered at the two separate meetings:



Partnership

The Emmaus recommendation is: The Council of Emmaus recommends that as of Reformation Sunday, 2014, we will worship at Emmaus; and that Emmaus will invite Emaús and St. Andrew into covenant. The covenant will be developed by the covenant partners to be approved at the next annual congregational meeting in January, 2015.

St. Andrew members will vote whether to accept Emmaus's invitation, or to continue to worship at St. Andrew, to regroup and to determine how to sustain themselves there.

All members of both congregations should have received in August an email or U.S. Mail copy of a Q&A sheet addressing questions from the listening sessions and a Pastors' Viewpoint letter from Pastor Michael and Pastor Mary. If you did not receive either, there are copies in the St. Andrew narthex and at the Emmaus office.

A portion of the Olaw Thomsen bequest is expected to be in our hands by early September, and we will also have an opportunity at the September 14 Emmaus meeting to discuss the use of those funds.

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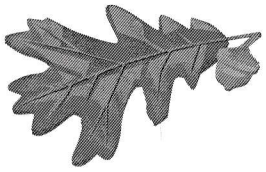
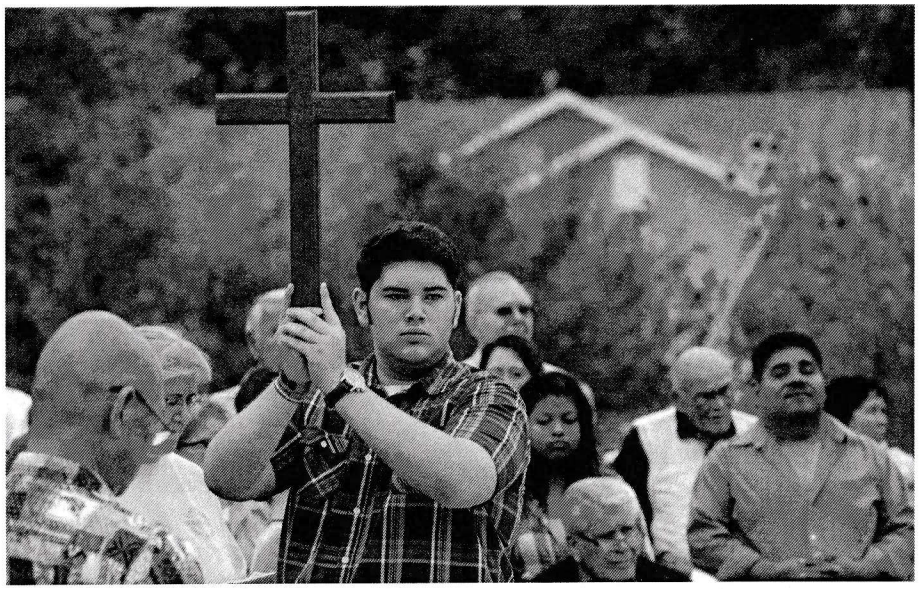
Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Jessie Julian Sabala July 12, 2014	Jessie is the son of Maleni Maya and Jessi Sabala. His sponsor is Pamela Hernandez.
Susana Maria Salinas August 2, 2014	Susana is the daughter of Antonio and Maria Salinas. Her sponsors are Lourdes Galban and Miguel Lopez.
Kelvin Ayala August 16, 2014	Kelvin is the son of Daisy Vasquez. His sponsors are Alredo Ruiz and Rosa Arellano.
Jayden Morales August 16, 2014	Jayden is the son of Nallely and Mario Morales. His sponsors are Oscar and Dolores Hernandez.
Josue Francisco Padilla August 16, 2014	Josue is the son of Astrid Mejia. His sponsors are Apolinar Hernandez and Consuelo Garcia.
Yatziri Salma Tello Adilene Yamilet Tello August 16, 2014	Yatziri and Adilene are the daughters of Josefina Miranda and David Tello. Their sponsors are Alfredo and Sandra Sanchez.
Weddings: Esperanza Castaneda Trinidad Sánchez Rojas July 9, 2014	Pastor Jhon Freddy presided over Esperanza and Trinidad's wedding in Waukegan. The couple are members of the Emaús congregation.
Tina Yust Rafael Carrasquillo, Sr. July 26, 2014	Pastor Mary married Tina and Rafael at Atonement. Tina is the daughter of Carol Yust. Seth Yust and Nicolle Vash were their Best Man and Maid of Honor.

Memorials & Honoraria



Honoraria designated for Neighborhood Camp:
In honor of Dennis & Carol Eschmann: $25.00
Non-designated honoraria:
In honor of Dennis & Carol Eschmann: $245.00
Non-designated memorials:
In memory of Kerry Hunter: $500.00



Congregations Unite for FaithWorks Fall Festival, Day of Service

Together with tens of thousands of ELCA members throughout the country, Racine ELCA FaithWorks members and friends are gearing up for a morning of service on Sunday, September 7. Headed up by FaithWorks members Art Smith, Caren Lamberton and Bob Reinders, teams of willing hands wlll be hard at work Sunday morning doing everything from gardening at the Zoo, setting up the Root River Festival, picking up trash at North Beach and Kids' Cove, to window washing downtown, to writing cards and letters of encouragement to servicemen, the homebound and the innocent children caught up at the borders.

All who pre-ordered the T shirts for our September 7 day of service are encouraged to wear them throughout the Festival Day, which will move from service to the community to the 11:30 a.m. outdoor worship service in front of St. Andrew on Four Mile Road. A pig roast potluck, games and entertainment will follow. Think Pawsitive, a regionally renowned dog agility show, will top off the afternoon activities beginning at 2:30 p.m.

There will be no Saturday or Sunday worship at Emmaus on

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FaithWorks Fall Festival

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September 6 and 7. We will join our FaithWorks partners for worship at St. Andrew at 11:30 a.m. that Sunday in a joint worship service.

To sign up for a service team, call the Emmaus church office (262-634-5515) or email Art Smith (aps3@aol.com). The kids' window washing team, led by Nancy Smith, will gather at Monument Square at 8:45 a.m. Check the FaithWorks website, www.faithworksracine.wordpress.com for exact times and places of all the service opportunities.

The Festival planning committee, chaired by Pastor Mary, includes Ilse Merlin-Tiburcio, Pablo Enriquez, Art Smith, Bob Reinders, Helen Zelinger, Margaret Robinson, Jan Kasbeer, Denise M'Bise, Dana O'Brien, Warren Williams, Karin Langlois, Caren Lamberton, Jane Uecker, Terri Nelson, Carol Yust, Nancy and Mario Posadas, and Diane Thygeson.

The festival is sponsored by the FaithWorks ELCA congregations of Racine: Emmaus/Emaús, Atonement East and West, Our Savior's and St. Andrew.

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During odd-numbered months, English language services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00; during even-numbered months, English language services are held at St. Andrew. Spanish language worship services are offered Sundays at noon. There will be no services at Emmaus on September 7 due to the FaithWorks Fall Festival at St. Andrew Lutheran; that service is at 11:30 a.m. There are no services September 6 or 13.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon 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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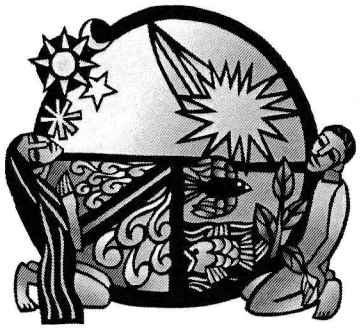
Congregation Approves Additional Borrowing

At special meeting of the congregation on July 27, members approved a motion authorizing the church council to borrow up to $120,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The 15-year mortgage is for the purpose of upgrades to the church and parsonage and to pay obligations such as rebuilding of the alley.

September Worship Observes Season of Creation

An expression of collaboration of FaithWorks congregations Emmaus and St. Andrew will be evident during three weeks of worship during the Season of Creation. Beginning the weekend of September 20 and 21, there will be a rotation of three pastors, preaching and leading worship.



The worship themes for the three weeks will be:

Forest Sunday: Genesis 2:4b-22; Psalm 139:13-16; Acts 17:22-28; John 3:1-16.

Land Sunday: Genesis 3:14-19, 4:8-16; Psalm 139:7-12; Romans 5:12-17; Matthew 12:38-40.

River Sunday: Genesis 8:20-22, 9:12-17; Psalm 104:27-33; Revelation 22:1-5; Matthew 28:1-10.

We Join in Both Sympathy and Celebration

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Velzka's son-in-law Dick Lewis; he died on August 8 after a long battle with Parkinson's and diabetes. He is mourned by his wife, Sheri, their three sons and two grandchildren.

We celebrate Larry and Jan Nielsen's 60th wedding anniversary on September 4.

Readings for September

Sept. 7: Ezekiel 33:7–11; Psalm 119:33–40; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 18:15–20.

Sept. 14: Numbers 21:4b–9; Psalm 98:1–4; 1 Corinthians 1:18–24; John 3:13–17.

EASY Begins September 22

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) opens another year of fun and learning on Monday, September 22. EASY meets Monday through Thursday from 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Homework help takes priority. Other activities include hands-on science, math and language enrichment opportunities, art, robotic and engineering projects, and geography. This year will include exercises in anti-racism and a continuation of the summer's theme of "Eat Smart/ Play Hard."

Registration forms and brochures explaining the program are available in the church office and in front of the EASY office. We anticipate an enrollment of 32 to 36 kids in grades 1 to 5. A mandatory parent meeting to explain the program will be required. The date for this meeting will be on Thursday, September 18, one at 10:00 a.m., and a second option at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish.

Mentors Befriend EASY Kids

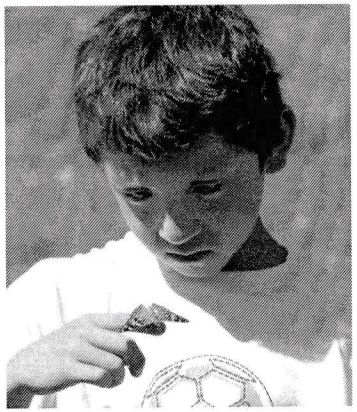
EASY Does It! Just ask the kids who participate in the EASY program what it means to have a mentor and you will get great big smiles. Anticipation abounds as the kids await the arrival of their mentors who will spend an afternoon once a week helping their special kids with homework and enrichment activities.

Mentors are kind, helpful, encouraging, good listeners, and excited about learning. Won't you please be a mentor? Our goal is a mentor for every kid! There will be two mentor orientation meetings offered; Wednesday, September 17 at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. Both meetings will take place in the EASY room. Questions? See Nancy Smith.

Neighborhood Camp Completes Fifteenth Successful Year

By Nancy Smith

Fifteen years of playing and learning together! All enjoyed the summer's activities, staff as well as campers. The campers played hard and ate smart. One of the highlights was the introduction of peace circles. Each Monday the staff would choose a camper in their group who would wear a peace armband for the week. Whenever there was a disagreement between campers, the peace mediators from each group would meet with the campers to discuss the problem from each vantage point. Once all were heard from, the peacemakers would make a recommendation on how to resolve the problem. What a good feeling to see how kids can work out problems when each one has a voice!



Thanks to a wonderful crew who care so much for kids. My assistant, Jessica Luis, began work at camp as a volunteer, moved on to staff in high school and, this fall, she will begin her junior year at St. Cloud University in Minnesota. Our staff of interns, all who have had prior camp or EASY experience, included Katie Syslack, Jose Zuniga, Anthony Medina, Courtney Royster, Ilse Merlin and Emma Mueller. They went the extra mile in overseeing the variety of creative projects that engaged the kids of all ages.

Our special out - of - town librarian, Melissa White, added much to this summer's reading program. Melissa travelled all the way from Colorado by way of North Dakota and Minnesota to spend the summer with us. She is now teaching sixth grade in Crosby, North Dakota. The library was utilized from early morning and even to after dismissal time. Hats off to Barnes & Noble and Ann Pilot, their community relations person, for supporting Neighborhood Camp through their summer reading program.

On the very last day of camp, the kids had a special God Time. They gathered in the community garden to hear Pastor Mary talk about the death and resurrection of Jesus. She used a puppet caterpillar which when turned inside out becomes a butterfly. The

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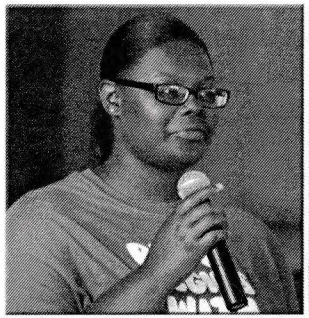
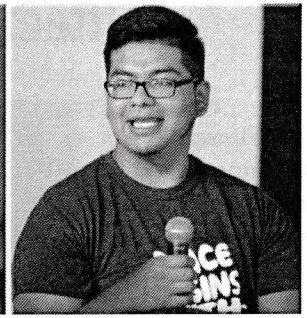
Neighborhood Camp Awards Two Scholarships





At Neighborhood Camp's closing program, Art and Nancy Smith presented two $1,000 scholarships to Jose Zuniga and Courtney Royster. Jose and Courtney have served on staff of Neighborhood Camp as well as Emmaus after School for Youth (EASY). This fall Jose will begin his studies at UW Parkside and Courtney will pursue her studies at Gateway Technical.

A board that represents the churches that sponsor Neighborhood Camp reviews candidates for this scholarship. The board members are Diane Thygeson, Atonement; Bob Reinders, Our Savior's; Linda Rattle, Redeemer; and Melissa Lemke, Emmaus. Donations are welcome and can be made by going to the Racine Community Foundation website and clicking on Donate Now. Specify the amount of your donation and indicate Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp.

Nancy and Art Smith created this scholarship to encourage graduating seniors to further their education. Recipients must have either attended and/or worked on the staff of Neighborhood Camp for at least two years. The scholarship form is available through the guidance departments of the Racine County high schools.

The scholarship is under the auspices of the Racine Community Foundation. The mission of the Racine Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Racine County by encouraging and providing opportunities for charitable giving and by managing and distributing funds in a responsible manner. This past year over $2.5 million in grants were distributed to non-profit organizations.

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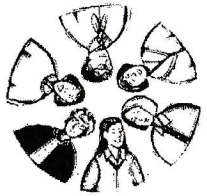
campers then released over thirty painted lady butterflies. The kids had observed the metamorphosis of a butterfly; from the larva to the formation of a chrysalis and finally the emergence of a butterfly. A few campers were fortunate to have a butterfly land on their hand as they were brought out of the habitat and into freedom.

Laura Smith to Meet Women's Bible Study



Laura Smith will share her recent experiences with the Invisible Girl project in India at our women's Bible study meeting on September 10. She and friends traveled to a girls' school and villages surrounding to continue to share the gospel with the girls at the school.

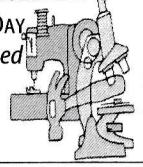
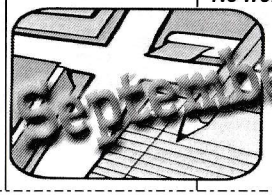
Women's Bible study meets in the Sunset Room at 1:30 on the first Wednesday of the month. All women of both Emmaus and St. Andrew are invited.

September Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Aug. 30 4:30 pm	Margaret Mau Lori Schaeffer			
Sun. Aug. 31 9:00 am	St. Andrew August altar guild			
Sun. Sep. 7 @ St Andrew		Kathy Christensen	Jim Larrabee	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sun. Sep. 14 9:00 am	Audrey Villalobos	Pat Jensen Nancy Smith	Amy Haman	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Sep. 20 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter			
Sun. Sep. 21 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Joy Lippmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 3
Sat. Sep. 27 4:30 pm	Missy Porcaro Marge Zielke			
Sun. Sep. 28 9:00 am	Joy Lippmann	Cindi Larsen Diane Melander	Jen Haman	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Oct. 4 4:30 pm	Margaret Mau Lori Schaeffer			
Sun. Oct. 5 9:00 am	St. Andrew October altar guild			

Sunday Morning Fellowship Hosts Needed

Hosts are needed for fellowship time on several Sundays this fall. Please sign up on the sheet on the Sunset Room door to host and/or provide treats on a Sunday morning. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug. 31 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30 am Departure for Misa Campal and picnic at Lutherdale (español) 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 2:00 pm Vargas, Rocha baptisms	***September 1*** LABOR DAY *Offices closed* 	**2** 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 2:30 pm FW Fall Festival worship committee 5:00 pm TOPS	**3** 11:30 am Worship & Music committee 6:00 pm GED classes	**4** 2:00 pm Farmers' market at St. Andrew 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro **6:00 pm Cenáculos de oración**	**5** 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	**6** TBD Festival set-up ***No worship service***
7 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GRANDPARENTS' DAY 9:00 am FaithWorks service projects **11:30 am FaithWorks worship service** at St. Andrew (bilingual) 12:30 pm FaithWorks pig roast and Fall Festival at St. Andrew	**8** 10:00 am Sewing group	**9** 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm FaithWorks mission council at Atonement	**10** 1:30 pm Women's Bible study 6:00 pm GED classes	**11** PATRIOT DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:00 pm Farmers' market at St. Andrew 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro **6:00 pm Cenáculos de oración**	**12**  	**13** ***No worship service***
			Pastor Jhon Freddy on vacation Sept. 10 – 16			
14 HOLY CROSS 8:00 am Musicians' rehearsal **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Congregational meetings **12:00 m Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**15** *Oct.* Visitor *articles needed in church office* 10:00 am Sewing group	**16** MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting at Emmaus	**17** CITIZENSHIP DAY 3:30 pm EASY mentor orientation Emmanuel youth program begins 6:00 pm GED classes	**18** 10:00 am & 7:00 pm EASY parents' meetings 11:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 2:00 pm Farmers' market at St. Andrew 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro **6:00 pm Cenáculos de oración**	**19** 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	**20** **10:00 am Confirmation service** (español) 11:30 am Confirmands reception **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus
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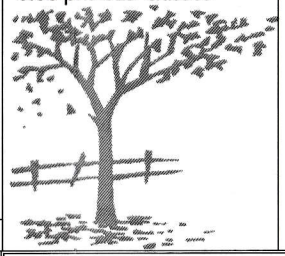
21 FOREST SUNDAY; ST. MATTHEW **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion at Emmaus (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am EASY mentor orientation **12:00 m Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**22** 10:00 am Sewing group 3:00 pm EASY	**23** 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Quince-añeras class 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange book group	**24** 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm GED classes 	**25** ROSH HASHANAH 11:00 am Weekend bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Northside Food Pantry at Trinity UM 2:00 pm Farmers' market at St. Andrew 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro **6:00 pm Cenáculos de oración**	**26**	**27** TBD G. Dykstra memorial service at Sturino **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) at Emmaus
	Pastors at Fall Theological Conference, Green Lake					
28 LAND SUNDAY; ST. WENCESLAUS **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion at Emmaus (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship **12:00 m Santa misa** (español) 12:30 pm Kids' Camp (bilingual)	**29** ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 10:00 am Sewing group 3:00 pm EASY	**30** 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 3:00 pm EASY 4:30 pm TOPS	Oct. 1 3:00 pm EASY 6:00 pm GED classes	2 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:00 pm Farmers' market at St. Andrew 3:00 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro	3 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	4 YOM KIPPUR 4:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English) at St. Andrew

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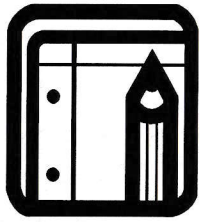
School Supplies Needed

By Nancy Smith

Emmaus members have helped support for Wadewitz at this time of the year since the year 2000. Do you remember those days of getting ready for school? How I looked forward to a new box of crayons to start the year! Nowadays it is more than crayons and pencils that students need. Check your local stores that offer school supplies for the latest sales and a list of needed items specific to Wadewitz. Drop them at church and they will be delivered. Your help is appreciated!



With cooler days and inclement weather ahead, there is another need for the kids. Socks! Many of the students arrive at school with wet feet. A dry pair of socks is a welcome solution to damp clammy feet. Questions? Contact Nancy Smith.

Youth Birthdays

Sept. 1 Yoselin Blancarte, 4
Sept. 2 Cooper Cacciotti, 5
Sept. 7 Mateo Correa-Moncada, 4
Sept. 14 Vivian Garduño, 2
Sept. 16 Cloey Briere, 9
Sept. 17 Christian Hernandez, 4
Sept. 27 Juanita Martinez, 4
Sept. 29 Yatziri Salma Tello, 3
Sept. 29 Valeria Maldonado, 11

September Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Sep. 1	Kathy Christensen	1019 Highway V, Sturtevant	53177
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. 25	Bob Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sep. 26	Jan Sukus	3648 91st Place, Sturtevant	53177

Pastor Jhon Freddy Completes Qualifying Exam

Pastor Jhon Freddy completed his qualifying examination at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago in August. He will now receive a Master's degree in Theology on his way to earning his doctorate degree.

Remaining steps include completing six more LSTC courses and defending a doctoral thesis.

Congratulations, Pastor Jhon Freddy, on achieving this milestone!

Message Board

Thanks from Cindi Larsen

Dear Friends,

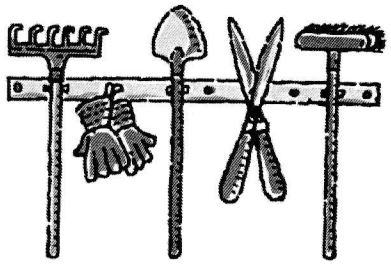
I would like to express my sincere thanks for the donations made to the Northside Food Pantry in honor of my retirement from Racine Unified. I have been blessed to be a part of the Emmaus family, and I give thanks for the many ways our congregation works to meet the needs of our city, especially through the volunteer efforts at the Northside Food Pantry.

In thankfulness to God,
Cindi Larsen

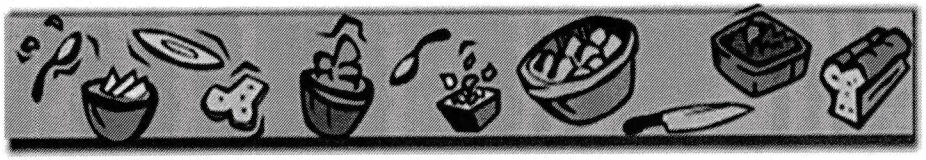
Northside Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule

September 25: June Beck, James Larrabee, Boots LeRoux, Art Smith
October 23: James Larrabee, Pat & Ron Jensen, Rich & Kathy Christensen

Thanks to Our Grounds Crew



Kudos to the faithful grounds crew! Your presence has been duly noted in and around the Emmaus campus on many Saturdays this summer. Your efforts are appreciated. My, how the weeds do grow! Thank you to Pat Jensen, Cheryl Dexter, Sandy and Walt Strini, Kathy and Rich Christensen, and Cathy Meyer and Mark Frankowski.



Thank You to Community Meal Helpers

Thank you to all the Emmaus members who pitched in to make salads and desserts for the August 7 Community Meal at St. Patrick's. Our next turn to serve the Community Meal will be on October 2. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Emmaus narthex in September.

Fall Envelopes Will Be in Narthex

The next set of offering envelopes have arrived and will be in the Emmaus narthex in September.

We continue to mail a few offering envelope sets to those shut-ins and far away members who contribute regularly. We try not to order envelopes for those members who seldom or never use them, although we have some blank sets on hand for new or reactivated contributors.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Aug. 17, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus			2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks North		
	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom
Jn	13	48	143	16	49	113	20	74	166
Jl	15	53	127	23	46	134	16	83	124
Au	9	39	138	17	40	136	16	58	149
Se	11	43	199	12	44	139			

Financial Figures

	Total for month	2014 to date
General Fund offerings received in June 2014:	$11,600.18 }	
General Fund offerings received in July 2014:	$10,340.44 }	$75,859.57
Mortgage retirement offerings received in June '14	$149.00	
...in July '14	$140.00	
Mortgage payments in July-Aug. 2014: Principal	$1,820.13	Principal balance as of
Interest	$163.87	August 7, 2014:
Total	$1,984.00	$15,664.63

Scrip Program Aids Emmaus Budget

by Cathy Meyer

Do you buy groceries, gas, or medication? Why not use a gift card from Scrip?

If every family used just one store card each month, we could really increase our fund raiser profits. Of course, many of you already use a variety of gift cards from Scrip and that has made a big difference. With Rada knife proceeds added, we were able to transfer $1,000 to the general fund after the first six months of the year.

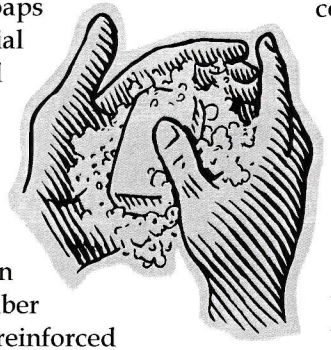
It would be wonderful if we could double that amount the second half of 2014. Think Scrip before you go shopping!

Environmental Stewardship

Anti-bacterial Chemical May Pose Hazard

by John Berge

I once believed that to get properly clean in the shower and to be socially acceptable in public I had to use deodorant soaps and other anti-bacterial products that contained triclosan or one of its related compounds. When the studies came out showing that we have ten times more "foreign" cells in or on our bodies than the number of our own cells, this reinforced that belief. Then studies came out that showed that washing with plain soap and water was just as effective as washing with soaps containing triclosan.



Other studies have indicated that triclosan might be an endocrine disruptor or cancer causing agent, but these studies are still being questioned. Triclosan also is included in some toothpastes, facial cleansers, cosmetics, shampoos, hair conditioners, toys, clothing and other products because it does kill bacteria and has shown some anti-viral properties. In plastics or fabrics triclosan may be listed as Microban® or Biofresh®. It has long been used in the scrub-up by surgeons and in the disinfection of areas where isolated patients have been.

So why is this an environmental stewardship issue? A recent study by Professor Patrick McNamara of Marquette University has shown a new

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St. Andrew Farmers' Market Opens Thursdays

The Farmers' Market of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, is held on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. until October 16. Plants, homemade soups, baked goods, are available. Other vendors offer eggs, chicken, crops in season and handmade yarn and fabric items. A percentage of the profits and produce from the Farmers Market is given to the Northside Food Pantry.

The Boutique is open inside the church at the same time as the Farmers' Market. The Boutique features collectibles, costume jewelry and smaller types of decorative, household, holiday and miscellaneous items.

Environmental Stewardship

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reason to eliminate or cut back on our use of products containing triclosan. About 100 metric tons (220,000 pounds) of it washes into U.S. wastewater treatment plants each year. His research group has shown that concentrations of triclosan present in wastewater can destabilize the anaerobic microbial communities that breakdown sewage in our wastewater treatment facilities.

It may also increase the chances of producing drug-resistant microbes that will be spread on agricultural lands or be introduced to the bodies of water that receive the effluent from the wastewater treatment facility. At higher concentrations than now experienced, laboratory studies showed a virtual crash of microbial (cleansing) activities as indicated by methane production. Treating microbes that had never seen triclosan before caused a spike in the amount of a gene that causes drug-resistance in bacteria not only to triclosan but ciprofloxacin (the common antibiotic "cipro") as well.

So far, the Racine Wastewater Treatment facility has not seen any effects due to triclosan in the water that they treat, but they haven't been looking for it, either. Their laboratory does not test for triclosan.

So, what should a good environmental steward do? I have been reading labels on soaps and other products, avoiding wherever possible those containing triclosan ... a small but consistent effort. As an article in a recent *Science News* stated, "Currently the only way to reduce wastewater levels of triclosan is if consumers use less of it."

Elsewhere in Our Area

North Cape Hosts Annual Fish Boil

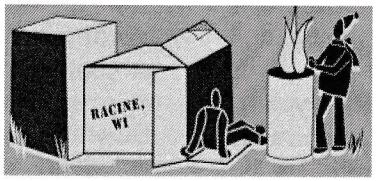
North Cape Lutheran Church invites you to their All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 27, 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are $12.00 for adults, $5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are $13.00 for adults, $6.00 for kids 6-11. Reservations are accepted for groups of ten or more at 835-2206.

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 "Danny Crivello Group" provides musical entertainment.

Proceeds will be used for church ministries and outreach activities. North Cape Lutheran is located on the east side of Highway 45 between Highway K and Five Mile Road.

Sleep Out for HALO

Sleep out for HALO is an annual event to raise awareness for HALO's mission to end chronic homelessness in Racine County. This year, the event starts at 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 7 on the EAA Chapter 838 grounds at Batten International Airport. Rain or shine, the event runs to 7:00 a.m. Saturday.



Join passionate and adventurous individuals willing to sacrifice the comforts of their own home for one evening of sleeping outdoors, on the ground, with only a cardboard box for shelter, in order to experience what it is like to be homeless.

The event is open to adults and children over 12 who will raise pledges of financial support for HALO. There is no cost to register, but participants will need to raise at least half of a pledge goal of $200 to participate.

On line registration begins in the fall at www.haloinc.org/events/sleepout. For more information, call Brenda Thomas at 633-3235, extension 142. HALO Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located at 2000 DeKoven Avenue, unit 1, Racine.

Pastor Mary's Column

Already Anticipating Re-Formation!

The Bishop has been invited to preach. The new education format will be rolled out that day, and the following week Sunday education will involve lots of kids and adults. But, just a minute...Reformation Sunday isn't until October 26! What are we planning for anyway? We haven't even gotten to the September 14 vote about coming together!

It's true. There are still so many unknowns. We don't even know yet where and how the Spirit will lead our congregations between now and then. What we do know is that nothing will ever again be the same again! Will the St. Andrew folks vote to join us in mission at the Emmaus site? What shape will relationships with Latino/a brothers and sisters take as we move into the future? How will worship and Bible studies take on deeper meaning as we move ahead? In what ways will searching youth and young families find a welcoming spiritual home? How will new leaders be developed? How does this fit into the bigger picture of FaithWorks?

In a recent staff meeting centered around the theme of kids' education, Pastor Jhon Freddy, Nancy Smith, Pastor Michael, Liliana Moncada, Pastor Gabriel and I sat in a circle as we asked the question, "Where are we called to go next with the responsibility of educating our children in the faith?" We looked at what has been offered on Wednesdays and on the weekends, asking the important question of how to best serve ALL our kids, while fairly distributing the many resources we already have.

After lengthy, prayerful discussion, we made some important decisions for change. Beginning the first weekend in November, the Latino worship time would be moved to 11:00 a.m. And, while the EASY after school program will remain intact, we propose moving the Wednesday night resources (grant funding and staffing) to Sunday morning. The Wednesday night programming and meals will be suspended, with the possible exception of meals during Advent or other special occasions. On Sunday mornings there will be opportunity for a two-fold format: God Time "Uno" between worship services, and God Time "Dos" would extend during the 11:00 a.m. Latino worship.

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Pastor Mary's Column

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Co-leaders are being sought to develop programming, organize, and train staff for our new Sunday God Time. We are seeking one person whose primary language is English and another who has Spanish as a native language. The job descriptions for these part-time paid positions are still being crafted. We do know that we need team players who have shown evidence of being able to honor and respect cultural differences. They must also be able to dream, create and lead, always with a passion for the children being served. Nancy Smith will serve as a mentor and coach for the God Time co-leaders.

These are just some of the first steps as we re-form and change and move ahead! What else is in store? I, for one, can hardly wait to see where the Spirit is leading us! Let's pray fervently, dream bravely, work diligently, listen intently...and trust God to lead us!

Blown away by the work of the Spirit,

Pastor Mary

FaithWorks Names Two Pastors As Its Champions

A few months ago, the FaithWorks Mission Council realized that to be truly effective, we needed a dedicated leader for FaithWorks: a "Champion." This Champion would be responsible for focusing the resources of our congregations, human, real, and financial, toward mission and for leading FaithWorks in the discovery and implementation of its unifying mission focused on children, education, and nutrition.

At July's Mission Council meeting, Pastor Mary Janz and Pastor Steve Wohlfeil were unanimously approved to share the role of FaithWorks Champion.

Pastor Mary, who has been key in keeping the FaithWorks mission moving forward to date, will be responsible for coordinating with the synod, the national church, potential funding groups, consultants, etc. She will lead the FaithWorks Mission Council and will continue to work on visioning.

Pastor Steve will be responsible for teaching (leading Bible studies) and preaching within our congregations. He will help to lift FaithWorks and the missional ideas, such as serving the poor, within our congregations.

In the September Visitor:

- Sept. 14 Congregational Meeting
- FaithWorks Fall Festival
- Season of Creation
- After School Program
- Scholarships Awarded
- Women's Bible Study
- Thank You Notes
- Fall Offering Envelopes
- Scrip Fund Raiser
- Triclosan & Environment
- Two Champions Named
- Anticipating Re-Formation

...and more

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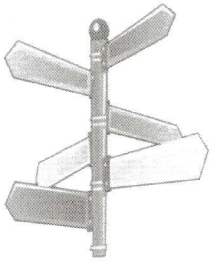
FaithWorks Congregational Votes Impact Future

Several significant votes took place at Racine ELCA churches on September 14. That morning, the members of Our Savior's voted unanimously to put their property, located on Taylor and Washington, up for sale.

The Our Savior's congregation has been worshiping at Atonement since the first of the year, and their building is currently being rented to two congregations of different denominations. The people of Our Savior's and Atonement also voted nearly unanimously to enter into covenant as they move forward together.



Two additional congregational meetings were held on September 14, one at Emmaus and the other at St. Andrew, making decisions which would greatly impact the level of future partnership. At Emmaus a motion was passed unanimously by voice vote that Emmaus remain in its current location, inviting into covenant the congregations of Emaús and St. Andrew at the Emmaus site.

At the St. Andrew meeting a motion was made from the floor that St. Andrew remain in their building on Four Mile Road. That vote was cast using paper ballots, with members voting two to one to approve the motion to stay in their present location.

While ongoing relationships and joining together in ministry opportunities are being encouraged, the current relationship of worshiping together on a weekly basis will end after the October 4 and 5 weekend. That weekend, the last weekend of the Season of Creation, joint worship will take place at St. Andrew. The following weekend, there will be separate worship services at each of the locations.

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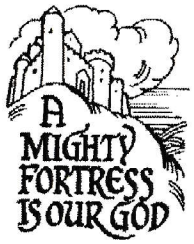
Sing to the Lord a New Song: Reformation Sunday Features Bishop Jeff and Emmaus/Emaús Musicians

Voices will join together Reformation Sunday, October 26, praising God and echoing the Psalmist's words, "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." (Psalm 96:1). The joint 10:00 a.m. service of Emmaus/Emaús will grace us with a variety of music, including organ and other instruments, together with voices singing in both English and Spanish. Bishop Jeff Barrow will bring a word of hope as we look at what it means to re-form and re-group as people of faith.



Singers and instrumentalists: Interested in being part of this special service? See Brenda Trumbauer or Ilse Merlin-Tiburcio to learn more about rehearsals during October. Let's celebrate our voices and our traditions as we come together and praise God in new ways!

Nine Emaús Youth Affirm Their Baptism

Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Jeff Barrow presided at the confirmation service as nine Emaús affirmed their baptismal promises on September 20.

The nine are Lilivet Cervantes, Rosario Hernando, Alondra G. Marin, Alexis Medina, José R. Medina, Ilse Merlin, Yanet Mosqueda F., Amairany Ortiz and Ashley Ortiz.

Remember Aiken Family in Your Prayers

Please remember the family of Marty Aiken's brother Jamie in your prayers. Jamie Aiken, 48, passed away at his home in Tennessee September 2.

Rev. Canby Accepts God Time Position

Pastor Paula Canby will fill the new position of Sunday God Time Co-coordinator, funded by the Outreach for Hope grant. Pastor Paula previously served Faith / Santa Fe Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and names as her passion multi-cultural ministry.

Pastor Paula's Latino/a counterpart has not yet been named, but when that occurs, the two individuals will be mentored and coached by Nancy Smith and will also relate with Pastors Mary and Jhon Freddy as plans unfold.

Members will have an opportunity to meet her October 12 during the coffee hour following worship. We welcome Pastor Paula as she begins her work at Emmaus in mid October.

Sunday God Time Begins November 2

Watch for information to come about the new Sunday morning opportunity of God Time for kids, beginning November 2. Pre-schoolers through elementary kids are welcome! Older teens and adults are invited to be on the teaching team. "God Time Uno" will be offered from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. "God Time Dos" will be offered from 11:00 to noon. Kids can sign up for both sessions. Registration forms will be available the weekend of October 18-19. Ask Pastor Mary or Nancy Smith how you can pitch in to make this a fun learning time for all!

SALT Is a Go!

Serving and Learning Together (SALT), the middle school program, will be up and running as this newsletter goes to print. We are happy to announce that Rich Benson, who has led the Wednesday night middle school program, and Pablo Enriquez, who helps with the Emaús Youth Group, will co-team to lead ten middle school kids. They are excited and are busy creating some new and exciting ideas for this program. Art Smith will help them with his high interest in photography. The kids will have the opportunity to be creative with a camera.

'God's Work Our Hands' Kicks Off September FaithWorks Festival

Donning bright goldenrod T shirts, some saying "FaithWorks Racine" and others the Spanish version "FeEnAccion," eager workers took to the streets, parks, beaches and gardens of Racine, bettering our community and sharing acts of kindness. Kids washed windows downtown while others wrote letters of encouragement, did gardening at the zoo, cleaned North Beach and Kids' Cove, and still others helped set up for the Root River Festival.

The day was topped off by an outdoor worship service, pig roast, games and a dog agility show. Many hands did make light work as we joined together on a full day graced by perfect weather! A big thank you to all who participated in any way.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors:	**Rev. Mary L. Janz**	**1530 S. Main Street, 53403**	**262/633-3059**
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Custodians:	Antelmo Hernando & Rich Benson		

English language services are held Saturday evenings at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church October 4-5 and at Emmaus October 11 and afterward. Spanish language worship services are offered at Emmaus Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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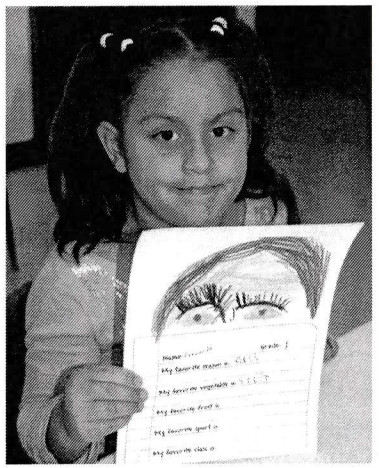
EASY Kids Hit Ground Running

On Monday, September 22, 27 first through fifth graders came bounding down the steps of Emmaus to kick off another year of EASY. We welcome thirteen new kids to our program. Most of our students come from Wadewitz; other schools represented are Red Apple, Julian Thomas, Jefferson Lighthouse, Roosevelt, and Dr. Jones.



The Neighborhood Camp theme "Eat Smart / Play Hard" will be integrated throughout the school year. We feel it is important to instill that how you eat and exercise has a great deal to do with your academic success. Taking advantage of some beautiful fall weather, the kids have had a go at Gaga Ball and jumping rope around the block.

The first week has been a getting-to-know-you time. The kids have all done a self-portrait of themselves and expressed their favorite fruit, vegetable, sport, and subject in school. They have taken a tour of the building. For some Emmaus is really big! They have had a go at the computers and checked a book out of the library.

Wow! To date we have had 27 mentors express an interest in helping our young ones. Once again you have shown your care and enthusiasm for the EASY program. Parents are appreciative of the extra tutelage you give. Many have already expressed concern about their child's need for extra help in the area of reading. Stop by on a Tuesday or Wednesday and you will see a hopping and buzzing place as mentors and their mentees are busy at work and play throughout the church.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	13
Oct. 5	Emilio Espinoza	8
Oct. 8	Edgar Munoz	10
Oct. 9	Nevaeh Dominguez	10
Oct. 10	Nalleli Becerra	6
Oct. 14	Jacari Tussler	6
Oct. 14	Emmanuel Mejia	18
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	14
Oct. 27	Marissa Espinoza	9
Oct. 27	Christian González	11
Oct. 30	McKenna Burns	6
Oct. 30	Collin Nielsen	5
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson III	16

Youth Raise Funds for Detroit Gathering

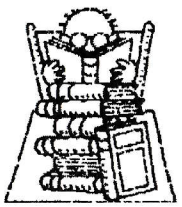
Under the direction of Ilse Merlin-Tiburcio and Pablo Enriquez, youth have begun the year-long endeavor of raising funds to pay for registration and travel expenses for the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering—Rise Up Together--to be held in Detroit next summer.

They have done gardening, weeding and other odd jobs for Emmaus families, who in turn have paid them for their labors. In mid September the Emmaus kitchen became a factory for tamales, preparing approximately 1,000 tamales for those who had placed orders.

Watch for other ways we can support our youth as they prepare for the experience of a lifetime.

Book Fair Benefits Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary

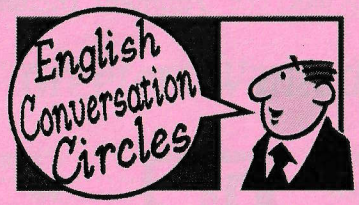
The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Fall Book Fair is almost here. The dates are October 22 and 23 at Lincoln Village. This is a great time to find books for yourself or the holidays. Books make wonderful gifts for your favorite goblins, or a nice remembrance for a Thanksgiving hostess. This is also a great opportunity to start putting away a few Christmas gifts or end-of-the-year birthday presents, or maybe indulging yourself with a book you always wanted to read.



Lincoln Village, 1700 C.A. Becker Drive, has abundant parking in front of the main entrance, and the book fair is right inside the main door, so access is convenient. Enjoy browsing through the many and varied books, besides helping the Auxiliary help the residents of all the Lincoln Lutheran facilities. Thank you.

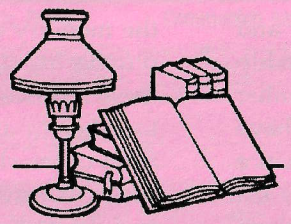
English Conversation Circles to Return

In preparation for the Sunday morning conversation circles, which begin November 9, the month of October will be the time for all participants to sign up to indicate their interest. This weekly 45-minute opportunity will be scheduled weekly between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services, when we will have time to speak English in a non-threatening setting with our Latino/a sisters and brothers. In the process of working on communicating in English, relationships and friendships promise to form and grow. No experience necessary!



FaithWorks Bible Study Begins

Pastor Steve Wohlfeil will begin a regular FaithWorks Bible study beginning the first week in October. There will be two groups each week, meeting the first three weeks of each month. On Wednesday, October 1, there will be a study at Emmaus at 1:30 p.m., and the same study will be offered Thursday evenings at Atonement beginning October 2 at 7:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited to the study; no previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary!

Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 2

The October 2 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex; 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, or look it up under the Community tab of emmaus-racine.org.

If you cannot help on October 2 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.

On All Saints' weekend, November 1-2, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking $4.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: $_____

My/Our name: .....

In memory of:

1. .....

2. .....

3. .....

4. .....

Emmaus Remembers Our Saints

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' Day worship bulletins, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Sunday, 2013. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors officiated.

We would also like to mention those who were not members here but were important to you—family relations, dear friends, and loved ones. Please inform the church office (634-5515) by October 19 if you would like your loved one remembered.

As part of the worship service, you are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem. All of these flowers will be placed together 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 above form and include $4.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the church office by October 19.

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. 23	Marion Andersen	12895 W. Ohio Dr., New Berlin	53151
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue # 608	53403

Greeters Wanted

During last summer's listening sessions, we received a suggestion to have greeters again before services. Although many of you already do this informally, we would like to have a list of

congregation members who would be willing to serve in this capacity. Please call Cathy Meyer (262) 498-4931 or Paul Berge (262) 634-5515 if you would be able to serve as a greeter.

October Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Oct. 4 4:30 pm	Margaret Mau Lori Schaeffer	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 5 9:00 am	St. Andrew women			
Sat. Oct. 11 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 12 9:00 am	Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton Kathy Christensen	Jim Larrabee	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Oct. 18 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 19 9:00 am	Pat Jensen	Shirley Velzka	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3
Sat. Oct. 25 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 26 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Diane Melander Pat Jensen	John Knuteson	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Nov. 1 4:30 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 2 9:00 am	Barb Larsen Pat Jensen	Carol Eschmann	Melissa Lemke	Team 4 W. Meteyard

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Decision Made Regarding Thomsen Bequest

A check for $17,850, a portion of the generous bequest from the estate of Olaw Thomsen has been received. Following the sale of Olaw's home, a second disbursement will be made to those named in his will, including Emmaus.

At the September 14 congregational meeting, it was agreed that the first of the bequest be divided as follows: $5,000 for Latino ministry, $700 for banner making, and the remainder of $12,150 for capital improvements.

Thrivent Approves Mortgage Refinancing

Thrivent Financial has approved Emmaus' request for a $120,000 loan, which is a net amount of $107,086.42 after repaying our existing balance. The terms of the new loan are 15 years fixed at a rate of 5.25%. The current note is 6.1%. The new monthly payment is $965, down from the current monthly payment of $992.

In addition to payment for the replacement of the alley (approximately $30,000) and for repairs and work already done to the parsonage due to sewer back-up, the money will be used to repay internal loans made from designated accounts in order to stay current with monthly commitments. It was decided at the September council meeting that $20,000 be set aside in a capital reserves account that could only be tapped in case of unexpected major expenses.

The council also decided that an additional $1,000 be set aside as a cushion for future obligations. The new loan is expected to close by mid October, at which time the 2014 Synod and FaithWorks commitments will be paid in full.

Members of the council were given the assignment of listing possible building upgrades, maintenance concerns and energy conserving projects for consideration, together with estimated costs. Those items will then be prioritized and decisions will be made about what might need immediate attention.

Looking Ahead: Commitment Sunday is set for November 23, Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 14, and Christmas Eve services with Brass Nickel will be at 4:30 p.m.

Third Quarter Statements Are Available

Third quarter offering statements will be available by October 4. Statements for anyone who has made an offering of record and has been assigned an offering envelope number should be in the narthex around mid-October. Please check that our records match yours. If you find any discrepancies, please let us know.

October to January offering envelopes are in the church narthex. If you have not received your envelopes, we have unmarked sets available for the asking.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Sept. 21, 2014)

	2012 Emmaus			2013 Emmaus			2014 FaithWorks North		
	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom
Aug	9	39	158	14	40	136	15	59	128
Sep	11	43	206	12	49	139	19	89	142
Oct	12	52	142	14	36	185			

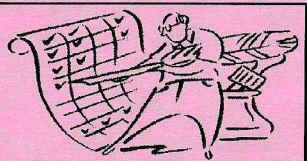
Financial Figures Total for month Year to date

General Fund offerings received in Aug. '14: $11,297.64 } $87,157.21

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Aug. '14 ..... $70.00

Mortgage payments in Sept. '14: Principal 921.67
Interest 70.33
Another payment 129.14
Total $1,111.14

Principal balance as of September 13, 2014: $13,935.25



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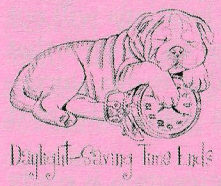

Fall Back in November

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, November 2. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on November 1 and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

Northside Food Pantry Volunteer Schedule

October 23: James Larrabee, Pat & Ron Jensen, Rich & Kathy Christensen
November 27: Thanksgiving Day; pantry will not be open

Alley Expected to Re-open in Mid-October

Workers began reconstruction of the alley behind Emmaus on September 8, pouring new cement the following week. Finishing work continues at press time, and the cement needs to set for several days before allowing cars to drive on it. We hope to have the alley open again sometime in the middle of October.

Open Letter from St. Andrew Council

Dear Emmaus friends,

In your Council's letter to St. Andrew, they verbalized what we all have been thinking: that both congregations are much richer for having spent time together over the last ten months. The council and congregation of St. Andrew agrees wholeheartedly when we say we are no longer just fellow Lutherans in Racine, but are now friends.

We, the Council and members of St. Andrew, fully understand and appreciate your need and desire to remain in your current location as there are neighborhood partners that have come to rely on and appreciate your presence. The missions and relationships of Emmaus are best suited for a more urban location which keeps your congregation deeply engrained in your neighborhood.

The members of St. Andrew spoke loudly at our meeting this past Sunday [September 14] indicating there is still a strong desire to remain in our more rural location and to explore more thoroughly the possibilities in that area.

We pray that the decision to remain in our individual locations will not be the end to cooperative worship and outreach. We have all learned that worship is enhanced when we combine our resources and it is our sincere hope that we can collaborate for special occasions as we will in the next several weeks during the Season of Creation.

We are fuller together but, unfortunately, neither congregation is ready to leave behind the traditions and memories of our places of worship. Perhaps there will come a time in the future when the timing will be right and our congregations will come together on a permanent basis.

As you hold the members of St. Andrew in your prayers, we also hold you in ours as we both move forward in our missions to Racine.

Peace,

The St. Andrew Congregation Council. September 15, 2014

Environmental Stewardship

ELCA Statement Urges Care for Creation

By John Berge

Years ago, I had the honor and privilege to serve on the task force that wrote the social statement on environmental stewardship for the Lutheran Church in America, a predecessor of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This statement was adopted by the national convention held in Dallas, Texas in July of 1972.

I attended that convention as a "resource person." I believe my pride in having several of my ideas, sentences and phrases included in that statement was reasonably justified, since the Task Force included several theologians, college professors of biology (ecology was a seldom used word then) as well as a farmer, a housewife and me, an environmentalist and an industrial scientist.

After the merger, the ELCA also wrote and adopted a social statement on the environment entitled "Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice" which I was told was based in part on the LCA statement. It was adopted by the 1993 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

In this column I usually try to suggest specific things that we as individuals, families and a congregation can do to be good environmental stewards, but this month I would like to look at the church's philosophy and theology as reflected in its social statement. All below are direct quotes from that statement. Since I don't have room for all twelve pages, each quote is by definition "out-of-context." For a better understanding of the ELCA's position one should read (or reread) the entire statement.

"We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter.

"We see the despoiling of the environment as nothing less than the degradation of God's gracious gift of creation.

"In our time, science and

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Bible Readings in October

October 4-5: Genesis 3:14-19, 4:8-16; Psalm 139:7-12; Romans 5:12-17; Matthew 12:38-40. (Services at St. Andrew)
October 11-12: Isaiah 25:1–9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14. (Services henceforth at Emmaus)
October 18-19: Isaiah 45:1–7; Psalm 96:1–9 [10–13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22
October 25-26: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36.

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technology can help us to discover how to live according to God's creative wisdom ... [C]aring, serving, keeping, loving and living by wisdom sum up what is meant by acting as God's stewards of the earth.

"Alienated from God and from creation, and driven to make a name for ourselves, we become captives to demonic powers and unjust institutions. In our captivity, we treat the earth as a boundless warehouse and allow the powerful to exploit its bounties to their own ends.

"The idea of the earth as a boundless warehouse has proven both false and dangerous. Damage to the environment eventually will affect most people through increased conflict over scarce resources, decline in food security, and greater vulnerability to disease.

"We are called to acknowledge [the] interdependence with other creatures and to act locally and globally on behalf of all creation.

"The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord. No person or group has absolute claim to earth or its products. The principle of sufficiency means meeting the basic needs of all humanity and all creation ... The principle of sustainability means providing an acceptable quality of life for present generations without compromising that of future generations.

"As members of the church, we commit ourselves to personal life styles that contribute to the health of the environment.

"We challenge ourselves, particularly the economically secure, to tithe environmentally. Tithers would reduce their burden on the earth's bounty by producing ten percent less waste, consuming ten percent less in non-renewable resources, and contributing the savings to earthcare efforts."

Elsewhere In Our Area

Tony Memmel Plays at St. Paul's

Song writer Tony Memmel will present a concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3011 Erie Street, Friday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. A free will donation of $5.00 is requested to help support local youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in 2015.

Born without a left forearm, Memmel constructed a cast to secure his guitar pick to his arm as he plays. He won the 2013 WAMI Songwriter of the Year award. He has also been an Artist in Residence with the Madison Youth Choirs, and performed for 35,000 at the Superdome in New Orleans at the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

UW-P Hosts Rally Against Poverty

Racine Interfaith Council (RIC) and CUSH and co-Sponsor UW-Parkside Center for Community Partnerships invite you to "Wisconsin's Scandal: Poverty" at UW-Parkside Cinema, UW-Parkside Student Center, 900 Wood Road, Kenosha, Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. What poverty is doing to our State! What we can do through our votes! Speakers will be Pam Halbach, Ron Thomas, and Citizen Action of Wisconsin. Park in Lot A.

October Is Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Month

For over half a century, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has lovingly provided those unbudgeted extras that make life more pleasant for the residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities.

Through membership dues, the Ice Cream Social and other fund raising projects, the Auxiliary has been able to provide items such as Christmas gifts, TV and sound equipment, computers, furnishings, wheelchairs, parties, and a wheelchair accessible van.

Please help Lincoln Lutheran residents by beginning or renewing your membership. You can also give a gift. Contact Linda Cayemberg, 2620 5½ Mile Road, Racine, Wisconsin 53402-1657. Please include that Emmaus is your home church.

Pastor Mary's Column

God Always on the Move, Forming and Re-Forming

Once again anticipating Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, I look back and I also look forward. Last Reformation Sunday was such a time of anticipation. It was the beginning of the time when Emmaus and St. Andrew began worshiping together. We celebrated with a procession, a beautifully decorated sanctuary at St. Andrew, good music, the message of grace, and the dream of something new.

Over the period of more than ten months, we worshiped together, we prayed together, we rolled up our sleeves together, and we built new relationships with our sisters and brothers from St. Andrew. We developed new friendships. What began primarily for the purpose of saving resources and for financial survival led to even more possibilities.

At the same time, after listening to one another and to God, more Emmaus folks than ever before began saying things like, "We have a mission in this neighborhood surrounding Summit and Yout. We can't abandon our growing relationships with the neighborhood families, with the nearby schools and with our Latino brothers and sisters just for the sake of finances." And, because of my strong sense of call to lead a congregation whose mission is to share the Good News with those in our diverse and ever changing neighborhood, my voice was part of that growing majority at Emmaus.

Emmaus in the Community

I have been asked by very faithful, responsible people, "But, what about the reality of light bills, snow removal costs, and all our expenses?" While recognizing the reality of those day-to-day expenses, I also believe we are called to be creative with the abundance we have all around us.

I recall over and over again the daily gift of manna as the Israelites were moving in the wilderness toward the Promised Land. I also read and re-read Matthew 6. Not only does it contain the Lord's Prayer with Jesus' words, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, *on Earth* as it is in heaven," but Jesus also tells his followers not to worry -- that just as God provides for the birds of

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the air and the lilies of the field, God provides for our every need.

When the invitation was extended to the St. Andrew and Emaús (Latino congregation) to join us in covenant at the Emmaus site, I was saddened to learn that the people of St. Andrew voted not to accept that invitation. That invitation remains open should they decide in the future to be a part of our covenant partnership. As a result of the vote, our last Sunday of worshiping together will be October 5 at St. Andrew on Four Mile Road. While shared ministry is being encouraged at many levels, including sewing, Bible study, Green Team and EASY mentoring, the weekend of October 11 and 12, Emmaus will begin to worship in the Emmaus building.

So what happens this Reformation Sunday, October 26? We will celebrate with a procession, a beautifully decorated sanctuary at Emmaus, children, great music, the message of grace, and the dream of something new. "Sing to the Lord a New Song" (Psalm 96) will be our theme at the combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate with our Emaús family as we embark on creating a new reality of mutual commitment, acknowledging that we are all richer because our two communities are both deeply rooted together in the promise of grace that is extended to ALL people in Jesus Christ. God is on the move! We celebrate this next step on our journey that unfolds together!

Pastor Mary

—Pastor Mary

Lurking in the October Visitor:

- *Reformation Sunday*
- *Nine Confirmands*
- *Rev. Canby, God Time Co-coordinator*
- *FaithWorks Festival*
- *EASY Plays Hard*
- *Youth Plan for Detroit Gathering*
- *English Conversation Circles Resume*
- *All Saints' Day*
- *Greeters Wanted*
- *Bequest and Loan*
- *Care for Creation*
- *Forming, Re-forming*

...and plenty more

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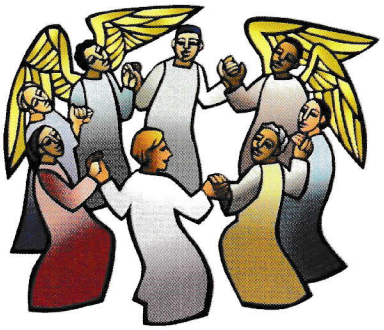
Services Recall the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest



During All Saints' Day worship on November 1 and 2, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year. They are the sign of our hope and an image of the glory we shall inherit. Even more, they are worshipers with us as we sing the praises of the God who brings life out of death.

These are the names of our members who have died and others at whose funerals our pastors have presided since last All Saints' Day:

John Psiones	May 23, 1923 – Dec. 30, 2013
Jerry Doughty	Aug. 21, 2938 – Jan. 11, 2014
Geraldine Herrmann Dykstra	Sept. 2, 1918 – Feb. 17, 2014
Elías Cabrera Navarro	ca. Mar. 25, 2014
Doris Nyholm Andersen	Aug. 22, 1021 – Apr. 2, 2014
Olaw Thomsen	Oct. 19, 1933 – Apr. 19, 2014
Ruth Traeger Estep	May 9, 1921 – May 16, 2014
Gordon R. Johnson	Mar. 18, 1939 – July 5, 2014
Hedwig Kreutner Wagner	Feb. 2, 1923 – Oct. 5, 2014

A floral display commemorating these and other persons dear to our members will decorate the front of the church.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Adreanna Best September 28, 2014	Her sponsor is Carol Yust.
Memorial services: Geraldine M. Dykstra September 27, 2014	Gerry Dykstra died in February at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by husband Clarence, son Lenny, and daughter Judy.
Hedwig Kreutner Wagner October 13, 2014	Hedy Wagner was born in Binzen, Germany in 1923. She became a member of Emmaus in 1993. Survivors include her daughter, Anita (William) Miller; grandsons, Travis (Ann) Miller and William (Carolyn) Miller, III; and three great-grandchildren.

ELCA Congregations Offer Thanksgiving Services

Emmaus-Emaús will not hold Thanksgiving Eve worship services this year. Here is a list of services offered by the other ELCA churches in town:

Atonement - Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue: 6:30 p.m. with a pie social afterward.

Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. Sixth Street: 7:00 p.m. with a pie social afterward.

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road: 7:00 p.m. with a pie social afterward.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street: 7:00 p.m.

Are After School Activities Still On?

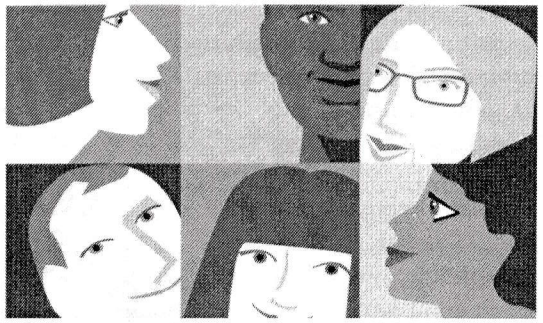
After school activities, such as Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY), the Wednesday supper, and Wednesday God Time will be canceled whenever weather conditions close Racine Unified Schools.

Check us on Facebook, emmaus-racine.org, or the Snow Closings page at www.todaystmj4.com.

Listening Corner Revisited

Passion to Preserve Mission Excites

By Cathy Meyer



The original purpose of this section of the *Visitor* was to update you on the progress of the listening sessions. That process is completed but now we can act on what was heard.

During the summer listening sessions, you expressed an overwhelming hope that Emmaus remain in its current location, and we have. We heard that some families desired a Sunday School on Sunday, and God Time for children begins Sunday, November 2.

It was exciting to hear the passion of Emmaus members to preserve our mission, and now we need help from each of you to grow that mission. Please look around to see where you fit in. If you are contacted to serve in a new way, be ready to answer in the affirmative. With everyone's help, we can truly share the love of God — with both our Emmaus family and with the wider Racine community.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors:	**Rev. Mary L. Janz**	**Mljanz@aol.com**	**262/893-1317**
	Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa	**jhoncorrea@hotmail.com**	**414/881-1403**
Pastoral candidate:	Rev. Gabriel Marcano	fathergabrielm@gmail.com	
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Director Outreach:	Liliana Moncada	liliana.moncada@hotmail.com	
Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	brenda6175@gmail.com	
Custodians:	Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez		

English language services are held every Saturday evening at 4:30 and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Spanish language services are offered Sundays at 11:00 a.m. *Thanksgiving Eve services are not planned this year.*

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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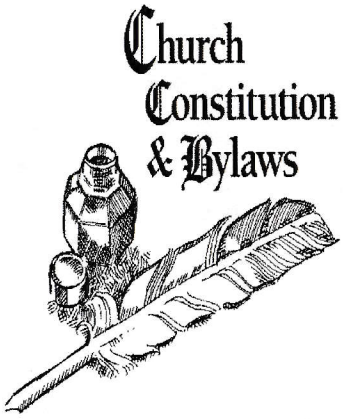
Council to Update Constitution

Cathy Meyer and Art Smith have spent countless hours revisiting our old constitution and by-laws, changing its format while at the same time honoring the current document. The Emmaus constitution has never been completely revised to be in compliance with the model constitution provided by the ELCA.

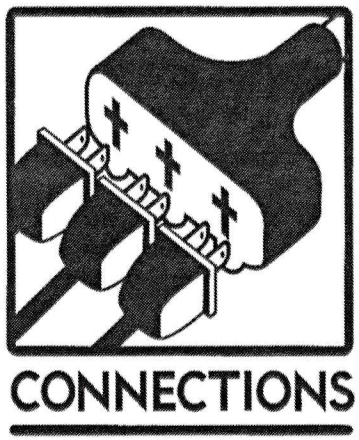


The initial draft was presented to the church council at the October meeting and has since been sent to Matthew Brockmeier, the Synod expert on constitutions, for review. He has recommended some minor modifications before the next draft is considered for approval at the November council meeting.

Provided there is a separate congregational meeting in January to recommend the revised constitution for approval, the new constitution will then be presented for ratification at the annual congrega-tional meeting the last Sunday in January.

FaithWorks Enters Time of Discernment

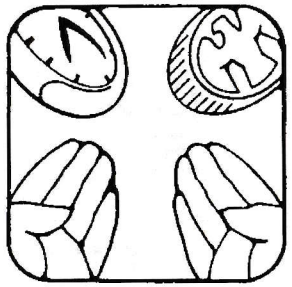
A number of recent conversations—among FaithWork pastors, the FaithWorks Mission council members, Synod and churchwide leaders, FaithWorks Bible study participants, and FaithWorks champions Pastor Mary and Pastor Steve—have centered around the direction and future of FaithWorks.



Is it time to re-define and re-form the original vision of FaithWorks? Where is there common passion for shared mission among the ELCA congregations of Racine? How do we best make those connections and move forward in mission together? If you have input, please let Pastor Mary or Pastor Steve know your thoughts!

Why Do We Give to the Church?

Consecration Weekend is November 22-23. Why do we give to the church? One reason might be so that the church can operate. But a more powerful reason is that we are giving back to God what He has given to us.



Furthermore, your generosity isn't an afterthought; it should be part of your day-in-and-day-out joyful response as a child of God.

You will hear about this again in the weeks leading up to Consecration Weekend. On that weekend at both the Saturday evening service and the Sunday morning service, you will be given the opportunity to submit a commitment card indicating your willingness to regularly contribute to God's work. Remember: it's "God's Work, Our Hands."

November Highlights Mission, Ministry, Commitment

Mark your calendar for these highlights in November:
November 2 - All Saints Sunday; launching of Sunday God Time for kids
November 9 - Pastor Steve Wohlfeil preaches; EASY families receive love gift from quilters; special music; ministry fair, God Time for kids
November 16 - Mission and ministry of Emmaus spotlighted; God Time for kids
November 23 - Recommitment to support of Emmaus ministry; God Time for kids

'Cowspiracy' Screening Tentatively Set

The compelling documentary film, "Cowspiracy" will be shown at the Renaissance Marcus Theatre November 24 at 6:30 p.m. pending confirmation by the theater. Please contact the church office, Pastor Mary, the Emmaus website or the FaithWorks Facebook page to check on updates on the tentative screening.

God Time Launches November 2

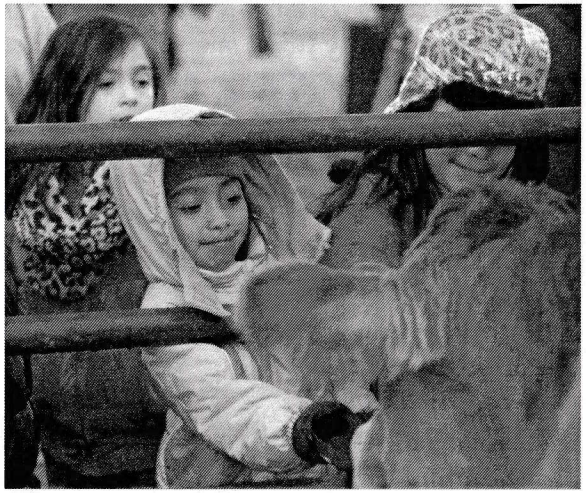
Despite some change in leadership (Pastor Paula has reconsidered her availability to lead the God Time due to personal reasons), the November 2 launching of Sunday God Time for Kids will not be affected. Erica Huarota and Nancy Smith have begun plans, and staff and volunteers will be added to the ranks.

The November 2 time will be used for registration and group activities centered around the Mexican celebration of Day of the Dead. Gathering time in Fellowship Hall is 10:15 a.m.

Are you interested in working with one of the age groups (4-year-olds through fifth grade), volunteering to help with crafts, activities or snacks? The first session each Sunday will be from 10:15 to 11:00, and the second session (a continuation of what is begun at 10:15) begins at 11:00 and goes to shortly after noon.

Danny's Farm Hosts Hay Ride

All had fun with a capital "F" at the farm. It was a beautiful evening for a hayride. Kids were smitten with the cows, goats and guinea hens. Huge pumpkins were selected to take home. Food was in abundance. Screams of delight were heard escaping from the "haunted room." There were lots of "ooohs" and "aaahs" for the fireworks. Danny himself drove the tractor that pulled the wagon and even stopped to show the kids beehives.



Thanks for a wonderful night, Danny!

Christmas Pageant Selected

This year's pageant, "Angel Alert," will feature lots of angels. "Angel" means "messenger," and these angels are waiting to be told when they can come down to earth to announce the good news of the arrival of Jesus. They are excited and understand the birth of Jesus is all about the awesome love of God for God's people.

Christmas Pageant

The pageant will be presented on Sunday December 14 at the 10:00 a.m. worship. Rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays: November 19, December 3, and December 10. Dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. The rehearsals will be preceded by a light supper that will begin at 5:30 p.m.

EASY Kids Embrace Mentors

We are only into mentoring for a mere month and the kids have connected positively to their special mentors.

Picture this: one of our second grade students enters EASY on the day his mentor is scheduled and literally comes careening down the stairs with these words bursting forth from his mouth, "Is my mentor here yet?"

Never have I witnessed such excitement! Talk about a light of God's love! Thank you, mentors, for your ongoing care and compassion. You do make a difference!

Youth Birthdays

Nov. 1	Dulce Blancarte, 3
Nov. 2	Valeria Salinas Diaz, 17
Nov. 4	Gaby Gallegos, 17
Nov. 8	Gabby Ludwig, 17
Nov. 11	Jocelyn García, 3
Nov. 16	Azucena Delarosa, 10
Nov. 16	Karen Cruz, 12
Nov. 18	Alberto Maldonado Jr., 13
Nov. 23	Rachael Cox, 11
Nov. 30	Tavijon Yust, 11

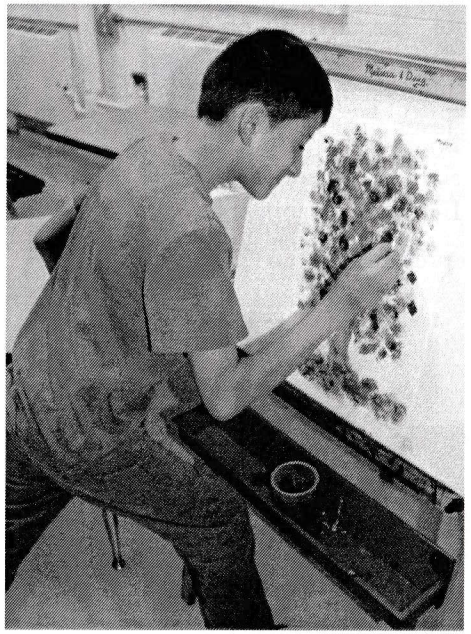
Siebert Site Visit Yields Positive Reviews

As a part of evaluating programs being considered for future funding, funders typically arrange for site visits to observe the programs they support. Deb Engel, representing the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, spent part of an afternoon in October visiting the EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) and SALT (Serving and Learning Together middle school program).

The verbal affirmations from Deb were many. Deb told Pastor Mary that if she lived closer, she would love to volunteer in a program such as ours. She also commented that the EASY program was superior to anything offered when her children were growing up. She marveled at the creativity shown in the planning of the hands-on science experiment and other activities offered to the kids.

She said, "Your church is so clean and so inviting, and you offer the kids the best there is in resources and equipment."

Kudos to the entire EASY and SALT staff and the many mentors and volunteers for making the Emmaus program such a positive place for kids to spend their time at the end of a school day!



Emmaus Submits Grant Proposals

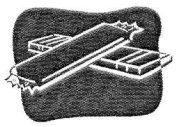
During the past two months, Liliana Moncada, with the assistance of Pastor Mary, has prepared grant requests to the Siebert Lutheran Foundation, Outreach for Hope and the Racine Community Foundation for the support of our ongoing programs of EASY, SALT and Neighborhood Camp. She has also had the responsibility of creating the overall budgets for the programs and for writing the follow-up reports to our funders. All outreach programs of Emmaus as financed totally by grant monies and designated gifts from donors.

Emmaus Serves Community Meal December 4

The December 4 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex; 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, or look it up under the Community tab of emmaus-racine.org.

Auxiliary Boxed Mints Are For Sale

by Cathy Meyer



The annual candy sale for the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary candy continues after worship services with boxed chocolate mints for $2.00 and a variety of candy bars for $1.00 each. Support the fund raising efforts of the Auxiliary by purchasing a delicious tasting sweet at the Scrip table.

Auxiliary Membership Drive Continues

For over half a century, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has lovingly provided those unbudgeted extras that make life more pleasant for the residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities. Please help our residents by beginning or renewing your membership. You can also give a gift. Just fill out the information below and mail it with your check made payable to the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary, to: Linda Cayemberg, 2620 5½ Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402-1657.

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Form 2014-15

(Please print)

Name (F/L) .....

Address .....

City ..... State WI ZIP .....

Phone ..... e-mail .....

Date .....2014 Church: Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church

Membership type: ☐ Annual ($5.00) ☐ Annual Plus ($15.00)

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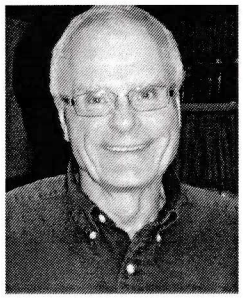
Pastor Steve's Bible Study Continues



Pastor Steve Wohlfeil's FaithWorks Bible study resumes the first week in November. There are two groups each week, meeting the first three weeks of the month. On Wednesday, November 5, he leads a study at Emmaus at 1:30 p.m., and the same study is offered Thursday evenings at Atonement beginning November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the study; no previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary!

November Bible Readings

Nov. 1-2: Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12.
Nov. 8-9: Amos 5:18–24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13.
Nov. 15-16: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18; Psalm 90:1–8 [9–11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30.
Nov. 22-23: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46.
Thanksgiving: Deuteronomy 8:7–18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19.
Nov. 29-30: Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37.

Daylight Savings Time Offers Second Chance

Are you one of those people who get to church just in time for the fourth stanza of the opening hymn? Who find the parking lot at work full every morning? Who have never heard the opening school bell from less than a block away?

If you are a habitually late person, November 2 brings a chance for you to turn over a new leaf. On Saturday night, all of your friends and neighbors will turn their clocks back one hour to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Here's your chance to set your clock back only 45 minutes... or half an hour... or not at all! Surprise everyone you know by showing up for work, school, appointments and church long before they expect you!

If you're like me, this trick will work until Tuesday or Wednesday.

November Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 Saint Clair Street	53404
Nov. 11	Delmar Burman	3926 Highcrest Drive	53404
Nov. 16	Janice Nielsen	1206 Fairway Drive	53406
Nov. 22	Art Smith III	1530 Main Street	53403
Nov. 26	Judy Berndt	1525 Howard Street	53404

November Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Nov. 1 4:30 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 2 9:00 am CST	Barb Larsen Pat Jensen	Pat Jensen	Melissa Lemke	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Nov. 8 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 9 9:00 am	Pat Jensen	Chris Lamberton Kathy Christensen	Lee Woodward	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Nov. 15 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 16 9:00 am	Audrey Villalobos	Shirley Velzka	Kathy Christensen	Team 3
Sat. Nov. 22 4:30 pm	Judy Berndt Linda Meteyard	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 23 9:00 am	Kathy Christensen	Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	Sandy Strini	Team 5 M. Porcaro
Sat. Nov. 29 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 30 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick Diane Melander	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 W. Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 6 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 7 9:00 am	Joy Lippmann	Carol Eschmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 2 R. Christensen

Fellowship Hosts

Nov. 2: Cindi & Loren Larsen. Nov. 30: Dan & Carolyn Wooster.
Nov. 9, 16, 23 open

NOVEMBER, 2014

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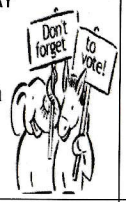
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints' Day 9:00 am Clase de confirmación **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC 6:00 pm Novenas *2:00 am Daylight Saving Time ends*
2 All Saints' Sunday **9:00 am CST Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am God Time Uno **11:00 am Santa misa** (español) 11:00 am God Time Dos	**3** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 2:45 pm EASY	**4** Election Day 2:45 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 5:15 pm Charla de bautizo 	**5** 1:30 pm Pastor Steve's Bible study 2:45 pm EASY	**6** 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 7:00 pm FaithWorks council 7:00 pm Pr. Steve's Bible study at Atonement	**7** 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación	**8** **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost **9:00 am Chicago Folk service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am God Time Uno 10:30 am Church council (español) **11:00 am Santa misa** 11:00 am God Time Dos (bilingual)	**10** Martin Luther Born, 1483 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 2:45 pm EASY	**11** Veterans' Day 5:00 pm TOPS 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Grupo de apoyo	**12** 1:30 pm Pr. Steve's Bible study 2:45 pm EASY	**13** 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 7:00 pm Pr. Steve's Bible study at Atonement	**14** 6:00 pm Bible study (español)	**15** 8:00 am Pink Paddlers' rummage sale **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English)
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23 Christ the King Sunday **9:00 am Commitment Sunday service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & conversation 10:15 am God Time Uno (English) **11:00 am Santa misa** (español) 11:00 am God Time Dos (bilingual)	**24** 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 6:30 pm "Cow-spiracy" at Renaissance	**25** 5:00 pm TOPS 5:15 pm Charla de quinceañera	**26** 1:00 pm Bulletin deadline	**27** Thanksgiving *Office closed* 	**28** 6:00 pm Bible study (español)	**29** 12:00 n M. Ayala baptism **4:30 pm Worship service** w/HC (English)
30 1st Sunday of Advent; St. Andrew **9:00 am Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am God Time Uno **11:00 am Santa misa** (español) 11:00 am God Time Dos	December 1 World AIDS Day 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	2 2:45 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 5:15 pm Charla de bautizo 6:00 pm Circulos de oración 7:00 pm Fireside Exchange	3 St. Thomas 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	4 2:45 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	5 6:00 pm Bible study (español) 6:00 pm Clase de confirmación 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	6 St. Nicholas 9:00 am Clase de confirmación 10:00 am Clase de primera comunión **4:30 pm Worship service** with Holy Communion (English) 6:00 pm Circulos de oración

Reformation Sunday

Bishop Barrow Reflects on Reformation Sunday

The day after presiding at the Emmaus / Emaús Reformation Sunday worship service, Bishop Jeff Barrow posted the following on his Facebook page:

Okay....for those of you who asked for pics of me in a mitre, make your observations about there perhaps being two clowns, not one. But that is SO NOT what the day was all about

I ask you all to look beyond the cope and mitre to see what was really special about Reformation Sunday at Emmaus Lutheran Church: please see the faces who gathered.

In a world where Sunday morning is often the most segregated time in our country....in a church where attempts at multicultural worship are sometimes awkward at best.....Sunday was not only a joyful celebration, it also offered a glimpse of the church I want to be a part of: people young and old together....separate languages enhancing rather than standing in the way of worship.....and children...plenty of children whose welcome presence trumps everything!

I received two gifts yesterday. They did in fact present me with the mitre. I was deeply honored, really. Even more special, Pastor Mary Janz told me that instead of an honorarium, the church was sending a gift to the Boiler Fund at Redeemer Lutheran in Milwaukee

In a church where our rampant congregationalism tempts us to live in isolation from one another, a gift from one congregation to another is such a powerful reminder that we are all in this together. May God be praised!

Scrip Cards Benefit Emmaus

Consider using Scrip gift cards for many of your purchases. With gift cards, there is no worry of a security breach on your credit card; it is an easy way to give to the church. Many cards are available each week after services Saturday and Sunday in the Sunset Room.

If you have any questions, please see Cathy Meyer or Chris Lamberton at the Scrip table.

Environmental Stewardship

Household Tips Save Earth, Money

by John Berge

In a burst of file cleaning zeal, our Senior Choir Librarian at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church removed 125 choir anthems from the files, because of having too few copies, outdated style or content. Rather than throw them out, she passed them on to us to see whether any could be used by other churches. I am pleased to report that all 125 have found new homes with local churches and the choir at Lutheran High School, helping the budget of all these organizations. It is generally better to reuse than recycle but both are better than adding material to the waste stream and landfills.

The same is true when one does fall housekeeping or the weekly house cleaning chores. Many items that might be discarded could be reused by someone else through the church's annual rummage sale or other groups such as the Salvation Army and Purple Heart. HHW (household hazardous waste) and unneeded medications will have to wait until next spring (the third Saturday in April for Racine residents). Careful storage until then is imperative.

There are many other things one can do to be economical and environmentally good stewards. A warm dry day is a good time to check the caulking around windows and doors and to replace any that show excessive shrinking or cracking. Lack of weather stripping on doors and windows should be fixed as soon as possible.

Replacing or adding to attic insulation can be done at any time; it is generally economical up to 16 inches. Turn down the thermostat and put on a sweater. Have the furnace checked and replace dirty air filters that can restrict proper airflow — some say once a month.

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Environmental Stewardship

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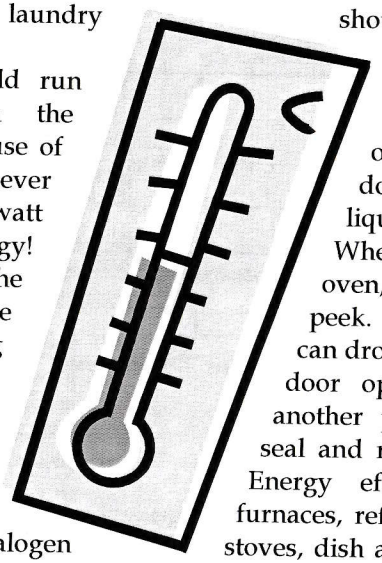
If the air is too dry in the house, one can feel colder; so add humidification through mechanical devices, lots of house plants or dry some laundry indoors.

Ceiling fans should run slowly clockwise in the heating season. Limit use of portable heaters whenever possible — 1,500-watt heaters use lots of energy! Let the sun help with the heating by opening the shades or blinds during the day, and closing them at night.

Lighting can also be a big energy user, so replace incandescent bulbs, halogen bulbs and even CFLs (compact fluorescent bulbs) with LEDs (light emitting diodes). The first two can get hot enough to cause fires. The incandescent bulbs can be thrown in the trash, but CFLs and the long tube fluorescents should be recycled. They contain some mercury, but also valuable rare earths. Check which stores you shop at to see if they recycle them or hold until the next HHW collection.

Dust your refrigerator coils, fins and evaporator pans at least once a year. Don't let ice build up in a freezer — ice is a surprisingly good insulating. Ask the Inuit about his igloo. Check the seals on refrigerator and freezer doors with a dollar bill in several places (it should grip it lightly) and replace the seals if needed.



When cooking on the stove, turn down the heat as the liquid starts to boil. When cooking in the oven, resist the urge to peek. The temperature can drop 25°F each time the door opens. The oven is another place to check the seal and replace if indicated. Energy efficient models of furnaces, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, dish and clothes washers and many other pieces of home equipment are now available. They may be more expensive to purchase, but you and the earth will save in the long run.

Food Pantry Schedule

The NorthSide Food Pantry will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Gerry Dykstra: $25.00.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program
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Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

Effective date of authorization: _____/_____/_____

Type of Authorization Form:
- ❑ New Authorization
- ❑ Change donation amount
- ❑ Change donation date
- ❑ Change banking information
- ❑ Discontinue electronic donation

Last Name	First Name	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email Address		

FIRST DONATION DATE:

_____/_____/_____

FREQUENCY OF DONATION:
- ❑ Weekly on _____
- ❑ Monthly on _____
- ❑ Semi-Monthly (transferred on 1st and 15th of each month)

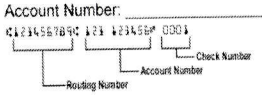
FUNDS AND AMOUNTS:
- ❑ General Operating $_____
- ❑ Debt Retirement $_____
- ❑ Memorials_____ $_____
- ❑ Outreach_____ $_____
- ❑ Neighborhood Camp $_____
- ❑ Other_____ $_____

CHECKING / SAVINGS

Please debit my donation from my (check one):
- ❑ Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
- ❑ Checking Account (attach a voided check below)

Routing Number: _____
Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

Account Number: _____



I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

CREDIT CARD

Please charge my payments to my (check one): ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express ❑ Discover Card

Credit Card Number: Expiration Date:

Name on Card:

Billing Address (if different from above):

I authorize the above church to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): _____ Date: _____

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness This Season

Each holiday season, Emmaus anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at www.emmaus-racine.org and locate the Online Giving button. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Oct. 25, 2014)

	2012			2013			2014		
	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom	Sat	Sun	dom
Sep	11	43	199	12	49	139	16*	86*	143
Oct	12	52	142	14	36	185	14	46	103
Nov	21	51	201	16*	86*	181			

* Figures include St. Andrew attendance

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Sep. '14:	$10,957.03 }	
General Fund offerings received in Oct. '14:	$ 9,176.99 }	$107,291.23

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Sept. '14 ..... $ 60.00
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Oct., '14: ..... $ 60.00 ..... YTD: $ 1,158.00
Mortgage payments in Oct. '14: Principal ..... $ 582.94
Interest ..... $ 0.00
Total $582.94

Emmaus Hosts Pink Paddlers Rummage Sale

Pink Paddling Power, a non-profit group benefitting cancer survivors, will hold a rummage sale at Emmaus from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15.

Donations are accepted; for further information, see or call Joy Lippmann at (262) 878-2081 or 497-9322.

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 late evening service December 24. 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: .....

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and/or to HONOR: .....

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Deadline to order and make payment is December 2, 2014. 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.

Office use:
Pmt: ☐ Order list: ☐ Bulletin: ☐

Elsewhere In Our Area

Gentle Worship Meets First Saturdays

The next gathering for Gentle Worship will be Saturday November 1 at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Communion Lutheran Church Northwestern Campus, 5040 Northwestern Avenue.

Gentle Worship is a ministry of Holy Communion, offering radical hospitality to persons who often feel uncomfortable or excluded in traditional worship settings.

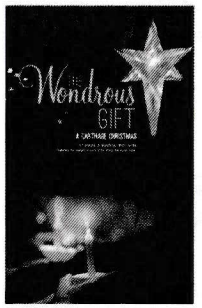
Thrivent Election Breakfast Slated

All Thrivent Financial members are invited to the annual Racine Chapter election on Saturday morning, November 22 at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Drive.

Because of changes in Thrivent's fraternal programs, this will probably be the last of these breakfasts. You will be given important information at the breakfast about those changes and how they will affect your own congregation.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 9:00. Breakfast is free, but RSVP to Terri Tigges at ttigges@racinelutheran.org or 262 884-9338 by November 16.

Carthage Invites Community to Christmas Concert



Carthage College invites the community to celebrate the joy of the holiday season at the annual Carthage Christmas Festival, three performances of readings and music in the A. F. Siebert Chapel.

The festival includes Carthage's annual Service of Light. Each evening includes performances by students in the Carthage Choir, Carthage Women's Ensemble, Lincoln Chamber Singers, A. F. Siebert Chapel Choir, Wind Orchestra, and other instrumental ensembles, as well as students from the Theatre Department.

Concert times: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

The concerts are free, but tickets are required. Call the Chapel Office at 262-551-5810 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed Nov. 27-28). You can also send an email to ChristmasFestival@carthage.edu

Pastor Mary's Column

It's About Reform with a Little "r"

Different traffic patterns. A new layout. More fresh fruit. More ethnic foods. An enhanced deli area. A more diverse clientele. An invitation to 'taste and see." My recent trip to the supermarket at the corner of Spring Street and Green Bay Road was full of surprises. It just wasn't the way it looked when I was last there.

Change. Good news or bad news? I ran into an acquaintance who said excitedly, "Just wait till you see what's around the corner!" Then there was the older woman, a person I didn't even know, who blurted out, "Can *you* find anything? I'm so used to the way it used to be!" I admitted to her that I was also disoriented, but that the changes looked like they'd be for the best in the long run.

As Bishop Jeff reminded us, the celebration we had Reformation Sunday was more than Reform with a capital "R" (the historical reform almost 500 years ago), but was more about

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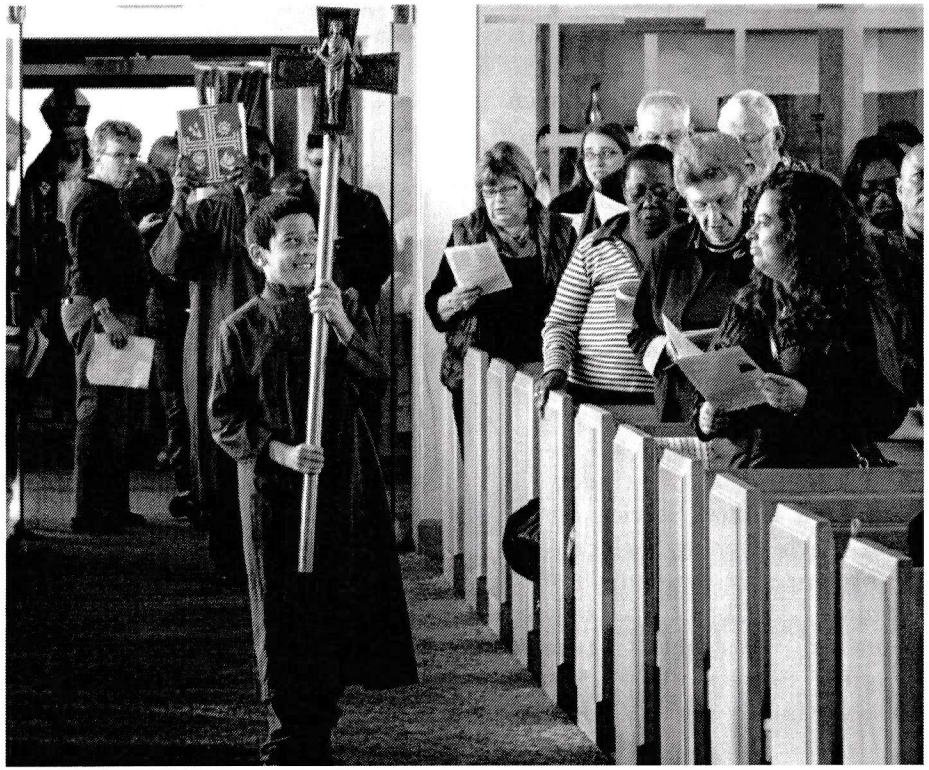

Pastor Mary's Column

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reform with a small "r"—the ongoing reform and re-creation that we, the church, are called to right now in this time and place. We saw that in the brown, black and white faces together. We heard that in the music, new and old, Spanish and English. We felt it in the sharing of the Peace. We observed it in the faces of the children.

One of the EASY kids who was invited to be a part of the processional shared with Nancy, "I want to come back to this church next Sunday!" He saw a place for himself amidst the diverse community. He saw the familiar face of his mentor, and he was eager "to help" and to be a part of what was going on. I see the change in the past several years at Emmaus as positive. At the same time, I'm not naïve enough to think that it comes easily for everyone. I realize that some have become angry and left Emmaus because of our commitment to diversity and full inclusion. But, as Pastor Steve has reminded us in our Bible study, this is not about "us" and "them," but about "just us." That's what "justice" and the "Kingdom of God on earth" are all about as we are reminded by the words of Jesus in the Lord's Prayer and in the Sermon on the Mount.

God continues to be full of surprises! How will we be co-creators in the ongoing reformation here in Racine and beyond? Change can be good news! Let's be part of positive change as we look to Jesus who leads the way!

Pastor Mary

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Watch for Thanksgiving Dinner Details

"Dan and Ray Rendering Thanks" plans to give away their free Thanksgiving Day meal again this year. In past years, the event has been held at Racine's Festival Hall on Thanksgiving Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00.

Volunteers are welcome to donate time, services and help with preparing the room and the meal. You can also help by sponsoring a person for $5.00, or a table for $50.00. Your name, or that of your company or organization, will be displayed on a table tent or placemat upon request. Please call 262 554-5440 for details.

In the November Visitor:

- Listening Corner
- Constitution Update
- Consecration Weekend
- 'Cowspiracy' Film
- God Time Launches
- 'Angel Alert' Issued
- Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary
- Pastor Steve's Bible Study
- Bishop's Reflections on Reformation Sunday
- Poinsettia Order Form
- Reform with a Little 'r'

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'This Newborn Child of Lowly Birth Shall Be the Joy of All the Earth'

On Wednesday, December 24, we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest."

Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood — so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

At the 4:30 p.m. service, organist Joyce Kaiser and the Brass Nickel will lead us in Christmas music. The afternoon service ends with Holy Communion and the congregation singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

At 6:00 p.m., Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa will lead a Spanish-language Candle Light service.

Join us for one or both of the December 24 worship services as we welcome the Prince of Peace!

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Pastoral Acts

Wedding: Carolina Martínez & Juan Jesus Mora October 25, 2014	Pastor Jhon Freddy presided over Carolina and Juan's wedding.
Funerals: Lael Beck Richter November 12, 2014	Originally from Jackson County, Lael married her husband, Edward, in Racine in 1952. She was a member of the Knit One, Purl One group. She is survived by her adult children, Peggy Horon, Bonnie Buckett, and Pamela (Kenny) Williams.
Sara L. Ptaschinski November 24, 2014	Sara died November 19 at age 36. She is survived by her parents, Karla Ruffalo and Gerald Ptaschinski; her three children, Christina, Jeramiah, and Arianna; and her brother, Travis.

Thank You for Your Prayers

Cheryl Dexter thanks everyone for their prayers for her brother David Andersen, who ended his battle with cancer on November 16.

Children Issue 'Angel Alert'

Preparation for this year's pageant, "Angel Alert," is in high gear. Songs are being learned, speaking parts and solos are being finely tuned.

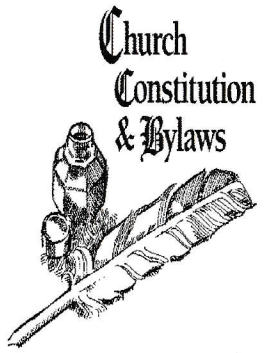
The pageant will be presented on Sunday December 14 at 10:00 a.m., taking place of the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after the performance.

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, December 3 and 10 at 6:15 p.m. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. A pizza lunch will be served at noon.

Updated Constitution Ready for Congregational Approval

An updated constitution for the church was approved by the church council at its November meeting. This updated constitution is necessary because the current one that we are operating under dates from 1986 – before the ELCA was formed. In the intervening years the model constitution of the ELCA has changed and we need to change ours to be in conformance.

We have also taken this opportunity to streamline many of the provisions that we are allowed to take locally so that the words reflect the practices here at Emmaus.



In order for this constitution to become operational the congregation has to both approve it on January 18, 2015, and ratify it at our annual meeting on January 25, 2015. Please download a copy from emmaus-racine.org or pick one up at church. If you have any questions about the document or the process please contact either Cathy Meyer or Art Smith.

Year's End Brings Deadlines

Articles for the January *Visitor* need to be in the church office or e-mail by December 15.

As far as the IRS is concerned, the deadline for getting your 2014 offerings to church is Monday, December 31. If you bring your donation here in person, you will need to see Paul Berge before noon that day; we will, however, credit any offerings bearing a December 31 postmark as having been given in 2014.

On the other hand, there is no deadline for asking a contribution to be applied to your 2014 pledge. You may also make early contributions toward your 2015 pledge. Just make a notation on your offering envelope to let us know which pledge to apply your offering to.

2014 giving statements will be mailed in early January to all members who have made an offering of record during the year.

Annual Reports Are 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 25 annual meeting, the office would like reports turned in by January 12. 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.

It is not necessary to submit

reports to Pastor Mary for proofreading or approval; but if you feel you must, the deadline to do so is January 9.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastors: Rev. Mary L. Janz	**1530 S. Main Street, 53403**	**262/893-1317**
Rev. Jhon Freddy Correa	**1909 Summit Ave. 53404**	**414/881-1403**
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Council President:	Chris Lamberton	clamberton@wi.rr.com
Church office:	Paul Berge	emmausracine@sbcglobal.net
Education Coordinator:	Nancy Smith	nnsdaisy@aol.com
God Time coordinators:	Nancy Smith and Erika Huarota	
Director of Outreach:	Liliana Moncada	moncada_liliana@hotmail.com
Accompanist:	Brenda Trumbauer	brenda6175@gmail.com
Custodians:	Rich Benson & Antelmo Hernandez	

English language services are held every Saturday evening at 4:30, and Sunday mornings at 9:00. Spanish language services are held at Emmaus noon on Saturdays. A combined worship service December 14 at 10:00 a.m. will replace the 9:00 and 11:00 services that day.

Christmas Eve worship services will be offered at 4:30 p.m. (English) and 6:00 p.m. (Spanish) on Wednesday, December 24.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed December 25 and at noon December 31).

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.

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FaithWorks Focuses on New Models

During the past four months, a number of indicators have pointed to a refocusing for FaithWorks. Co-champions Pastor Mary and Pastor Steve, in one-on-one conversations with clergy and lay leaders, have observed that there is currently little buy-in for the initial idea of overall merger of the FaithWorks congregations.

On the other hand, new conversations are surfacing regarding a different model for a proposed FaithWorks food pantry being proposed for the Atonement site. Further conversations around church/school connections are showing promise as Higher Expectations (see separate article) has invited us to the table to help launch a community-wide effort in these school partnerships.

There have been conversations with synod and national leaders about next steps, and it is still to be determined whether there will be

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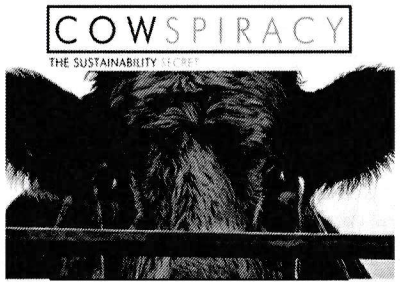
Higher Expectations Invites Faith Based Partners to Table

Higher Expectations, a group comprised of Racine Unified, WorkForce Development, United Way and other community partners headed up by Jeff Neubauer, is inviting faith leaders from Holy Communion, Mt. Pleasant, Atonement and Emmaus to meet together for conversation regarding school/congregation partnerships. The meeting will take place at Emmaus Tuesday, December 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

It is the hope of the leaders of Higher Expectations that a variety of intentional steps will help young people of Racine succeed as they move from cradle to career. It has been suggested that the EASY program at Emmaus serve as a model for other congregations considering beginning or expanding their school connections. This proposed school/faith based partnership is just one piece of the Higher Expectations continuum.

We are blessed to have the privilege of working with our young people as we strive to meet some of Racine's challenges head-on.

FaithWorks Sponsors 'Cowspiracy' Screening



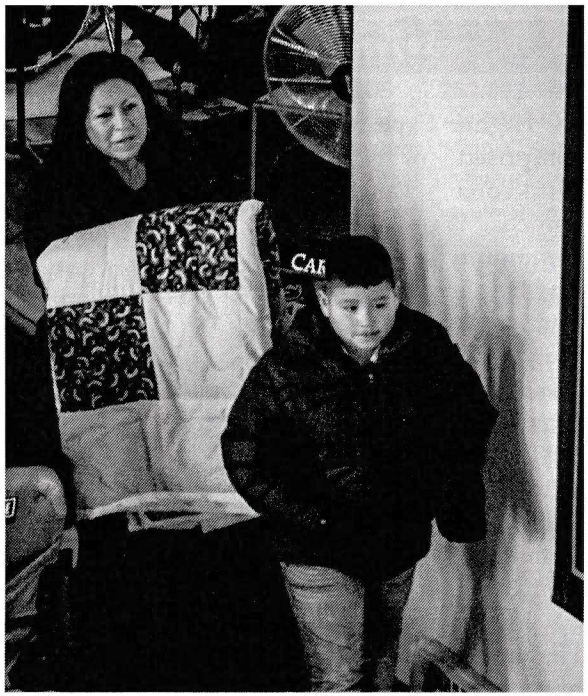
FaithWorks will host a showing at Tinseltown Theatre near the junction of Highways 50 and 31 southwest of Kenosha on Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. See Pastor Mary about tickets, sign up on the yellow sheet in the narthex, or order on line at http://www.tugg.com/events/12069

Quilters Honor EASY Families

During worship in November, the quilters generously gifted handmade quilts to our EASY families. All quilters and mentors were recognized as the colorful quilts on display at the front of the sanctuary were blessed. After the EASY staff was introduced, each family came forward to receive their special quilt.

Some of the stories shared by the EASY kids with their mentors tell how much the quilts are appreciated. One was heard to say, "Do you really make those quilts? How do you do that? It is so cool. I just love it. Thank you."

A brother and sister shared that they use the quilt to wrap around them when they are watching TV. Another family keeps the quilt on the couch, but if one of the three siblings becomes ill, they get to use it on their bed.



Can You Top This Hat Story?

One Tuesday evening as the EASY kids were preparing to head home, Joan, a member of the TOPS group that meets on Tuesday evenings, walked in with two large plastic bags. She politely interrupted and announced that she wanted to gift the kids with a handmade hat.

Our reaction was one of amazement and surprise quickly followed by a big chorus of "Wow and thank you!" Joan estimates that it takes her about three to four hours to make one hat. Multiply that by 28 and you have many hours and many hats.

December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 3 Julian Salcedo, 12
Dec. 6 Clarissa Hansen, 7
Dec. 7 Alejandro Medina, 10
Dec. 11 LaKenya Lopez, 13
Dec. 15 Joshua Huitron, 4
Dec. 15 Mathew Ayala, 4
Dec. 15 Queanna Castulo, 17
Dec. 21 Ashlynn Meteyard, 12
Dec. 22 Janelle Garduño, 9
Dec. 30 Alex Villalobos 17

Cookie Pack Brings Cheer to Shut-ins

Pack, Wrap and Lunch--Everyone is invited to bring two or more dozen cookies for the annual cookie pack for shut-ins. Please have your cookies delivered to church by Monday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to mark them with "Cookie Pack." Join the quilters and knitters at that time in the fellowship hall to pack cookies, wrap presents for EASY kids and share a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to pass.

Quilters and knitters will take a break after this activity until January.

Giving Trees Keep On Giving

On Monday, December 8, the quilters and knitters will gather in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. to wrap gifts for the EASY kids. Blue ornaments are available in the narthex. Your gifts of money will provide an educational toy and books for the kids. Elves will do the shopping.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 4

It's Emmaus' and St. Andrew's turn to provide food for the December 4 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello?

The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

St. Andrew Hosts Cookie Walk

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, invites the community to their annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 13.

The cookie walk runs from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bakers are welcome to donate cookies using their own recipes; please indicate if there are nuts in them. Please deliver cookies to St. Andrew by 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 11. If you have any questions, please call Judy Leslie at 633-8698 or Pam Robers at 681-6213. Thank you, and happy baking!

Council Approves Lighting Updates

After considerable assessment of several areas of the church, the Green Team folks with the encouragement of David Rhoads made a recommendation to the council regarding updating lighting. Ballasts in the EASY room in the church basement will be retrofitted and more energy efficient bulbs will be installed before the end of the year.

The project will cost about $4,000, and will be funded by the Lighting Fund, the Green Team, EASY, and money set aside for capital improvements.

The church also plans to purchase LED lights to replace many of the recessed lights throughout the building. There is a significant rebate for lights being purchased before the end of the year. All of these actions will move us closer to an Energy Star rating, and we will save dollars in the long run!

December Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	*Communion Assts.*	*Readers*	*Ushers*
Sat. Nov. 29 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton			
Sun. Nov. 30 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick Diane Melander	*Kathy Christensen*	Team 4 Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 6 4:30 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek			
Sun. Dec. 7 9:00 am	Joy Lippmann	Carol Eschmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 2 Christensen
Sat. Dec. 13 4:30 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro			
Sun. Dec. 14 10:00 am	Kathy Christensen	Diane Melander Cindi Larsen	Chris Lamberton	Team 3
Sat. Dec. 20 4:30 pm	Cheryl Dexter			
Sun. Dec. 21 9:00 am	Barb Larsen	Shirley Velzka	Amy Haman	Team 4 Meteyard
Wed. Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen	Joy Lippmann Karen Sedgwick Kathy Christensen		Team 5 Porcaro
Sat. Dec. 27 4:30 pm	Linda Meteyard			
Sun. Dec. 28 9:00 am	Caren Lamberton	Chris Lamberton Pat Jensen	Jim Larrabee	Team 2 Christensen
Sat. Jan. 3 4:30 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton			
Sun. Jan. 4 9:00 am	Audrey Villalobos	TBD	TBD	Team 3

Fellowship Hosts:

December 14: Birthday party for Jesus

January 4: Missy Porcaro, Amy Zielke & Marge Zielke

Emmaus Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 12	Barb Larsen	4202 Erie Street	53402
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	6720 Mariner Drive, #104	53406

Did we miss your birthday? Talk to Paul at the church office: 262 634 5515.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 30 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion (English) 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Santa misa (español)	December 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 10:00 am Sewing group 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	2 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 2:45 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 5:15 pm Baptism class (español) 6:00 pm Circulos de oración 7:00 pm Book club	3 2:45 pm EASY 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Kids' pageant rehearsal 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	4 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm Cenáculos de oración	5 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	6 ST. NICHOLAS 9:00 am Confirmation class (español) 4:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 6:00 pm Circulos de oración
7 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; PEARL HARBOR DAY 9:00 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:00 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am God Time part 1 11:00 am Santa misa (español) 11:00 am God Time part 2 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	8 10:00 am Sewing group Cookie pack and gift wrapping 2:45 pm EASY 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	9 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 2:45 EASY 3:30 pm Higher Expectations 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Circulos de oración 7:00 pm FaithWorks mission council	10 2:45 pm EASY 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Kids' pageant rehearsal 6:00 pm Circulos de oración	11 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm Circulos de oración 6:30 pm 'Cowspiracy' at Tinseltown	12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 6:00 pm Support group	13 ST. LUCY 10:00 am Kids' pageant rehearsal 4:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)
14 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00 am Kids' Christmas pageant; Bililngual worship service with Holy Communion 11:15 am Birthday party for Jesus	15 *Jan. Visitor articles needed in church office* No EASY until January 5	16 LAS POSADAS 1:00 pm Staff mtg. 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting (English) 6:00 pm Posadas	17 HANUKKAH 6:00 pm Posadas	18 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Ensayo de coro 6:00 pm Posadas	19 6:00 pm Posadas	20 4:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 6:00 pm Posadas
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28 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS; HOLY INNOCENTS 9:00 am Worship service with Holy Communion (English) 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 11:00 am Santa misa (español)	29	30 4:30 pm TOPS 2:00 pm Bulletin deadline	31 12:00 noon 2014 offering deadline for IRS purposes	Jan. 1, 2015 NAME OF OUR LORD *Offices closed*	2 6:00 pm Support group	3 4:30 pm Worship service with Holy Communion (English)

Pastor Mary on vacation

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Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping Yet?

A variety of Scrip gift cards are available for sale after Saturday and Sunday worship services. These make great holiday gifts.

If you don't see what you need, please ask; we can often order additional gift certificates by the following weekend.

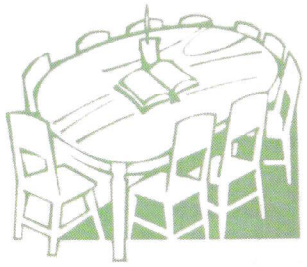
The last order before Christmas will be made on Monday, December 15. If you have questions or special requests, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050.

Environmental Stewardship

Green Congregations Set Ambitious Agenda

by John Berge

On November 1, the Racine Green Congregations held a meeting at the Eco-Justice Center. Sixteen representatives of several congregations met to discuss an ambitious proposal from the Steering Committee "to gain a vision of a green Racine in 2015 and then work back to see what steps need to be taken to achieve the vision and who are the participants who make it happen."



This obviously goes beyond our own congregations which are still working to reduce their carbon footprint and to otherwise be "greener." It follows up on efforts by Sustainable Racine, Sustainable Business Network, Transitions, the Johnson Foundation and several others.

Each action and decision should lead to protecting our local life and earth, building the economy (especially for the unemployed and underpaid), working together for the common good, understanding what is at stake in the environmental crises, and enhancing the human spirit in relation to the rest of nature. Work in these areas should address inequalities, hunger, racism, unequal pay and marginalized neighborhoods.

These goals were found to be far beyond the capabilities of the Green Congregations alone, so led to a lively discussion of ideas of whom we could partner with, effective leadership, how to get

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Letters

Thanks for Supporting St. Andrew Boutique

Thank you, Emmaus members, for your generous support of the Boutique at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This past year, we had a banner year of sales in the Boutique. Much of this was due to the generous donations made to the Boutique by Emmaus members: new jewelry boxes, silver trays, Lladro figurines, Hummel figurines, collector plates, jewelry, crystal, glassware, collectables and much more!

Our proceeds go to the St. Andrew Good Samaritan Fund, end of the semester gifts to the Unified students who clean the church, new furnace for the church and small repairs when necessary. We are so grateful for those of you who also purchased items, especially Rachel! God bless you all!

–Marilyn Beck

Redeemer-Milwaukee Thanks You

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Racine,

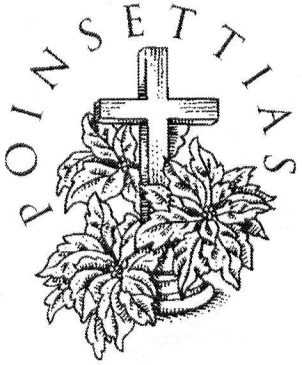
On behalf of the Redeemer faith community, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your donation of $100 to fund the replacement of our boiler. Your financial support helps us continue in our mission to show and tell the love of God through Jesus Christ: the 65 who worship here on Sunday, the 330 hungry and homeless who eat lunch here each week, the 30 volunteers who assemble 2,200 meals each week that are shared throughout the city, the 25 people who come to Celebrate Recovery, the 12 nurses who are doing clinical education among our elderly and homeless neighbors, and many others, week after week. We all deeply appreciate the warmth that is coming.

Thank you for having our back when we really needed help. Blessings to you and the important ministry you are called to do.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Lisa Bates-Froiland,

Ericka Jones, President of Redeemer-Milwaukee council



Emmaus must soon place our order for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve this year. Please place your order today!

My/our name/s .....

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at $12.00 each
(#____red #____white #____pink)

As a MEMORIAL for .....

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and/or to HONOR .....

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Deadline to order and make payment is **December 2, 2014**. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

☐ I will pick up my poinsettia after the worship service Dec. 24.

☐ I would like to deliver poinsettias to shut-ins.

Office use: Pmt ☐ Order list ☐ Bulletin ☐

Attic Stairs Receive TLC

"The stairs are stuck! The stairs are broken! We can't get into the attic!" Those words are now words of the past, thanks to the recent resourcefulness and hard work of Dennis and Nick Eschmann. It was an adventure: taking out the old stairs, finding sturdy lumber that was long enough and rebuilding the former ladder/stairs and re-installing them. Thank you to Dennis and friends for a labor of love that now allows us access to the storage area in the attic!

Thank You for Your Support in 2014

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported Emmaus Lutheran Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead.

If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit www.emmaus-racine.org or contact the church office for more information.

Are After School Activities Still On?

After school activities will be canceled whenever weather conditions close Racine Unified Schools. Check Emmaus-Racine on Facebook, emmaus-racine.org, or the Snow Closings page at www.todaystmj.com.

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages (calculated as of Nov. 23, 2014)

	2012				2013			2014		
	Sat	Sun	Dom	Wed	Sat	Sun	Dom	Sat	Sun	Dom
Oct	15	55	184	59	12	52	142	14	36	185
Nov	15	59	170	57	21	51	201	10	49	128
Dec	13	57	148	n/a	10	48	222			
All Saints' Day				143			138			70
Thanksgiving Eve				36			67			
Adviento			78 + 376				156 + 207			
Christmas Eve			125 + 89				96 + 284			

Financial Figures

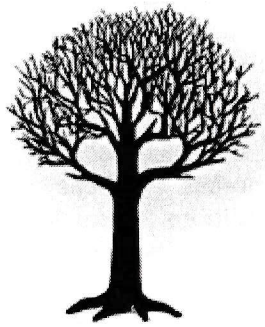
	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Oct. '14:	$ 9,176.99	$ 107,291.23

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Oct. '14..... $60.00..... YTD: $1,58.00
Principal balance as of September 30, 2014: $12,913.58

Siebert Awards EASY $25,000

The Siebert Lutheran Foundation has awarded the Emmaus children's outreach and education programs $25,000. Funding helps to defray the staffing, food and resources costs for EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), SALT (Serving and Learning Together for middle school), Sunday God Time for kids and our occasional Wednesday night dinners and activities. We are grateful for this generous gift and for the many people who offer their time to make these programs a reality.

Memorials and Honoraria



Designated for EASY:

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In memory of Lloyd LeRoux: $300.00

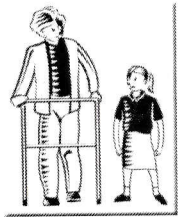
Non-designated memorials:

In memory of David Andersen: $300.00

In memory of Lael Richter: $50.00

Gentle Worship Meets on First Saturdays

Gentle Worship is a modified, half-hour worship service offering radical hospitality. It is designed for anyone who does not feel comfortable in a traditional worship setting: kids and adults with autism, Down's syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's, and even awkward teens and single thirty-somethings have found a home at Gentle Worship.



All are welcome (including friendly animals) and none are turned away. Your children will love the sensory room.

Gentle Worship is a ministry of Holy Communion Lutheran Church open to all denominations, meeting on the first Saturday of every month at 3:45 p.m. at 5040 Northwestern Avenue. Contact Holy Communion at 262 632-8802 or Pastor Denise Mbise at 262 930-8267.

FaithWorks

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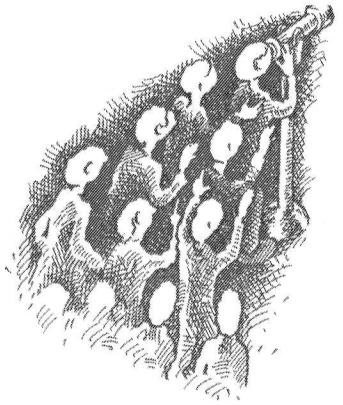
ELCA funding for FaithWorks for 2015.

Recognizing the shift that is taking place and not wanting to exhaust the FaithWorks funds in the meantime, Pastor Steve and Pastor Mary have made some temporary decisions regarding their roles. As of December 1, Pastor Steve will step down from his position, and the FaithWorks Bible studies will end for the time being. Pastor Mary will continue as the interim leader of FaithWorks through the end of January, and she has requested that her compensation and time be cut to half of what it has been since she officially assumed that role in mid-August.



During the next couple of months it will be the responsibility of the FaithWorks Mission Council to write a revised covenant to be presented to congregations for approval at their January annual meetings. Work is currently in progress, and the goal is to reduce the length of the current covenant, making it so concise that it will fit on one printed page.

Initial conversation indicates that there will be a strong focus on doing mission collaboratively and that anti-racism training be an expectation of FaithWorks leaders and congregations. A draft will be presented to the FaithWorks Mission Council for review at their December 9 meeting.

Bible Readings in December

Dec. 7: Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13; 2 Peter 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–8.

Dec. 14: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b–55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28.

Dec. 21: 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16; Luke 1:46b–55 or Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38

Dec. 24: Isaiah 9:2–7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14 [15–20].

Dec. 28: Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:22–40.

Jan. 4: Jeremiah 31:7–14; Psalm 147:12–20; Ephesians 1:3–14; John 1:[1–9] 10–18.

Environmental Stewardship

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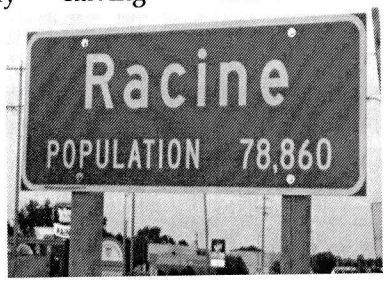
ideas of whom we could partner with, effective leadership, how to get grants, cooperation and support of other groups. We need a champion, advice from other communities already having success in these areas, a core team of representative persons and a strong educational component.



Specific areas presented by the steering committee were: energy, green economy, transportation, water, land use, waste reduction (including reuse, recycling and composting), food and financial.

Under energy were listed energy efficiency in government buildings, weatherizing for low income people, alternative energy sources, more LEDs in traffic and street lighting, and discounted group purchases of LEDs for businesses.

Green economy included green industries, green jobs, green training and buying local products. Transportation included getting buses and other vehicles onto natural gas, improved public transportation, bicycling and carpooling incentives.

Water items included watershed clean-up and protection, reduced storm water runoff, rain barrels, rain gardens and conservation.

Land use ran the gamut from parks and beaches to empty lots and foreclosed properties, land trust expansion and corporate, business and church lands.

Waste problems and solutions included green cleaning products, elimination of single use plastic bags, waste to energy programs, local recycling businesses, city-wide composting and air quality monitoring.

Food items included Community Supported Agriculture, urban gardens, food banks and community meals. It should have also included elimination of "food deserts" in the inner city.

There was just one item under financial, but a big one: "Government and industries (should) divest investments from fossil fuel industries and reinvest in companies whose products and services promote planetary sustainability."

Would you like to be involved? If so, contact any member of the Green Committee or one of the pastors to volunteer or get more information.

Pastor Mary's Column

Fill Our Hearts with Hope, O Lord

Linda, my seminary classmate, married to the Liberian bishop of the Lutheran church – not able to travel to Africa to be with her husband due to the threat of Ebola.

Jennifer, pastor and former colleague in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, now living in Missouri and experiencing first-hand the racial tension of Ferguson.

Landis, college classmate and dear friend struggling with Multiple Myeloma, experiencing bone pain in the aftermath of a stem cell transplant.

Lillian, next door neighbor in hospice care, suffering from a progressive neurological disease.

Those are just some of my friends, all of whom I call by name and all who are people of hope, IN SPITE OF THEIR DAILY CHALLENGES.

Each of these dear people is being surrounded by love and prayer, and each one, most of the time at least, finds it possible to hope even in the midst of illness, obstacles, unemployment, or separation from loved ones. They are Advent people!

Today my heart goes out to all those whose names I do know and who are facing what may seem to be insurmountable challenges and suffering. May you have hope! But, beyond that, I pray for those who are nameless to me, but not to God – for those nearing death because of hunger, disease, violence; for those who are discounted because of the color of their skin or their sexual orientation; for those who have lost a loved one prematurely; for those with addictions; for those without financial resources; for those who suffer abuse...and the list goes on.

As we wait in the darkness of this Advent season, I pray for hope. Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel! May God give us the life giving Hope we all yearn for, especially in our times of darkness!

Blessings and hope to you in your time of waiting,

Pastor Mary

In the December Visitor:

- Angel Alert
- Constitutional Update
- 'Cowspiracy' Screening
- Quilts for EASY Families
- Cookie Pack-Gift Wrap
- Green Lighting
- Environmental Plans
- Poinsettia Order Form
- Attic Ladder Fixed
- Siebert Grant
- 'Fill Our Hearts with Hope, O Lord'

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Emaus

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Una historia real: Después del desierto, detrás de rejas: TOTAL CONFIANZA EN DIOS!

La vida es un camino. En momentos de angustia y de dolor nos hacemos miles de preguntas, sin encontrar respuesta alguna. Y es en estos momentos cuando nos preguntamos: "Existes Dios?"

Por amar a mis hijos y buscar una mejor vida termine en la cárcel al cruzar la frontera. Allí escuche comentarios negativos de personas sobre Dios. Algunos le llaman mi fracaso, la cárcel, yo simplemente le llamo: "Mi despertar," descubrí la razón de por que estoy en el mundo. Cual es mi misión en este mundo? En la cárcel privados de la libertad, llenos de tristeza, dolor, lagrimas, angustia, y desesperación me preguntaron en quien colocaste tu confianza cuando emprendiste el viaje a USA? No tuve ninguna respuesta. Otros decían en el horóscopo, en amuletos, y en la suerte. Muy dentro de mi, me preguntaba Señor por que esto me esta sucediendo esto? Creo que no podre soportarlo.

Pasaron dos meses en la cárcel cuando decidí buscar la respuesta a esta pregunta. Decidí sacar todo lo que tenia dentro de mi, y busque ayuda. ME acerque a una persona muy buena. ME miro y me dijo "hija no estés triste. Mira este lugar como un maravilloso refugio donde nos encontramos con personas que sufren y tienen mucho dolor en su corazón como tu. Pero piensa que Dios te envió para hacer un retiro espiritual y puedas sacar todo lo que te esta haciendo daño. Me dijo cada mañana pegúntate: " Dios cual es mi misión en este lugar? Cuanto durara? Lo hice diariamente y fue así como pude encontrar respuestas a la pregunta en quien deposito toda mi confianza cuando emprendo un viaje?

Señor en tus manos encomendamos nuestras vidas y confiamos plenamente en ti. Señor ayúdame a sentir tu presencia aun cuando me encuentre en situaciones difíciles. Amen (Anónimo)

Misas en Diciembre y Enero

Dic. 7: 11:00am
Virgen de Juqila
Dic. 14 : 10:00am
pastorela de los niños-Misa bilingue
10:00am
Dic. 24. Misa 6pm
Enero 4 , 2015:
Domingo de Reyes
11am
Novenas mira los horarios y direcciones de los Hogares consagrados

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Aprendamos sobre EL ADVIENTO

La palabra "Adviento" significa "venida" y esta venida se refiere, por supuesto, a Cristo — el Señor que viene, el Señor que está por llegar. Preguntémonos: la llegada de Jesús a donde?

El Adviento es el tiempo en que los bautizados nos preparamos espiritualmente a celebrar la Navidad. Que significa que otra vez este año vuelva a nacer Jesús? Tu lo haz sentido en ti vida? Lo haz visto actuar en tu vida diaria? Esta presente el poder de Dios en tu casa, trabajo, barrio? Esta Dios presente? O vives con un Dios lejano ausente? Un Dios que no se hace presente cada día?

El Adviento se inicia cuatro domingos antes de Navidad. Durante esas cuatro semanas la Iglesia, a través de las lecturas de la Misa dominical, invita a los fieles a profundizar en el misterio de la venida histórica del Señor y esperar anhelantes la segunda venida de Cristo, en Su gloria y majestad. Esta Dios espiritualmente presente cada momento en tu vida? Puedes dar fe de que Dios vive en ti? Pueden los demás decir, Dios vive en esa persona? Si no es asi.. Que te hace falta para que reflejes a un Dios vivo y real?

A continuación te proponemos un sencillo programa espiritual para vivir el Adviento en familia.

Meditaciones para el Adviento

• **Primera Semana** – Adoptemos una actitud de espera vigilante, que es gozosa. Esta semana saquemos tiempo para la oración personal (en tu casa, carro, trabajo. Te recomendamos sacar 5 minutos cada día para empezar), familiar (reúnanse en la mesa, oren, al ir a dormir, al levantarse antes de salir. Únanse: familia que ora unidad permanecerá unidad) y comunitaria (asiste a misa, a alguna novena, posada y a la misa). Imitemos a la Virgen María. Ella es una gran modelo de confiar en Dios, de creerle, de vivir como Dios nos manda. Participemos en la Santa Misa cada domingo con todo el corazón.

• **Segunda Semana** – Decidámonos por la conversión. Limpiemos nuestro interior para recibir al Salvador. Ahí, donde no se ha dado el amor, el perdón, la armonía, la fraternidad, pidamos a Dios que nos llene de Su amor y nos dé la fortaleza para reconocernos pecadores y purificar nuestro corazón. Sigamos orando y... ¡acudamos a la Reconciliación! En tu altar, coloca una jarra con agua y lávate las manos todos los días. Pídele perdón a Dios al lavarte las manos.

• **Tercera Semana** – Abramos nuestro corazón para que acoja con alegría al Señor. Estemos alegres, desbordantes de alegría porque Jesús esta con nosotros, El nos ha salvado.. Al orar leamos la Palabra de Dios esta semana.

• **Cuarta Semana** – Meditemos en el misterio de María, la Virgen que dará a luz un hijo. Leamos diariamente un trozo del Evangelio — la Anunciación, el viaje a Belén, el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador... Pidámosle a Dios que podamos hacer vida Su palabra para que Jesús pueda venir a nacer en nuestro corazón. Que todas las celebraciones en las que participemos sean una prolongación de nuestra preparación espiritual.

¡Como vivamos el Adviento, así será nuestra Navidad!

El Corazón

Ese órgano que late y late desbordando vida. Haciendo correr mi sangre por todas mis venas. Y como esa sangre un sin fin de sentimientos.

Amor a mi prójimo, a mis padres, a la vida y sobretodo a Dios.
Son tantos los sentimientos que ese pequeño órgano llamado corazón pareciera no poder con toda la carga él solo. Esos sentimientos nos llenan de júbilo, dicha, amor, coraje, celos, y en algunas ocasiones odio y venganza. Sin este órgano somos como una vasija vacía. Por eso en este temporada de Navidad te ruego Dios que hagas latir a mi corazón: late y late corazón mío!, más y más duro!. Para que día a día sepa que estoy viv@ y te dé gracias. Dios, Señor mi, quien me provee todo, Gracias por todos tu regalos y por la bendición de tener un día más!

Cristo Rey, San Patricio y Emaus están haciendo historia en Racine!

Desde el año 2012 se ha creado una Amistad y trabajo con el Pr. Anthony y el equipo de lideres de cada uno de las parroquias que son parte del equipo visionario que cree que Dios esta haciendo cosas grandes en Racine.

Estos lideres buscamos la unidad, y la transformación de esta ciudad en un pueblo, una familia que luchemos juntos por justicia y el pan de cada día en nuestras mesas.

Gracias doy a Dios por este gran regalo! Gracias a ti por creer que es posible! La unidad, y el trabajo en equipo!

Retomaremos los esfuerzos: Reunión en Enero 28, 2015 de 6:30-8pm en san Patricio!

Estas invitado a la Santa Misa 6pm.

Sigamos trabajando por el mismo Dios!!!

Un grito desesperado que los padres no escuchamos!

Escrito por algunos jóvenes de Racine!

Papa, mama: "lo único que necesito es un poquito de tu tiempo" "todo lo que busco es ser amado, que creas en mi." Solo busco que me respetes, que me tomes en serio."

Me puedes apoyar!

"Mom and dad puedes trabajar un poquito menos para estar conmigo?"

"Quiero un abrazo tuyo"

Lo único que quiero es una mejor relación contigo mama/papa"

Estos son algunos de los gritos desesperados de los jóvenes! Si tu tienes alguno o conoces a alguien que tenga uno. Comparte estas letras. Son sencillas, practicas y directas. Serán de gran provecho!

Grupo de jóvenes Viernes 6pm

¿Virgen María de Guadalupe sabías?

(de la canción "Mary did you Know" by Mark Lowry en 1984 y adaptado por el Pr. Jhon Freddy)

María (de Guadalupe), Sabias que tu bebe al que muchos no le abrieron la puerta cuando tocaste caminaría un día sobre el agua?

María, sabías que tu bebé, así como en Jerusalén los reyes, de igual manera en México, el obispo en 1531 no quiso escuchar su voz la primera vez a través de Juan Diego? Sabias que el salvaría a nuestros hijos e hijas?

¿Sabías que tu bebé vino para hacerte nueva?

Virgen María de Guadalupe sabias que ese niño que tú diste a luz, pronto te traería a la Luz?

María (de Guadalupe)., ¿sabías que tu bebé dará la vista a un hombre ciego? María, ¿sabías que tu bebé calmará una tormenta con su mano? Y aun en Racine sigue calmando las tormentas de nuestras vidas?

¿Sabías que tu bebé ha caminado por donde los ángeles pisaron? Y aun camina por el desierto, la frontera, los ríos, protegiendo miles de niños y familias enteras?

María sabias que cuando besabas a tu pequeño niño besabas el rostro de Dios.

¿María, sabías? ¿María, sabías?
Los ciegos verán, los sordos oirán
Los muertos volverán a vivir
Los paralíticos saltarán,
Los mudos hablarán.
Y Tu lo crees?

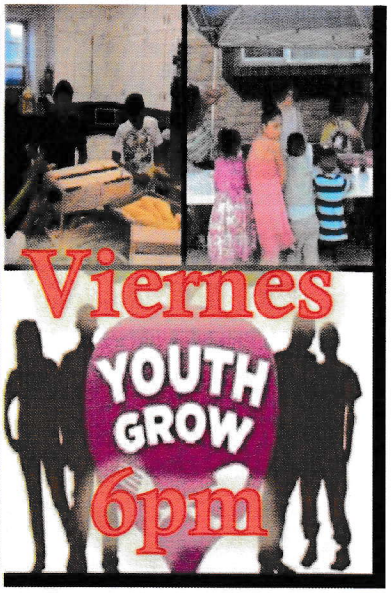
María, ¿sabías que tu bebé es el Señor de toda la creación? María, ¿sabías que tu bebé gobernará un día las naciones?

¿Sabías que tu bebé es el Cordero Perfecto del cielo?

Que el Niño dormido que sostienes es el Gran YO SOY! El poderoso, el Rey, el Dios con Nosotros, el Señor, el que provee, el Salvador, el príncipe de la paz!

En el 2014 Los HOGARES Guadalupanos consagrados te invitas a que te unas a orar con ellos!
Escoge donde orar cada noche!!!

Hora	Familia	Direccion	Telefono
6:30pm	Amelia Lopez	2221 Summit Av.	822 6525
6:00pm	Flia Flores- Paty	1324 Superior St	412 8709
9pm	Flia Garcia (Alicia)	1208 S. Memorial	833 5078
	Vicky		752 8787
	Trini y Antelmo	1806 Arturus Av	676 3400
6pm	Santa MISA y fiesta	Bray Center 924 Center St	Baile
	Misa de Navidad *No dejes a la virgen- a Jesus- a Jose solos en el parto! Ven y recibe la alegria del bebe!!*	Parroquia Emaus (ELCA) **6:00pm**	634 5515



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Juan 3,16

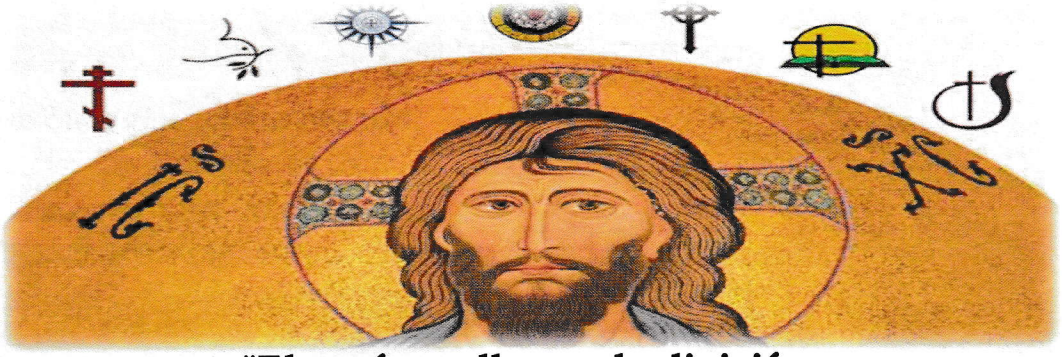
"Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que dio a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna.

Alégrate!

"¡Alégrate! Con este saludo del ángel a María comienza en sentido propio el Nuevo Testamento. La misma palabra reaparece en la Noche Santa en labios del ángel, que dijo a los pastores: Os anuncio una gran alegría.

La alegría es el don propio del Espíritu Santo, el verdadero don del Redentor. En el saludo del ángel se oye el sonido de un acorde que seguirá resonando a través de todo el tiempo de la Iglesia.

Al crear la libertad, Dios se ha hecho en cierto modo dependiente del hombre. Su poder está vinculado al sí no forzado de una persona humana.



"El egoísmo lleva a la división: Oremos por la unidad de los cristianos

" Obispo de Roma Francisco"

QUERIDOS HERMANOS Y HERMANOS QUE HACEN VIDA EN EMAUS:

"Reflexionando un poco al Apóstol San Pablo hoy nos afirma que igual que los miembros del cuerpo humano, aun distintos y numerosos, forman un solo cuerpo, así todos nosotros hemos sido bautizados mediante un solo Espíritu en un mismo cuerpo (1 Co 12, 12-13). En la Iglesia, por lo tanto dentro de iglesia como cuerpo místico de Cristo, existe una variedad, una diversidad de tareas y de funciones que distribuidos por el Espíritu Santo. Siempre hay que tener muy presente y recordarlo muy bien: *ser parte de la Iglesia quiere decir estar unidos a Cristo y recibir de Él la vida divina que nos hace vivir como cristianos*, quiere decir que debemos de aprender a trabajar como hermanos que profesamos una misma , escuchar a los sacerdotes que son los encargados de guiar y pastorear las ovejas. También, aprender a superar personalismos y divisiones, a comprenderse más, a armonizar las variedades y las riquezas de cada uno; en una palabra, a querer más a Dios y a las personas que tenemos al lado, en la familia, la parroquia, las asociaciones. ¡Cuerpo y miembros deben estar unidos para vivir! La unidad es superior a los conflictos, si no se resuelven bien, nos separan entre nosotros, nos separan de Dios. El conflicto puede ayudarnos a crecer, pero también puede dividirnos. Todos unidos con nuestras diferencias, pero unidos, siempre: este es el camino de Jesús. Por estas rozones oremos en esta semana por la unidad de todos Cristianos olvidemos las diferencias y volvamos al Señor." Rogamos a Dios que todos los latinos en Racine y el mundo entero escuchemos estas sabias palabras y las pongamos en practica. No seamos hipócritas, yendo a la iglesia, llamándonos cristianos= seguidores de Cristo, pero destruyéndonos unos a otros con criticas y falsos comentarios. Todos somos hijos de Dios, seguidores de Cristo, y miembros de la verdadera iglesia: LA IGLESIA DE DIOS!

"...Procuremos siempre mirar las virtudes y cosas buenas que vieremos en los otros y tapar sus defectos con nuestros grandes pecados... tener a todos por mejores que nosotros...". Santa Teresa de Jesús.

La generosidad: es la virtud de las almas grandes, que encuentran la satisfacción y la alegría en el dar más que en el recibir. La persona generosa sabe dar ayuda material con cariño y comprensión, y no busca a cambio que la quieran, la comprendan y la ayuden. Da y se olvida que ha dado.

El dar ensancha el corazón y lo hace más joven, con mayor capacidad de amar. Cuanto más damos, más nos enriquecemos interiormente.

¿Con quién tenemos que ser generosos? Con todos. Con Dios. Con los demás, sobre todo con los más necesitados.

QUIERES saber si eres una persona generosa?

- Sabes olvidar con prontitud los pequeños agravios.?
- Tienes comprensión y no juzgas a los demás?
- Te ofreces a los servicios menos agradables del trabajo y de la convivencia?
- Perdonas con prontitud todo y siempre?
- Aceptas a los demás como son?
- Das, sin mirar a quién?
- Das hasta que duela?
- Da sin esperar nada a cambio?
- Das a Dios parte de tu dinero? De tu tiempo? En gratitud por todo lo recibido de El?

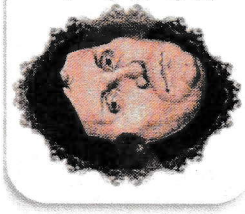
Generosidad, primero, por parte de Dios.

"Doy y comparto sin esperar algo a cambio"

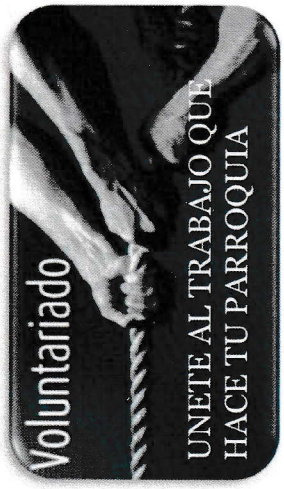
Por que es importante la Educación

"Doy gracias a Dios por mis opositores, pues ellos me han inclinado a buscar más ardientemente a Cristo en las Escrituras."

-Martín Lutero



Lutero siempre se preocupo por la formación bíblica y teológica que se está impartiendo en nuestras iglesias y, debemos también admitirlo, en muchos de nuestros institutos ministeriales y seminarios. El creyente típico repite de memoria varios textos de la Escritura, pero carece de solidez doctrinal y fundamentación bíblica. La teología debe ser asunto de todos. No se trata de un ejercicio intelectual para los ratos de ocio, sino una reflexión comprometida. La teología, decía Orlando Costas: «No es algo que uno repite o memoriza, sino más bien lo que uno hace»; por eso «la teología debe concebirse como pensar la fe en el contexto de nuestras respectivas situaciones de vida». Sin embargo, **¿cómo vamos a desarrollar teología desde nuestras comunidades locales con la pobre base bíblica que poseen sus miembros?** La Reforma que hoy celebramos nos enseñó que el quehacer teológico parte de las Escrituras y se deja guiar por ellas. Es decir, que es necesario conocer a fondo la Palabra de Dios para pensar y creer bien acerca de Él. Si la teología es el tratado sobre Dios, las Escrituras son las que tratan acerca del Dios desde el cual queremos mirar nuestras realidades, angustias y esperanzas.



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Los responsables de la Iglesia Anglicana de Canadá, la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en Canadá (ELCIC), la Iglesia Episcopal y la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América (ELCA) han acordado coordinar sus respuestas a "eventos que trascienden" de sus fronteras, como desastres naturales y otros. "En términos generales, estas conversaciones informales están dirigidas a la exploración de formas de extender las implicaciones de nuestras asociaciones en comunión plena entre anglicanos y luteranos a través de las fronteras internacionales", dijo Myers. "¿Qué más podríamos estar haciendo como iglesias norteamericanas en plena comunión?" La Iglesia Anglicana de Canadá y los ELCIC han estado en plena comunión desde el año 2011, ya que tienen la ELCA y la Iglesia Episcopal.

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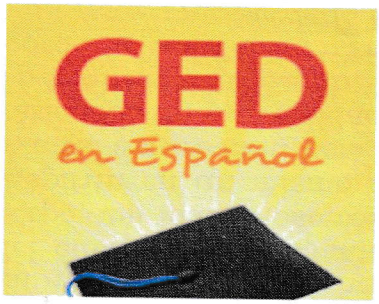

Dias: Martes y Jueves

Hora: 6:00 PM a 8:PM

Lugar: Parroquia Emaus (ELCA)

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Para profundizar en la Fe:
Consulta y comenta con otros los siguientes textos bíblicos: **Génesis 3 y 12; Juan 1; Juan 3,16; Gal 4,4.**

- ¿Qué significa que Jesucristo es la «Buena Noticia»?
- ¿Cómo podemos anunciar esta Buena Noticia?
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Cual de estos tu tienes? Y cual te gustaria tener?

1. **Es un amor espiritual.** Busca el bien supremo que es el bien del alma. El interés principal y fundamental es la santificación de la vida, para garantizar la salvación eterna. (Efesios 5:25,26).
2. **Es un amor voluntario.** No es emocional, sino intencional. Uno ama porque quiere amar. No es un amor automático. Yo tomo la decisión de amar. Amar es un mandamiento y uno decide obedecer o rechazar el mandato. (Juan 14:15)
3. **Es un amor incondicional.** No está condicionado por ser amado. Aunque a uno no le amen, debemos seguir amando. Sin embargo, no podríamos amar si Cristo no nos hubiera amado primero. (1 Juan 4:11)
4. **Es un amor responsable.** Cumple fielmente sus deberes. No hace las cosas de mala gana. (1 Corintios 16:14)
5. **Es un amor diligente.** Busca, con todo interés, alcanzar los propósitos santos. Y por ello es un amor que toma la iniciativa. (Romanos 12:11)
6. **Es un amor puro.** Es decir limpio, bien intencionado. No hará ningún mal. Nace de un corazón limpio. (1 Timoteo 1:5)
7. **Es un amor sincero.** Sincero quiere decir transparente; no esconde nada. No es intrigante ni misterioso. Es un amor sencillo. "Todo lo cree". (1 Corintios 13:7)
8. **Es un amor honesto.** No traiciona ni juega un doble papel. No es de apariencia. Es auténtico en sus alegrías y en sus tristezas. (2 Corintios 2:4)
10. **Es un amor intenso.** Involucra al ser. Jesús nos enseñó a amar con el alma, con la mente, con el corazón , con la voluntad, con todas las fuerzas. (Mr 12:30)
11. **Es un amor creciente.** No estático. Cada día es mejor. No decae, ni se enfría. (Filipenses 1:9)
12. **Es un amor abundante.** Es un amor grande. Tiene suficiencia, no se escasea. Esta abundancia viene de Dios que es la fuente del amor. (2 Corintios 2:4; 1 Juan 4:8; 2 Tesalonicenses 3:5)
13. **Es un amor tierno & compasivo.** Es sensible, reacciona ante los estímulos. La reacción del amor, aunque reciba males, su respuesta siempre será positiva. (2 Corintios 12:15)
14. **Es un amor comprensivo.** Entiende perfectamente las necesidades y las aspiraciones. Así como Cristo comprende nuestras debilidades y limitaciones. No busca condenar sino ayudar. (Hebreos 4:15)
15. **Es un amor estable.** No es amor sólo en las horas buenas, el amor estará presente también en las crisis y las pruebas. Este amor nunca faltará. (Efesios 6:24)
16. **Es un amor misericordioso.** Es sensible ante el sufrimiento del prójimo. Como lo fue el samaritano que socorrió al hombre herido a un lado del camino. (Lucas 10:33-35)
17. **Es un amor protectivo.** Cuidadoso, como escudo para que el pecado no dañe en ninguna manera. (Colosenses 3:19) 18. **Es un amor sustentador.** Nutre y alimenta para que no se tenga ninguna deficiencia en todas las necesidades espirituales, emocionales y físicas. (Efesios 5:29)
19. **Es un amor sacrificial.** Se entrega la vida por el hermano. No importa desgastarse, consumirse y sufrir por el bienestar del alma de nuestros hermanos. (1 Tesalonicenses 2:8; 1 Juan 3:16)
9. **Es un amor que no avergüenza.** Es amor del bueno, viene de Cristo y se comparte. Es la forma de vida más noble y honorable que se pueda tener. (1 Corintios 13)
20. **Es un amor ejemplar.** Puede servir para estimular a otros a que lo cultiven. (1 Timoteo 4.12)
20. **Es un amor que sirve.** Servir es el lema de todo cristiano. El servicio se fundamenta en la humildad y el amor. Como lo hizo Cristo.

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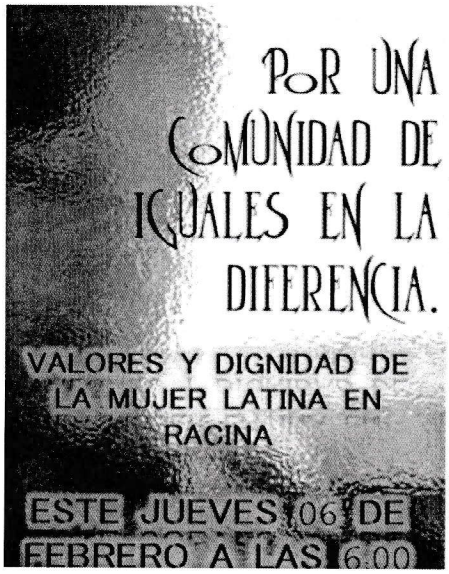
Una gran herencia nos dejo Martín Lutero

En Ausburgo Lutero dejó claro de una vez por todas que el fundamento de sus creencias, y en general de toda su teología, era la Escritura y sólo la Escritura; para él esta autoridad de la Palabra de Dios superaba a la del Papa y a la de los Concilios. Este compromiso valiente con las Escrituras fue reconfirmado tres años después en la famosa Dieta de Worms, donde compareció ante el emperador y la corte del imperio; en esa ocasión en que fue invitado otra vez a retractarse contestó: *«No puedo ni quiero retractarme a menos que se me pruebe, por el testimonio de la Escritura o por medio de la razón, que estoy equivocado; no puedo confiar ni en las decisiones de los Concilios ni en las de los Papas, porque está bien claro que ellos no sólo se han equivocado sino que se han contradicho entre sí. Mi conciencia está sujeta a la Palabra de Dios y no es honrado ni seguro obrar en contra de mi propia conciencia. ¡Qué Dios me ayude! Amén».* Queda claro que para él las Escrituras eran el fundamento de su fe. Por eso, propongo como tesis central de este artículo que ese apego y esa centralidad dada a la Biblia es la primera y gran herencia que el Dr. Martín Lutero nos ofrece hoy.

Por otra parte, El principio de Sola Scriptura entrañaba la convicción de ser ella la fuente de revelación, de gracia, de fe, de justificación, de santificación, de salvación, de vida cristiana, de organización eclesiástica, etcétera. Como le dijo un día a un grupo de sus amigos íntimos: *«La Biblia se parece a un bosque enorme con toda clase de árboles de los que se pueden coge los frutos más variados, y no hay ningún árbol de ese bosque al que no haya sacudido y del que no haya cortado un par de peras o manzanas».*

Ahora pensemos en nosotros, cristianos Latinoamericanos que vivimos en el siglo XXI en al cuidad de Racine: **¿Qué reflexiones autocríticas o recuperaciones teológicas podemos hacer pensando en la rica herencia de la Sola Scriptura de Lutero?**



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Jueves 6 de Febrero 6:00 pm.

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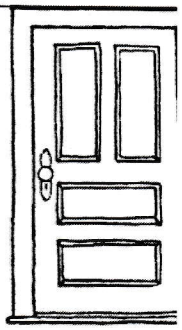

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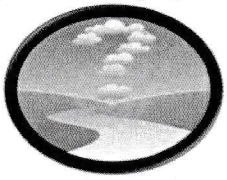

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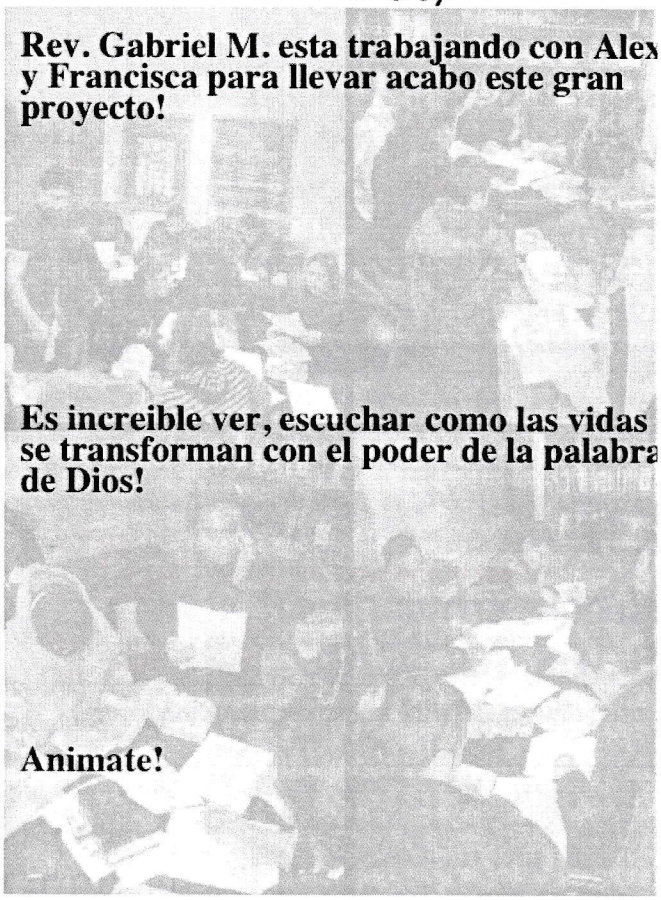
Viernes 6:00pm



Rev. Gabriel M. esta trabajando con Alex y Francisca para llevar acabo este gran proyecto!

Es increible ver, escuchar como las vidas se transforman con el poder de la palabra de Dios!

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Papa Francisco pide a católicos [Romano] y luteranos PEDIRSE PERDON por la unidad ecuménica

El Papa Francisco recibió a la delegación de la Federación Luterana Mundial y a los **miembros de la Comisión luterano-católica para la Unidad [WOW!!!]** y reafirmó la importancia de dialogar sobre la **Reforma protestante** y sus consecuencias. Destacó que en el marco del quinto centenario de la Reforma ha sido publicado un texto de la **Comisión por la unidad luterano-católica** titulado "**Del conflicto a la communion" [WOW!]**. La interpretación luterano-católica de la Reforma en 2017" apuntando que "de verdad es importante para todos el esfuerzo de dialogar sobre la realidad histórica de la Reforma, sobre las consecuencias y sobre las respuestas". "**Católicos y luteranos pueden pedir perdón por el mal cometido los unos a los otros y por las culpas cometidas delante de Dios** [Oopppps] y juntos alegrarse por la nostalgia de unidad que el Señor ha despertado en los corazones y que hace mirar hacia adelante con esperanza." Precisó que el **ecumenismo espiritual** "constituye en cierto sentido el alma del **camino hacia la plena communion [WOW, WOW, WOW!]**" agregando que será posible en la medida en que se invoque con humildad "el don de la unidad." El pontífice argentino.... [Advirtio] que las dificultades que surgirán "**requerirán aún paciencia, diálogo y comprensión recíproca.**" Este articulo ha sido tomado de AcontecerCristiano.Net tambien s epuede ver en este portal catolico Romano http://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/el-papa-a-luteranos-dialogo-y-conversion-para-caminar-hacia-la-comunion-16479/ y otros las palabras que estan en [ ] fueron agregadas por el editor de esta revista.

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Pan del cielo: Ayuda de comida a familias 1, 3 & Martes del Mes en la Iglesia de Redeemer

Clase de G.E.D: Martes y Jueves. VEN y ya!!!

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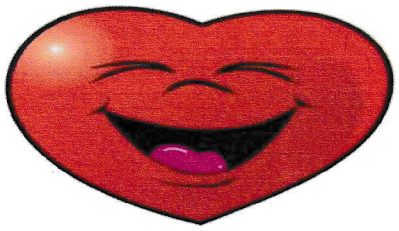

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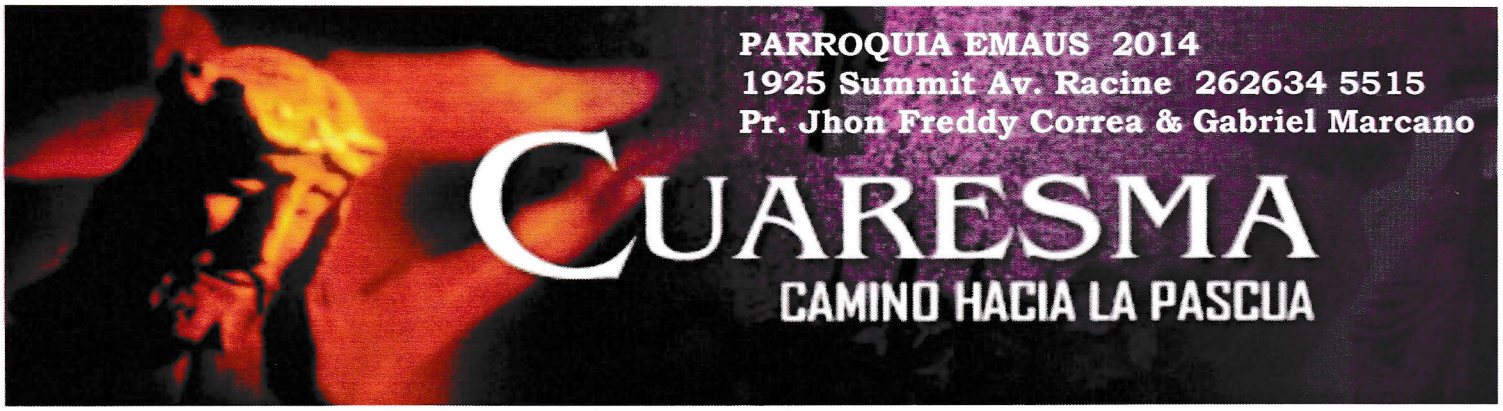


La iglesia no ha sido hecha por el hombre, aunque algunos se sienten dueños de ella!

Rasgos que te distinguen?

Cada persona tiene rasgos específicos: por ejemplo: el color de piel, cabello, altura, manchas de nacimiento, entre otros. La iglesia de la cual somos parte también tiene unas marcas que dicen QUIEN ES revelando así su identidad. En el credo profesamos decimos "creemos en la iglesia que es..." y por que creemos somos parte de ella, en si somos ella, la iglesia que es UNA, SANTA, CATOLICA, Y APOSTOLICA. Veamos cada uno de estos rasgos:

1.UNA: la palabra una enfatiza la UNIDAD de la iglesia de Cristo, del Dios Creador y del Espíritu Santo. Como entender la diversidad en la iglesia? Cada persona en la iglesia somos distintos y al mismo tiempo somos uno, somos la familia de Dios. Esa es la unidad de la iglesia. El Espíritu Santo nos mantiene unidos pero los ser humanos causamos divisiones, marcando fronteras, haciendo diferencia entre parroquias, denominaciones, y hasta nos a atrevemos a juzgar la iglesia de Dios de no ser verdadera. Aquellas divisiones entre católicos Romanos, ortodoxos, la reforma protestante de Martin Lutero, entre otras; pareciera que fuéramos diferentes equipos compitiendo por un trofeo. Pero es gracias a el ecumenismo, quien busca reconciliar y ayudarnos a entender que antes de ser católicos reformados, romanos, ortodoxos, antiguos, somos cristianos; y antes de ser Cristianos somos hijos de Dios creados por el amor divino quien soplo ese amor en nosotros para que podamos vivir en armonía. Somos herederos de un jardín hermoso-el mundo-mayordomos-responsables de entregar a nuestras próximas generaciones un mundo mejor! Somos uno, el pueblo escogido de Dios para transformar el odio en amor! No sigamos creando más divisiones!

2. Santa: Dios es santo y todo lo que hace Dios es Santo. Recuerda tu eres la iglesia (Hch 9, 13; 1 Co 6, 1; 16,1). Tu eres santo y estas llamado a vivir esa santidad. No causes divisiones!

3. CATOLICA: la palabra católica significa UNIVERSAL. Es decir que no somos un club exclusivo donde nos creemos los verdaderos, los únicos, "los sábelo todo." Es Dios quien llama a todos las personas a ser parte de ella;- leíste bien! SI a TODAS las personas sin excepciones! Lee la historia de Jesús si no me crees. EL llamo a prostitutas, ladrones, enfermos, indocumentados, pobres, ricos, SI! El llamo a TODOS, por eso la iglesia es católica (Mt 28, 19). A lo mejor la parroquia donde participas no lo es (aunque lleve el titulo de católica supuestamente) por el simpe hecho de que discriminas a la mujer que iba a ser apedreada, a los adúlteros, a los leprosos de nuestra época, a los homosexuales, a los que viven en pecado. A lo mejor -sin darte cuenta- estas creando un abismo enrome entre personas y no permites que otros se acerquen a Dios. TU el JUEZ quien determina quien se acerca lo sagrado y quien no?

4. Apostólica: el mandato a los apóstoles fue claro, "Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las gentes bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que yo os he mandado. Y sabed que yo estoy con vosotros todos los días hasta el fin del mundo" (Mt 28, 19-20). Proclamen las buenas nuevas, hagan cosas mas grandes de las que yo hice dijo Jesús. Somos los apóstoles que vivimos dentro de la iglesia de Dios permitiéndole utilizar nuestras manos, nuestros pies, nuestra voz para mostrar el mundo entero su amor y su gracias. "Dios quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento pleno de la verdad" (1 Tm 2, 4). Esta es nuestra mission!

Recordemos que Jesús no deseó ni unirse a ningún grupo religioso que ya existía en sus tiempos, ni tampoco aspiró crear un grupo que excluyera. Jesús solo pretendió transformar nuestro mundo en un jardín de paz, de amor, de esperanza; te invito a que TU como su seguidor(a) hagas lo mismo! Pr. Jhon Freddy Correa

En el antiguo testamento era una forma que en la antigüedad servia para reconocer que el hombre sin Dios era como polvo. Que el hombre sin Dios, al morir, se vuelve polvo y no resucita a la vida eterna Job 42, 6.

De acuerdo con el uso bíblico y litúrgico que se refleja en las mismas fórmulas actuales de imposición de ceniza: "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" (Mc 1, 15) o bien: "Acuérdate que polvo eres y al polvo has de volver" (Gén 3,19), convendría tener en cuenta los siguientes aspectos:

La ceniza es símbolo de conversión; no se trata de hacer simples actos de mortificación, sino de lograr un cambio radical de la existencia humana, de la opción fundamental que da sentido a la vida, de las actitudes. Se trata de una conversión con su doble vertiente inseparable: vertical hacia Dios y horizontal hacia el prójimo.

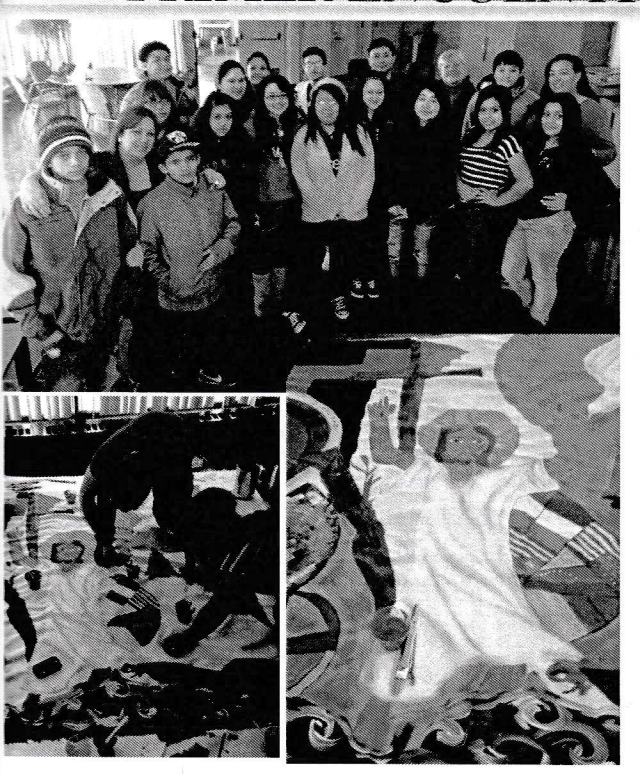
Cada año celebramos la pasión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro señor Jesucristo. Pero esto no se trata solamente de recordar lo que le sucedió, sino de vivirlo junto con Él.

¿Cómo celebrar que Cristo padece y sufre por nosotros, si nosotros seguimos viviendo igual?

¿ Cómo celebrar que su resurrección es el inicio de la familia universal llamada Iglesia, si nosotros seguimos viviendo en nuestro egoísmo y no nos unimos en comunidad, en familia, para ayudarnos, para trabajar juntos, para buscar el bien, para hacer oración... ?

"Un cristiano fiel, iluminado por los rayos de la gracia al igual que un cristal, deberá iluminar a los demás con sus palabras y acciones, con la luz del buen ejemplo". San Antonio de Padua.

PRIMER ENCUENTRO DE JOVENES HISPANOS



El pasado mes de febrero un grupo de jovenes provenientes de diferentes parroquias de la ELCA (Racine,Miwaukee y Madison). Participaron en un taller de formacion para lideres, el cual fue auspisido por le Seminario de estudios Teológico Luteranos en Chicago.

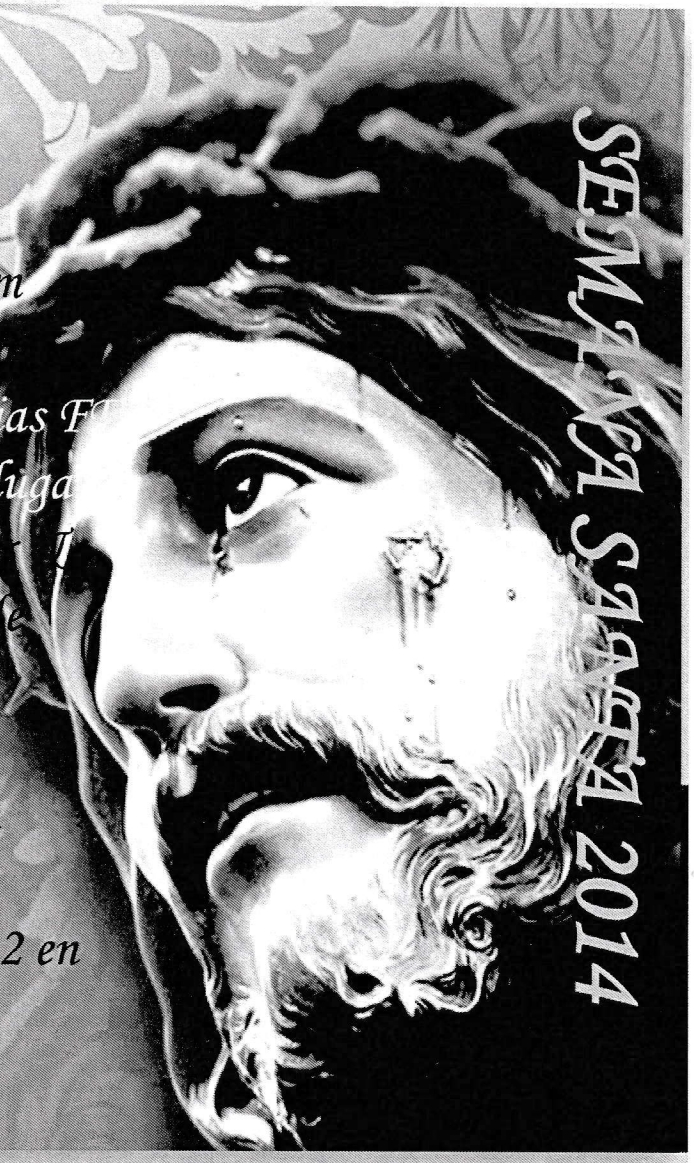
Entre las principales actividades realizadas fueron:

1. Presentacion sobre el tema de la tempestad Marcos 4,35-41.
2. Como ser un JOVEN lider.
3. También, se pinto un mural con la ayuda e ideas de todos los jovenes.
4. Hubo momentos de oración, reflexión y diversión.

El reto para TI que eres joven Cual es?

¿Como jóvenes cuales serian nuestros retos? Vivir con alegría (Ecl. 11:9, Alégrate, joven en tu juventud).

PROGRAMA



Domingo de Ramos *13 de Abril 12:00*
Pascua infantil Miércoles Abril 9 7:00pm
Jueves Santo *- Cena real y viva como lo*
Jesús con sus discípulos - con las 5 iglesias F
ES ACCION (aun no sabemos hora, ni luga
Viernes Santo *- Viacrucis vivido- el dolo*
sufrimiento de Cristo 7pm en la iglesia de
San Andres en la 1015 Four Mile Rd.
(donde fue el festival en las 4 Millas).
Sabado Santo *- Gran Vigilia Pascual en*
Emaus 7pm
Domingo de Resurrección- *Santa Misa 12 en*
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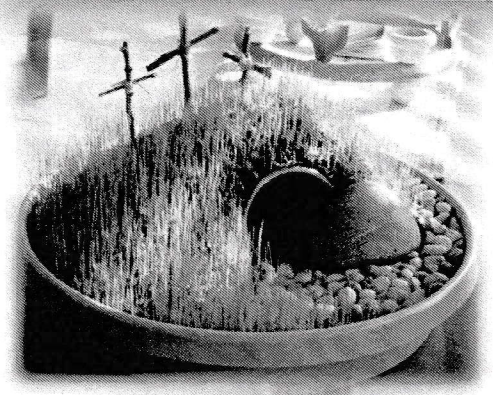

CRE-Siendo: Aunque "Crecer" se escribe con "C" nuestro gran reto de cuaresma con Cuarenta personas es Crecer Siendo quien Dios te creo! Vive como Dios te creo, Lleno de paz, armonia, amor, esperanza!

Curso bíblico Está Escrito

"No sólo de pan vivirá el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios" (Mateo 4:4).

Todos los viernes de 6-8pm

SOLO PARA MUJERES

Solo faltas tu!!!

Primer encuentro solo para mujeres. Vive esta gran experiencia de ser escuchada. Ven y toma un café con nostras y seamos amigas. Faltan 3 talleres mas de formación Proximamente anunciaremos las fechas y horarios.

"El que ha conocido sólo a su mujer y la ha amado, sabe más de mujeres que el que ha conocido mil". León Tolstoi

Confirmaciones
Primer y Tercer Viernes de cada mes de 6-8:00pm;
Primer Sábado del mes 9:00am-10:30am

Clase de Primera Comunión:
Todos los Sábado de 10:00am - 12:00 pm

- 6:00pm Clases Ingles Miércoles cena 5:30pm
- Grupo de Jóvenes-Grados 9-12 (2 & 4 viernes 6-8pm)
- Grupo de apoyo Lunes 6pm

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Mexícana *en Emaus*

Mayo 3 de 11am-4pm

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HORARIOS DE OFICINA:
9:00-3:00PM
PR. JHON FREDDY CORREA
& GABRIEL MARCANO
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Emaus

Camina contigo

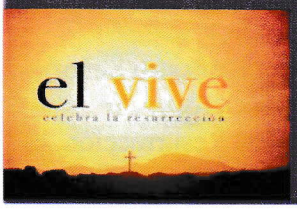
Horario de Semana Santa

Domingo de Ramos: Abril 13 @12:00 en Emaus. Recibamos a nuestro REY con palmas!

Jueves Santo: 6:30pm en la Iglesia de Our Savior- Nuestro Salvador en la TAYLOR Av. & Washington Av.

Viernes Santo: 7pm en la Iglesia de San Andrés en las 4 Millas – esta día tu serás parte de lo que vivió Jesús- su dolor, agonía y sufrimiento- una experiencia UNICA!

Sábado Santo: Vigilia Pascual en Emaus 7pm



Domingo de Resurrección en emaus 12pm

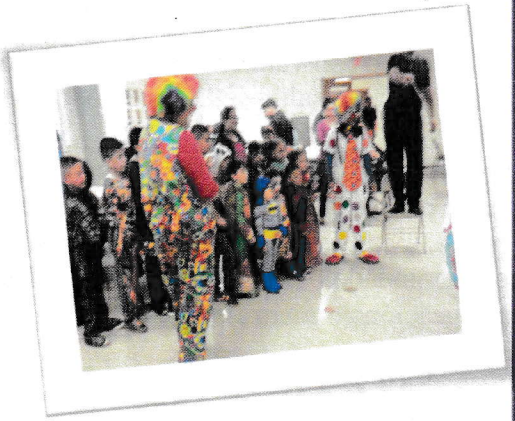
El calendario de Actividades

* Misa de Domingo 12:00pm
* Se buscan: catequistas en Emaus para el 2014-2015
* Clase de Primera comunión
* Clases de confirmaciones
* Clases G.E.D.

* Tu hij@ puede hacer trabajo comunitario de voluntario y recibir créditos en la escuela!
* Celebración de los Niños Mayo 4 de 12-2pm
* Día de la Madre Mayo 11
* Regístrate FACEBOOK y Texto
* Cena Comunitaria con St. Patricio
* Pan del Cielo (1 & 3 Martes)

* Quien esta cocinara?
* Jóvenes
* Informe de las 5 iglesias trabajando juntos!
* Semana SANTA Abril 13-20

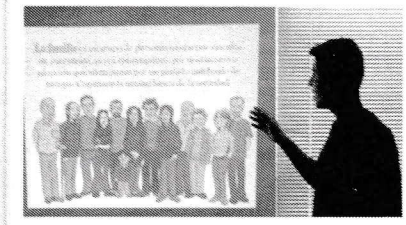
CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE LAS MADRES --
MAYO 11 de 12-2pm



Ven y disfruta la Fiesta de los niños- Mayo 4 de 12-1:30pm

Juegos, Piñatas y mucho mas!

LOS JOVENES EN MOVIMIENTO



El sábado 01 de Marzo tuvimos un encuentro para los adolescentes que hacen vida en la parroquia Emaus. Gracais a Fidel Luna y Alfredo Moreno por el tema de los VALORES, cultura y tradiciones latinoamericanas presentes en medio de nuestra comunidad que compartieron con los jovenes. Estos temas sirvieron para que los jóvenes expresaran sus inquietudes y sus experiencias de FE.

ESTAMOS PLANIFICANDO UN PROXIMO ENCUENTRO PARA EL MES MAYO Y UN RETIRO EL MES de JULIO.

Entendiendo un poco la semana MAYOR!

la Semana Mayor se inicia Con el domingo de Ramos. Fueron los últimos días de Jesucristo antes de vencer la muerte, el pecado en otras palabras antes de darnos vida es decir antes de RESUCITAR!

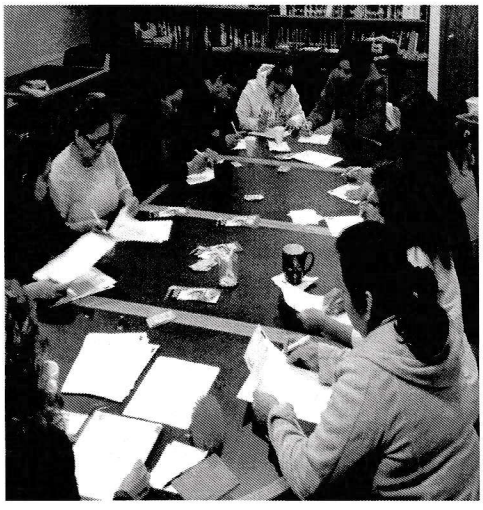
La Semana Santa o Semana Mayor tiene un sentido cristiano. La idea es un tiempo para reflexionar en Jesucristo, hijo de Dios que ofrendó su vida para que vivamos en paz. Es trsite pero es la realidad. Hoy en dia este tiempo es empleado por muchas personas para realizar actividades de diversión y en la mayoria de casos trabajar como otra semana mas.

Este "tiempo santo" la iglesia nos invita a ser utilizado para reflexionar: Que cambios positivos desea Dios hacer en nuestras vidas, trabajo, en el país y por qué no hasta en el mundo?

La Semana Santa, muchos dicen: es el tiempo litúrgico más importante, y es dedicado a la oración y reflexión de los misterios de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo, hijo de Dios. Se inicia con la cuaresma (Miercoles de Ceniza), conocida como el tiempo de preparación, donde se recuerda los cuarenta días de Jesús en el desierto.
El verdadero significado de la gran Fiesta Pascual, es tener un encuentro con Dios y acercarnos más al prójimo realizando buenas acciones. Los que creemos en Cristo interpretamos la Semana Santa, no como el recuerdo de un hecho histórico, o un momento de vacaciones sin sentido; es el tiempo de perdón y de reconciliación fraterna, expulsando de sus corazones el rencor, odio y la envidia.
El Domingo de Ramos: día en que se recuerda la entrada triunfal de Jesús como REY de nuestras vidas!
Jueves Santo abre el Triduo Pascual, en el cual se celebra la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo.
El Viernes Santo es el episodio más triste de la Semana Santa conmemorándose la muerte en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.
El Sábado Santo en la vigilia pascual se medita sobre el misterio de la pasión de Cristo, el Domingo de Resurrección, es el momento de mayor alegria donde se celebra la resurrección de Jesús.

El Primer encuentro solo para mujeres el pasado mes de Febrero, contó con la presencia de la Sra. Ángeles. Quien presta servicios para la institución plan parenthood Milwaukee. Dicha institución se evocada a educar las familias en materia de salud sexual, reproductiva, justicia social, planificación familiar, etc.
En este primer encuentro se brindaron herramienta y técnicas a las participantes para que el dialogo entre padres e hijos se más fluido y claro, y dentro del núcleo familia se pueda tocar temas de la salud sexual si miedo ni preocupaciones. Ángeles recomendó: "'no hay que tener miedo al hablar con sus hijos, la primera educación comienza en casa".
Aún faltan 2 charlas más por dar.

ANIMATE PARA ESTE PROXIMO JUEVES 9 DE ABRIL A LAS 6:00 PM.



Construyendo Comunidad!

Este mes me llego un mensaje de unos abogados. Diciéndome: **"ya le aprobaron la U-Visa a un par de personas." CELEBREMOS! Es una lucha larga- DIFICIL** y lenta! Algunos se rinden en el camino- pierden la fe- se retiran y se dan por vencidos. Sigamos luchando sin desfallecer- Felicitaciones a esas personas a los cuales se les esta abriendo un nuevo camino en sus vidas!

Lo que piensa el grupo de personas que estudian la biblia: Nuestra vida!!!

Ya han pasado 10 semanas desde que iniciamos nuestro curso Bíblico.

La gran mayoría de personas tiene la siguiente impresión:
Es una forma interesante, instruida y fácil de entender sobre la estructura y formación de la Biblia.
Muchas de nuestras dudas quedan aclaradas ya el Pr. Gabriel se preocupa por respondernos de la manera más clara y fácil posible. De igual manera, el este estudio bíblico nos ha servido para conocer nuestra historia de SALVACION. También, aprendimos a buscar en la biblia e identificar los capítulos y versículos.

Esperamos poder seguir aprendiendo cada día mas de Santa Palabra de Dios.

(Evento juvenil)

Ven a una noche llena de diversión, comida, y sorpresas. Viernes 11 de Abril a las 5:30pm. Jóvenes de 13-20 años. Se llevará a cabo en la iglesia de St. Andrew (ELCA)en la 1015 4 Mile Rd. ¿Sabes cuál es tu identidad? ¿O somos simplemente una copia y moldeados por nuestro medio ambiente y las personas que nos rodean? Quien es Jesus en tu vida? Ven a descubrir quién eres realmente! Llamen a Ilse (262) 504-0736 para reservar tu lugar.

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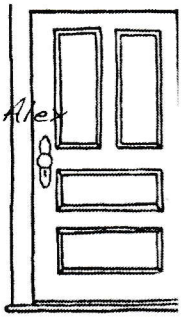

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Las cinco iglesias se mueven!!!
Hacia un futuro gigante aun incierto

Faith Works (FeEsAcción)

FeEsAcción (Faithworks) va a tener un retiro. El retiro se llevará a cabo en la tarde del Viernes 25 de Abril y la mañana del 26 de Abril. El Propósito del retiro es trabajar en traer la visión FeEsAcción (Faithworks) juntos y empezar a poner las cosas en la práctica.
Festival del Otoño será diferente al de los últimos dos años. Se llevará a cabo el 7 de septiembre. El festival será sólo un día e incluirá la misa. El evento no tendrá que atraer a la gente de la comunidad de Racine. El trabajo se centrará en construir relaciones entre las congregaciónes de FeEsAcción (Faithworks). El público aún serán invitados y bienvenidos a asistir.
Un reto para nosotros: cómo conseguimos más de nuestros miembros de las congregaciónes a participar en las actividades de FeEsAcción (Faithworks)? ¿cómo podemos comunicar con todos nuestros miembros eficazmente? **Esto es FEesACCION!**

Unete al retiro Abril 25 y 26

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Escuela Dominical

Tu crees que?
Los niños también son Iglesia.
La Iglesia es la gente,
no un edificio (el temple).

Los niños son la Iglesia, ellos quiere ser escuchados, ser comprendidos, y sobre todo quieren participar. Los Domingos, Rachael, Pablo e Ilse llevan los niños a jugar, hacer actividades, y tener discusiones sobre historias biblicas y valores en la vida.

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MARIA MUJER LLENA DE FE

Martin Lutero verdaderamente fue bastante devoto a Nuestra Madre la santísima Virgen María.
En varios de sus sermones, se expresó de esta manera sobre la gran mujer, la valiente, la guerrera o más conocida por ti como la Madre de Dios y nuestra madre: "*(Ella es) la mujer más encumbrada* (levantada, elevada*) y la joya más noble de la cristiandad después de Cristo... ella es la nobleza, sabiduría y santidad personificadas. Nunca podremos honrarla lo suficiente. Aún cuando ese honor y alabanza debe serle dado en un modo que no falte a Cristo ni a las Escrituras.* (Sermón, Navidad 1531). Que hermosas palabras escritas en el año 1531 en Europa. Después de 2013 años de la alegría de un embarazo, de los dolores, trasnocho, asqueo, vómito, llego el parto y sus dolores, preguntémonos porque María acepto pasar por todo esto (malestar, sufrimiento) si ese no era su plan? cuál es el deseo de la virgen María? Puedes escuchar la voz de María orando a Dios a través del Magníficat? **María dijo: «Mi alma alaba la grandeza del Señor** (o sea; María reconoció el poder de Dios y lo acepto en su vida);**mi espíritu se alegra en Dios mi Salvador** (te imaginas como fue sus cara al decir esto? Puedes ver la sonrisa en su rostro radiante?).**Porque Dios ha puesto sus ojos en mí, su humilde esclava** (me llama la atención pensar en ser mujer en una sociedad machista, con una mentalidad bruta, cerrada, que no le permite a la mujer ser grande, fuerte, llena de vida. Como mujer no sé cómo te sientas hoy en esta sociedad?),**y desde ahora siempre me llamarán dichosa** (y a ti como te llamaran? O mas bien como esta haciendo Dios que te llamen? La razón es simple lee la siguiente línea de lo que dijo María:); **porque el Todopoderoso ha hecho en mí grandes cosas. ¡Santo es su nombre! Dios tiene siempre misericordia de quienes lo reverencian. Actuó con todo su poder: deshizo los planes de los orgullosos, derribó a los reyes de sus tronos y puso en alto a los humildes.**(…)
La virgen María alabó a Dios por el poder que Dios demuestra a su pueblo. María acepto la ayuda de Dios. María entendió que Dios puede derrotar al opresor y crear una nueva comunidad de valientes, de guerreros. ¿Cómo podremos entonces nosotros rendirle culto? **El verdadero homenaje de María es en honor de Dios,**la alabanza de la Gracia de Dios...*María nada es por su propio mérito, sino por el mérito de Cristo...María no desea que vayamos a ella sino a través de ella hacia Dios.* (Explicación del Magnificat, 1521). María nos invita al servicio a la misión, al apostolado, escucha estas palabras dichas en la boda de Canaán: "**Hagan lo que El les diga**" Juan. 2,5."María no es soberana sino servidora. No es meta, sino camino, [al igual que tu eres para toda la humanidad]. No es semidiosa, sino la Pobre[/humilde] de Dios. Es, por encima de todo, la Madre que sigue dando a luz a Jesucristo en nosotros. "La Theotokos" es, pues, la Madre de Jesucristo y la Madre nuestra (LARRAGANA (1974).

Confirmaciones
Primer y Tercer Viernes de cada mes de 6-8:00pm;
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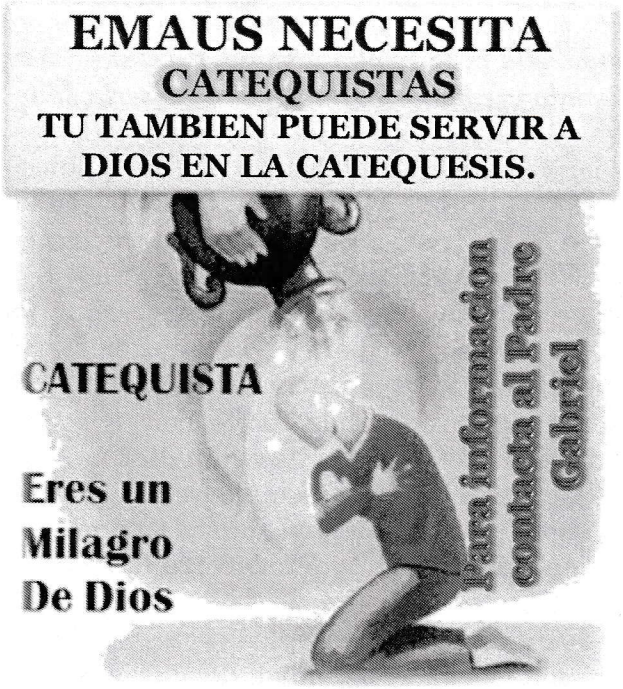
Caminando con el Ministerio Hispano en la ELCA

Por el Rev. Gabriel Marcano

La Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de América busca siempre mantener la unidad en diversidad de sus hijos, que están dispersos por todas partes y por los cuales está llamada a romper barreras de idioma, cultura, etnias y sexualidad. Para ofrecerles de una manera mas efectiva a todos sus hijos el mensaje de salvación contenido en los Evangelios de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por lo tanto, toda la Iglesia como receptora de esta realidad debe sentirse involucrada y movilizada en favor de los inmigrantes y los más vulnerables. En las Iglesias particulares y locales, se esta reexaminando y programanando la pastoral, para ayudar a los fieles a vivir una fe auténtica en el actual nuevo contexto multicultural y multirreligioso que se vive. Para así poder percibir esta realidad más clara y más cercana es necesario servirnos de Los fundamentos eclesiológicos de la pastoral migratoria, las cuales nos ayudarán también a construir una liturgia más atenta a la dimensión histórica y antropológica de las migraciones, para que la celebración litúrgica sea la expresión viva de comunidades de fieles que caminan por los caminos de la salvación.



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La dirección espiritual es la asistencia o ayuda positiva que personas reciben del Sacerdote u otra persona que está especialmente calificada, por educación, experiencia y santidad personal, para discernir la voluntad de Dios y progresar en las práctica de las virtudes Cristianas.

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ALGO GRANDE ESTA PASANDO EN RACINE

WOW!!!

¿Sabías qué?

HABLEMOS DE LA SEMANA SANTA

Gracias a la participacion de las 5 Iglesias FaithWork , vivimos una Semana Santa llena de bendiciones. El Jueves Santo (Cena del Senor) meditamos 4 estaciones de esta hermosa Liturgia en la Iglesia de Our Salvior. ***Cual de ellas te llevo a la reflexion?*** El viernes Santo en San Andres vivimos la Accion liturgica de la Pasion y Muerte de Nuestro Senor. El sabado en la noche la triunfante Resureccion de Nuestro Senor en la Vigilia Pascual .

LAS MUJERES CAMINAN EN EMAUS

Asi fue el segundo encuentro de las mujeres de Emaus el pasado jueves 10 de abril. Fue una tarde llena de bendicíones. Que gran sorpresa! Contamos con la asistencias de varias hombres que desean seguir creciendo y formandote en estos temas sobre : **LA FAMILIA, VIDA EN PAREJA, EDUCACION SEXUALES Y COMO HABLAR CON TU HIJO SOBRE ESOS TEMAS.**

Acompananos este **JUEVES 22 de Mayo a las 6:00 pm** al tercer encuentro. Hablan las mujeres y los hombres tambien.

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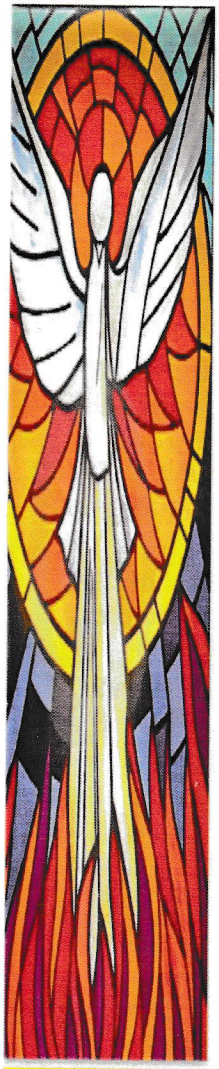
925 Summit Av. Racine (262) 634 5515 Revdos. John Freddy Correa y Gabriel Marcano



LA UNIDAD DE LOS CARISMAS EN RACINE

Espíritu Santo es la fuerza y vida de Dios, aliento y creatividad. El Espíritu de la divinidad, es el eterno siempre eterno, dinámico e inquieto, sabiduría, prudencia e inteligencia, ente creador e inmanente en la creación. La sabiduría de Dios ha estado siempre aleteando sobre el caos de la humanidad, siempre refrescándonos con la esperanza y siempre creando vida para llegar a la vida plena.

La fuerza de la unidad en la diversidad, la fuerza de la diversidad en un solo cuerpo, la Iglesia. La Iglesia que somos todos y todas, somos los y las bautizadas, somos la asamblea de los santos y santas, somos los cristianos y cristianas, seguidores y seguidoras del resucitado en la modalidad del Espíritu del resucitado.

El Espíritu de Dios ha estado presente siempre, siempre, en la naturaleza, desde que el mundo es mundo, porque él es la sabiduría, la fuerza, la energía. Es la vida de Dios mismo. La sabiduría de Dios ha estado y sigue estando presente en la creación, en la diversidad de expresiones materiales y espirituales. Donde hay vida ahí habita el Espíritu de Dios. Ante la creación de Dios al ser humano no le queda más que agradecer, admirar y regocijar su alma, al contemplar la grandeza del Señor: "**Bendice al Señor alma mía**" (Sal. 103) La tierra está llena de sus criaturas.

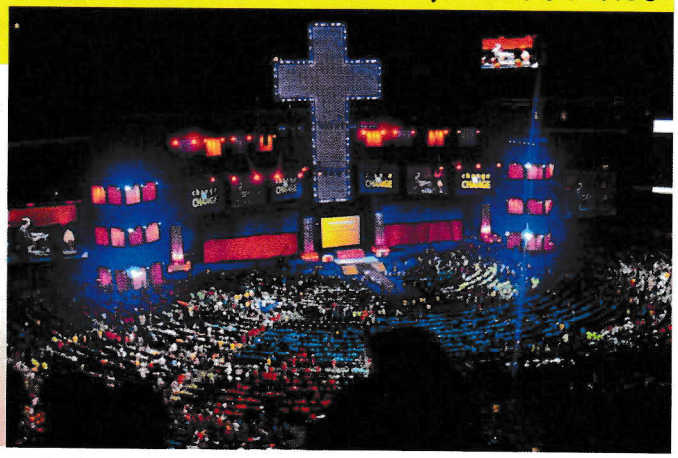
Espíritu Santo está presente en los buenos líderes, sean políticos, civiles o religiosos. Dios no hace diferencia de condición social o económica. El templo del Espíritu Santo es el ser humano desde Eva y Adán, Dios comparte su Espíritu a los profetas y profetizas como Simeón y Ana. Los y las profetas han sabido escuchar la voz del Señor y lo han descubierto en los signos de los tiempos o en los gestos simbólicos haciendo presente y cercano a Dios (Sam. 16; Is. 6). Y hoy ese mismo espíritu sigue obrando en ti, transformando tu vida.

NO TE PIERDAS EL EVENTO MAS GRANDE DEL 2015 @#& MAS DE 30,000 JOVENES REUNIDOS EN DETOIT- QUIERES IR?

RISE UP TOGETHER ELCA YOUTH GATHERING DETROIT 2015

ELCA Youth Gathering
July 15-19, 2015
Detroit, Michigan

Esta foto es del encuentro de los jovenes en el año 2012 ... QUIERES IR al PROXIMO?



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& Dos Sabados al Mes 1:00 am -12:00 am

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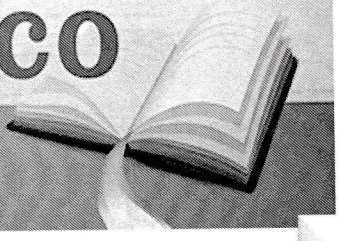

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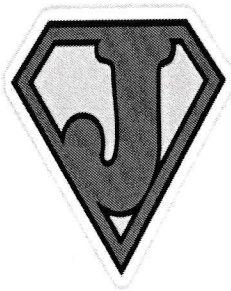
Jueves 05 de Junio a las 6:00 pm.

HABLEMOS EN FAMILIA SOBRE LA EDUCACION SEXUAL

Proyecto

No me perderé el **proyecto J** (= Jesús en Junio & Julio)



Las súper misas! Tendrán un énfasis carismático, sanación, liberación y mucho mas!!

JUNIO 8 a las 10:00am

DECISIONES

Te has preguntado por que las cosas cambian? Porque todo se mueve, nada se queda quieto? Por qué envejecemos? Crecemos, engordamos o perdemos peso? Por qué nos volvemos mas guapos o más feos?
Permíteme compartir algunos cambios en mi vida y como me han ayudado?. Ruego a Dios que esta reflexión te ayude de alguna manera a vivir una mejor vida!! ESO es lo que Dios desea! Quiero empezar en Septiembre 7, 2010. Mateo quien empezó como una semilla engendrada por el amor, comenzó a transformar mi vida. Aquella mañana tuve que decidir si estar presente en el nacimiento de mi hijo mientras mi esposa atravesaba un momento difícil que ponía su vida en riesgo o celebrar el funeral programado de una gran mujer quien perdió la batalla contra el cáncer.
Decisiones... No es para nada fácil decidir, escoger; pero estoy seguro que cada segundo decidimos respirar o no, comer, beber, caminar, dar un abrazo, mirar o cerrar los ojos, reír o enojarnos, etc. Decidir vivir – léelo bien" VIVIR no sobrevivir. Es necesario hacer grandes cambios para mejorar, disfrutar, y gozar de los regalos que Dios me ha dado. Decidir... No es nada fácil, cuesta mucho trabajo decidir....
Pero si de algo estoy seguro es... que con Dios siempre tomaremos las mejores decisiones. La única razón por la cual las decisiones con Dios son las mejores es por que Dios sabe lo mejor para sus hijos/as. Dios nos ama y aunque duela escoger entre una cosa y otra, en oración Dios nos guiara, nos mostrara el camino que debemos de seguir.
Decisiones... Si estas a punto de tomar una decisión... ORALA! y Cuando se ORA, Dios responde y dice ORALE!

Por el Pr. Jhon Freddy Correa

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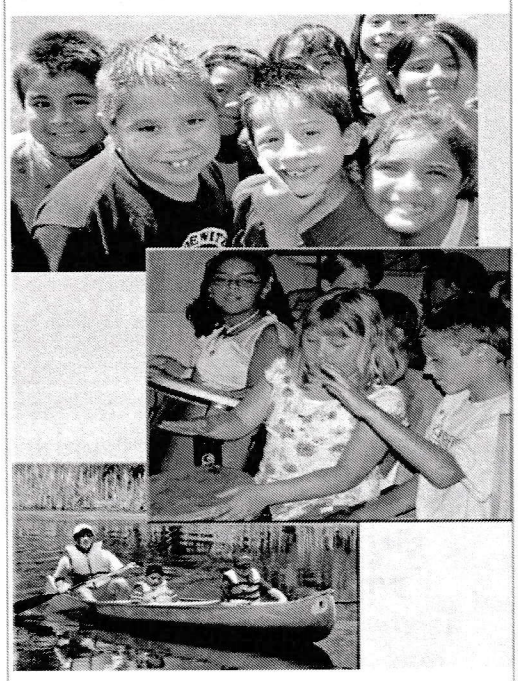

Sabes que significa S.A.L.T.

Es otro súper programa en Emaus para jóvenes de 12-15 años.
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Te rogamos Dios misericordioso que este día tan especial en el cual algunos niños y niñas recibirán por primera vez la COMUN UNION o sea una verdadera unión común entre Tu Dios todopoderoso y sus vidas sea para toda la vida y la practiquen con mucha frecuencia.

Oracion al Espiritu Santo

Dios omnipotente, que el día de Pentecostés abriste abriste el camino de la vida eternal a toda raza y nación por el el don prometido de tu Espíritu Santo: Esparce este don sobre el todo el mundo por la predicación del Evangelio, para que llegue a los confines de la tierra; Por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor, que vive y reina en la unidad del Espíritu Santo. Amen.

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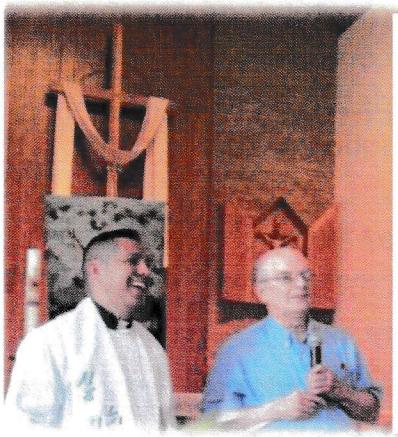
SABADO 21 de Junio: 8:30 am Peregrinación al Santuario Mariano de Nuestra Señora de la Salette 10330 - 336th Avenue, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, 53181

DOMINGO 22 de Junio: El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo se ha quedado con nosotros por amor.



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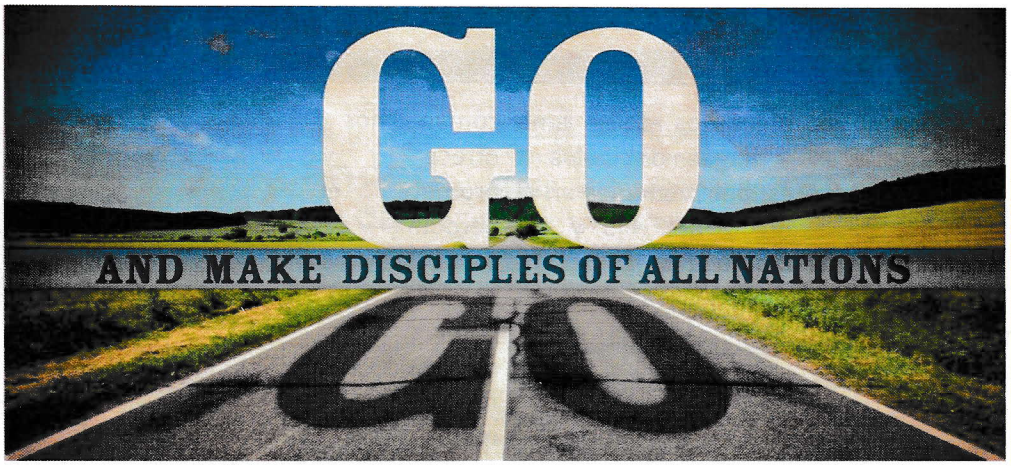

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La Misión general de todo bautizado: Decimos que la Iglesia es misionera porque ha recibido de Jesucristo el encargo **(misión)** de evangelizar, es decir, de hacer que toda la humanidad conozca a Jesucristo y viva en comunión con El y su Evangelio. Todos los miembros de la Iglesia están llamados a ser discípulos misioneros, en tanto que con su testimonio de vida cristiana muestren a Jesucristo. En este mismo sentido, cualquier cristiano estaría cumpliendo con su misión con el simple hecho de ser un buen cristiano, porque estaría anunciando a Jesucristo con su vida en su familia, en su trabajo, etc.

Existen distintas formas de participar de esta Actividad Misionera de la Iglesia: la primera que se identifica con el termino "misión" es la proclamación de la Buena Noticia a los no cristianos, y más específicamente, en aquellos lugares donde la Iglesia no está establecida.

a.- Actividad Misionera específica: es la actividad eclesial que lleva a cabo evangelización de los no cristianos (Primera Evangelización o Misión Ad Gentes) o de los cristianos alejados (Nueva Evangelización). A los que realizan esta Actividad Misionera específica es a quienes con toda propiedad se designa con el título de "misioneros".

b.- Cooperación Misionera: Es una actividad distinta de la actividad misionera, mediante la cual, todos, aún cuando su situación de vida no les permita realizar una actividad misionera específica, pueden colaborar con ésta, desde su propio lugar. La cooperación misionera permite que toda la Iglesia Particular participe y colabore activamente con la misión universal de la Iglesia. Esta cooperación misionera se realiza de tres maneras:

- Cooperación Espiritual: la oración y el servicio ofrecido por los misioneros, son el motor de la misión y la fuente de gracias y fuerza para los misioneros.
- Cooperación Material: la colaboración con dinero u otros bienes, constituye un aporte fundamental para el sostenimiento de las misiones y los misioneros.
- Cooperación con Misioneros: consiste en la prestación de servicios misioneros temporales.

CONFIRMACIONES 2014

Nuestro Obispo Jeff B. visitara Emaus el 20 de Septiembre para celebrar la confirmaciones. Ver mas en la Página 1

PEREGRINACION

El Pasado Sabado 22 de Junio tuvimos una peregrinacion al Santuario Mariano de la Virgen de la Sallete. Página 3

LOS MEDIOS DE GRACIAS (Sacramentos)

por Iglesia Luterana de Valparaíso.

Jesús nos enseñó a vivir la fe en comunidad y a amar a nuestros prójimos. Sabiendo lo difícil que es para nosotros lograr esto, nos dejó dos Medios de Gracia, es decir, dos formas en las cuales Dios actúa en nosotros. Hablamos de los 2 Sacramentos: el Santo Bautismo y la Santa Cena. Los Sacramentos son dados por Dios para sellar en nosotros su promesa del perdón de pecados y de vida eterna por medio de la fe en Jesucristo. En los Sacramentos se unen al menos 4 cosas:

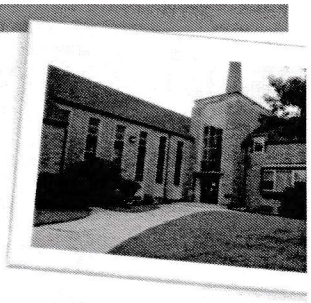
un mandato y promesa de Jesús en la Biblia un elemento visible (agua; pan y vino) un elemento invisible (la gracia de Dios)

la fe de la comunidad

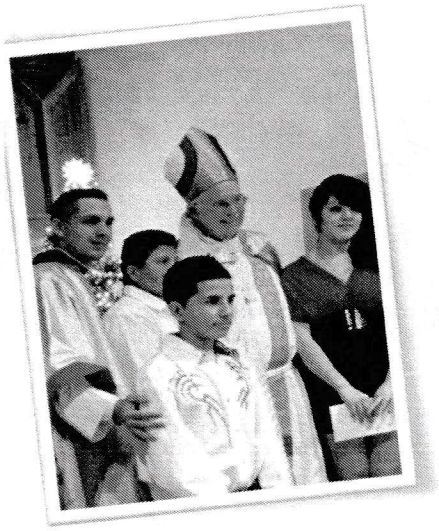
Acorde con las Sagradas Escrituras, Lutero encontró que la forma en que Dios más se entrega a nosotros es a través de los mandatos del mismo Jesús: «Vayan y hagan discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo» (Mateo 28:19).

«Tomen, coman y beban, esto es mi cuerpo...» (Mateo 26:26).

En el sacramento de la Eucaristía los elementos visibles son el pan y el vino, mientras que los invisibles son el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo que nos son entregados por medio del pan y el vino. Con el Bautismo se enciende la fe en nosotros en un nuevo nacimiento en Cristo, y en la Eucaristía, confirmamos y fortalecemos esa fe en comunidad. Estos elementos son llamados medios de gracia y en cuanto son instituidos por Dios, no dependen de la fe del hombre ni de quién la administre. El Sacramento del altar (Eucaristía) es el verdadero cuerpo y la verdadera sangre (con-substanciación) de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que está en y bajo el pan y el vino, que la Palabra de Cristo nos ha ordenado comer y beber a nosotros los cristianos. Cuando Jesús dice "toman y coman..."nos ofrece y promete el perdón de todos los pecados, aunque esto no podrá ser recibido sino mediante la fe. Más tarde, con la Confesión de Concordia en 1577 se hablará de: en, bajo y con el pan y el vino. De esta manera se resaltan más aun los dones y virtudes de este sacramento y la verdadera presencia de Cristo en él. Y cuando Jesús dice "por vosotros dado y derramada..." nos explica que es para que la aceptemos, disfrutemos y usemos. Quien escucha tal cosa y cree que es verdad, ya lo posee.



LA COMUNION ENTRE LAS IGLESIAS CATOLICAS: (LA CATOLICA ROMANA Y LA REFORMADA /LUTERANA)



Romanos Católicos y luteranos (o catolicos reformados), tratando de ser discípulos atentos, al celebrar nuestras Eucaristías lo hacemos en cumplimiento del mandado de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo: "Hagan esto en memoria mía" (Lucas 22:19). Sabemos que la Cena celebrada por El (Jesus) fue el gesto anticipado de su entrega como Redentor: "Este es mi Cuerpo que se entrega por ustedes...porque el Hijo del Hombre va por el camino que le ha sido señalado" (Lucas 22:19-22). Por ello, Católicos Romanos y luteranos (catolicos reformados) confesamos que la Eucaristía es el sacramento de la presencia de Cristo crucificado y resucitado, y el medio para que el sacrificio de la cruz se haga operante hoy en la Iglesia. Nos sentimos insertos en la Tradición apostólica, en la cual resuena la palabra de Pablo: "Siempre que coman de este Pan de beban de esta Copa proclamarán la muerte del Señor hasta que El vuelva" (1ª Corintios 11:26).

Luteranos y Romanos Católicos sabemos, además, que la Eucaristía es alimento, comida, comunión, que se nos da para nuestro peregrinar, como el nuevo maná a la espera de la promesa de Dios Padre. Creemos que el Pan eucarístico es el "pan vivo bajado del cielo" (Juan 6:50-51), y que es el mismo Jesús (leer Juan 6:48). Debemos comer este Pan para renovar la vida y la esperanza, las fuerzas de peregrinos, por la fe en las palabras de Jesús que nos advierten: "separados de mi nada pueden hacer" (Juan 15:5).

Quiero recordar una de las frases mas mencionadas en tiempo de la reforma: "celebramos mejor y con mas dignidad la eucaristia que los oponenetes."

JUEVES 10 de Julio a las 6:00 pm.
Hablemos sobre el Cancer. Todos invitados a participar de esta charla. Como se que no tengo cancer? Como prevenir? Como hacer el examen de mama para detectar cualquier presencia extrana.

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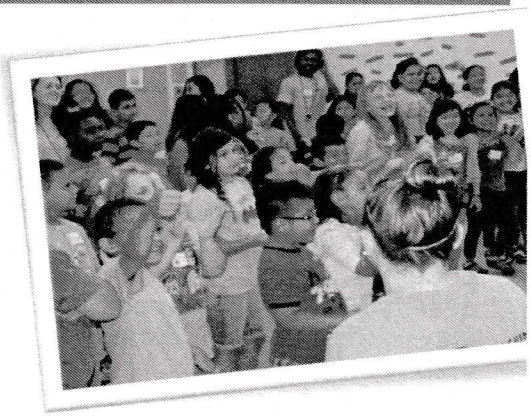

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VIENE LA REFORMA???

Obama: "ha llegado el momento de una reforma migratoria"

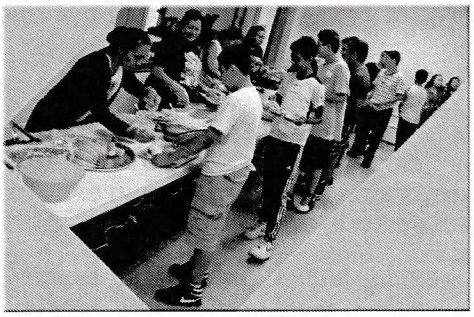
El presidente Barack Obama hizo público este martes todo su apoyo a una reforma integral del sistema de inmigración de Estados Unidos, al afirmar que **"ahora es el momento"** para reemplazar un sistema al que calificó como anticuado.

Al hablar en la escuela Del Sol, de mayoría hispana, en Las Vegas, Obama dijo que existe "un amplio consenso" sobre el tema. "En este momento, parece que hay un genuino deseo de que esto se haga pronto. Y eso es muy alentador.

"Pero esta vez debe de haber acción, no podemos permitir que la reforma inmigratoria se enrede en un debate interminable".

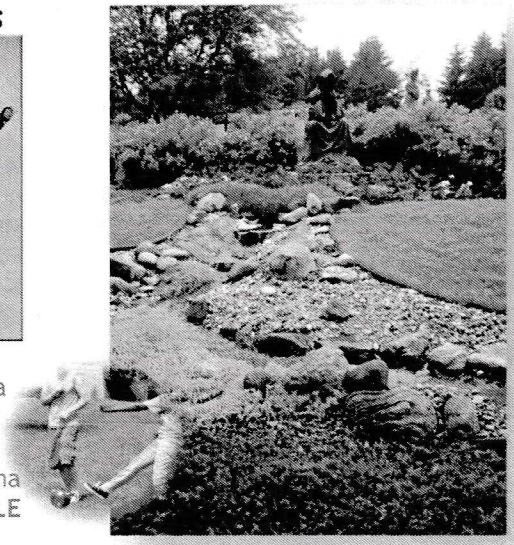
Afirmó que la propuesta presentada este lunes por ocho senadores, cuatro demócratas y cuatro republicanos, está "muy en línea con los principios que he propuesto y por los que he hecho campaña durante los últimos años".

CAMPAMENTOS DE LOS NIÑOS



Este campamento de verano es ofrecido por la Parroquia Emaus para todos los niños de la comunidad. Cuenta con un grupo de MAS DE 50 niños (edades 6 a los 12 años). El tema de este ano es: COMIENDO SALUDABLE Y JUGANDO!

Esta temática busca crear tanto a los padres como a los niños la importancia de una dieta balanceada baja en grasas y rica en proteínas, hierro y otros complementos. Se necesita personas que ayuden a cocinar y servir la comida a los niños. Ponerse en contacto con **Karen 262-90 24605**



PEREGRINACION AL SANTUARIO MARIANO DE LA VIRGEN DE LA SALETTE. El Pasado sábado 22 de junio la Parroquia Emaus cerró el mes de mayo con una peregrinación. La cual conto la asistencia de varios miembros de la parroquia y la comunidad.

ATENTOS PARA OTRA PEREGRINACION

Mayordomos: Una bendicion!! Estas de acuerdo con esto?: "Mayordomo es el que administra los bienes de un propietario. El propietario de todo cuanto existe es Dios. Nosotros somos solamente sus administradores o mayordomos.

Mayordomos del Tiempo: El tiempo es algo que se nos presta, que debemos saber aprovechar. Estamos presentes en la línea del tiempo durante un breve momento, comparado con la historia de la humanidad. El paso del tiempo es algo que no podemos controlar, pero sí podemos administrar cómo lo empleamos.¿Cómo debemos emplear el tiempo? Eclesiastés 9:10, Romanos 12:11, Colosenses 3:23.

Mayordomos de los Talentos (lee Mateo 25:14 – 30) ¿Cómo usar el talento de la palabra? Efesios 4:29. Colosenses 4:6, Tito 2:8, Juan 7:46 ¿Cómo usar el talento de la salud? 1 Corintios 6:19, 20. Recuerda: 1 Corintios 10:31, 1 Pedro 4:11.

Mayordomos de los bienes materiales: Lucas 16:1 – 13. ¿Quién es el propietario de todos los bienes materiales? Salmo 24:1, Hageo 2:8 , Salmo 50:10 – 11. ¿Cuál debe ser nuestra actitud hacia los bienes de que disponemos? Deuteronomio 8:11 – 14, 17, 18 , Salmo 62:10. ¿Qué hacemos cuando entregamos algo a Dios? 1 Crónicas 29:14 u.p. ¿Qué parte de nuestros ingresos pertenecen a Dios? Levítico 27:30, 32, Malaquías 3:8 ¿Entregaban los patriarcas el diezmo (o sea 10 %)? Génesis 14:17 – 20 , Génesis 28:22. Números 18:26. ¿cuál es el propósito del diezmo? Números 18:21. Mateo 23:23. Lucas 21:1-4, Deuteronomio 16:17, Proverbios 3:9.

¿Qué ocurre cuando el hombre no entrega a Dios lo que es debido? Proverbios 11:24, Hageo 1:6.

¿Qué bendiciones son prometidas al que es fiel en sus diezmos y liberal en sus ofrendas? Malaquías 3:10, 11

"Traed todos los diezmos al alfolí y haya alimento en mi casa; y probadme ahora en esto, dice Dios de los ejércitos, abriré las ventanas de los cielos, y derramaré sobre vosotros bendición hasta que sobreabunde. Reprenderé también por vosotros al devorador, y no os destruirá el fruto de la tierra, ni vuestra vid en el campo será estéril, dice Dios de los ejércitos".

Lucas 6:38: **"Dad, y se os dará; medida buena, apretada, remecida y rebosando darán en vuestro regazo; porque con la misma medida con que medís, os volverán a medir".**

¿Con qué actitud de espíritu debemos entregar todo a Dios? 2 Corintios 9:7. "Cada uno dé como propuso en su corazón: no con tristeza, ni por necesidad, porque **Dios ama al dador alegre"**.

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PR. JHON FREDDY CORREA &
GABRIEL MARCANO
262 634 5515

El 7 de Septiembre en las 4 Millas
1015 4 Mile Rd. Racine de 9-4:30pm

Uncte a las misas en las casa? Quieres una en tu casa?

Actividades en Agosto & Septiembre

* En SEPTIEMBRE 7 la misa será en las 4 Millas y el 14 la Misa regresa a Emaus a las12:00pm
* Interesad@ en ser catequistas? Llama 262 634 5515
* Clase de Primera comunión empiezan en Septiembre 7 Registral@s!

Ya vienen…
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* Clases G.E.D en Emaus
* Practica y aprende Ingles HABLANDOLO los miércoles.
* **Septiembre 20!** No te pierdas la visita del obispo y las confirmaciones 10:00am en Emaus!!!
* Síguenos en FACEBOOK y Textos
* Grupo Juvenil Viernes 6pm

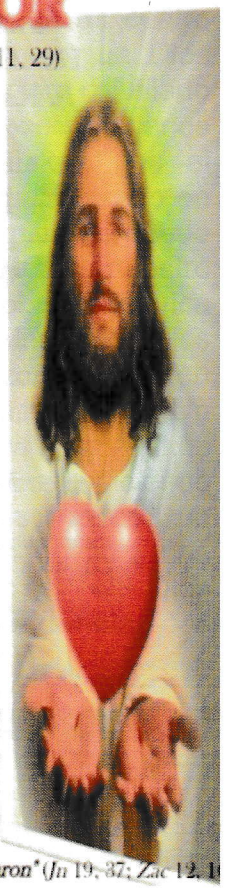
DAME UN NUEVO CORAZON SENOR

"Aprended de Mí, que Soy manso y humilde de corazón" (Mt 11, 29)

CENACULOS DE ORACION CON COMUNION
Y MEDITACIONES AL CORAZON DE JESUS.

ABRE LAS PUERTAS DE TU HOGAR

Jueves 07 de Agosto 6:00 pm
El corazón humano bajo la luz del corazón de Dios
Jueves 14 de Agosto 6:00 pm
El corazón de Jesús cura nuestras conciencias
Jueves 21 de Agosto 6:00 pm
El Corazón de Jesús, principio y término de nuestra reconciliación
Jueves 28 de Agosto 6:00 pm
El Corazón Eucarístico de Jesús



"Mirarán al que traspasaron" (Jn 19, 37; Zac 12, 1)

Por que COMPARTO MI DINERO, TALENTO Y TIEMPO CON LA PARROQUIA EMAUS?

Estoy tan agradecid@ con Dios por…:

"Por que creo en la palabra de Dios que dice- todo lo que hagáis hacedlo para el Señor y no para los hombres. Sabiendo que del Señor recibiremos la recompensa de la herencia." ***Rudy***

Alejandra dice*: "Comparto mi dinero y ayudo por que creo que Dios me recompensa con salud y bienestar para mi familia. Y Además me gusta mucho ayudar!!"*

"Me gusta dar mi tiempo para no estar pensando en tonterías que no debo ***dice Martha****!*

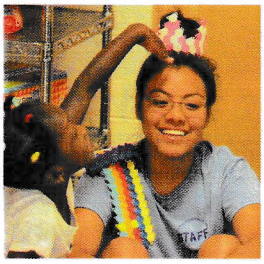
Nayeli: *"Mi dinero lo comparto con Emaus porque Dios multiplica lo que doy! Con mi talento se que estoy sirviendo a Dios. Y si invertimos tiempo en otras cosas porque no dedicar unas horas a Dios…!*

Comparto mi tiempo y mi dinero en Emaus no porque me sobre sino porque es la manera de ser agradecida con Dios por todo lo que me ha dado y lo que ha hecho por mi!!! ***Lupe***

La alegria de ayudar!

"Hay mas ALEGRIA en dar que en Recibir"

Gracias a los voluntarios que dejaron a un lado sus propias familias, los que haceres de la casa para servirle a Dios en los niños del camapamento este Verano.



Hasta el alcalde fue voluntario en el campamento

EMPIEZAN LAS REGISTRACIONES PARA LA DOCTRINA

Primeras Comuniones 2015

Los niños en Emaus se preparan un año para recibir por primera vez el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Los niños deben venir dos (2) días por semana (Los miércoles de 5:30-7:30 & los Sabados de 10am-12:oopm). Este años las registraciones empiezan con Viva la fiesta el Septiembre 7. Te recordamos que las Inscripciones se cierran en Octubre 31, 2014. Para mas informaicion llama al 414 712 1680 al Pr. Gabriel

Las Confirmaciones en Emaus en el 2014

Recibamos el 20 de Septiembre a las 10:00 am a nuestro Obispo Jeff B. quien confirmara a los jovenes que se han preparado por un buen tiempo. Ellos han entendido el compromise de re-afirmar sus fe. De vivir sus promesas bautismales. De ser mejores hijos, amigos, y compañeros. Unete en oracion para que ellos y sus familaires cada dia puedan vivir su fe!

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Empiezan en **Septiembre** Todos los miercoles a las 6:00pm. Deseas cenar? 5:30pm

INFORMACION Y REGISTRACION SOBRE CLASES DE G.E.D Llama al 414 610 9678 y pregunta por Elias.

CURSO BIBLICO: Viernes 6pm llamar al 414 712 1680 o 262 634 5515

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PRONTO!!
Misa Campal
Septiembre 28 desde las 9am. Lugar por confirmar

Caja Comunitaria: Pan del cielo; abogados, consejeria individual, parejas, familiar.

Mas info 262 634 5515

En Septiembre.....

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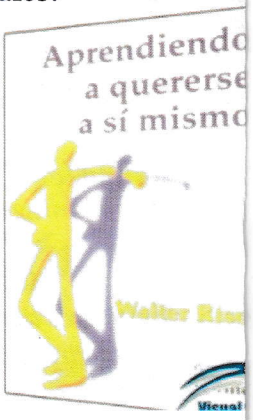
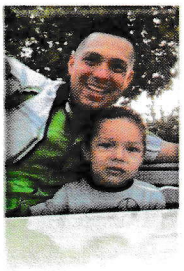
También la charla de parejas

De Walter Riso: " Aprendiendo a quererse a si mismo





Reflexión por el Pr. Jhon Freddy

La Independencia: te recomiendo que la leas pero no respondo!

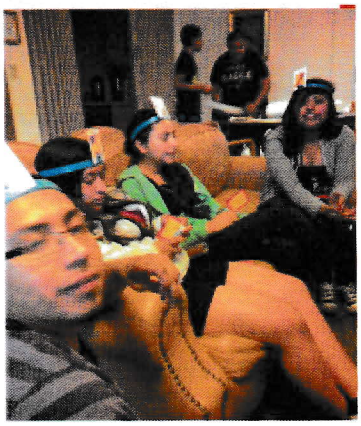
Así como todos los países de Latinoamérica celebran su independencia, Colombia lo hizo el 20 de Julio! Sin embargo, el tema de este escrito quiere hablar de su antónimo, ¿qué tal si hablamos de Dependencia? Mi invitación está sustentada en la relectura del documento "Guaman Poma" (Bartolomé de las Casa- López-Baralt).

Cuando me acerco a este documento me encuentro como cristiano con un deseo bastante negativo frente a mi convicción cristiana. Seamos honestos, cuando te acercas a la historia y enfrentas el tema de la crueldad cometida por los cristianos (en ese tiempo los Católicos-Romanos de España únicamente) quisieras seguir siendo parte del cristianismo? Por contar algunas barbaridades que se narran de los católicos-españoles cuando vinieron a Latinoamérica, me encuentro con el asesinato de más de 11 millones de indígenas en Latinoamérica solo con la intención de robarse el oro. No olvidemos la historia de Avila - una mujer que le prometió a su esposo esperarlo con sus hijos cuando el regresara de la guerra- , fue tanto su dolor que decidió tirársele a los perros para que se la comieran viva, pues no soporto más que los españoles (católicos) se la siguieran "comiendo." O sea imagínate, violación tras violación; ser abusada sexualmente por varios hombres en un mismo día y saber que al despertar no te espera nada diferente, a lo mejor unos cuantos hombres nuevos que abusaran de ti. Saber que solo eres un objeto para satisfacer el deseo de unos machos. Dependencia. Que c..... (pichu pichu) cristianos ahhh!? Dependencia... Depender de lo que nos enseñaron, de lo que nos dicen; o sea creer ciegamente, sin derecho a hacer preguntas, a cuestionar los lideres (sacerdotes/pastores). Creer que lo que dice el sacerdote es palabra de Dios, o acaso el líder de tu iglesia es un Dios? Dependencia! Como si dependiéramos del perdón del cura, de la bendición, de sus oraciones, de sus enseñanzas. Dependencia! México celebra su independencia o dependencia?

Para terminar este artículo que desea generar retorcijones en el estómago e invitar a creer en el Dios de los indígenas, el Dios que se ve en el sol, en la naturaleza, en el canto de un pájaro, en la sonrisa de una niña, en la mano tosca del trabajador justo y honesto, en el abrazo de paz en la iglesia, en la visita de un hijo de Dios a un enfermo, en el Dios que camina por la calle, en los colegios, en el trabajo; en el Dios que vive en tu casa. No en un Dios encerrado en cuatro paredes de un templo, un Dios muerto, que pareciera mutilado en silla de ruedas que solo tienes que ir a ver los domingos al templo, pues esta tan clavado en la cruz y desde allí no puede hacer nada. Ese NO es nuestro Dios! El Dios de Latinoamérica no es el Dios que trajeron los españoles y que aún quieren enseñar algunos en Racine. Un Dios manipulado por unos cuantos en una iglesia, diciendo que solo ahí es válido un sacramento, una bendición, una misa. Ese NO es el Dios Mexicano! **Dependencia o independencia?**

Eventos Juveniles!

Los jóvenes de 11 años -20 se reúnen los viernes a las 6pm en Emaus. Llama a Ilse & Pablo para mas información (262) 880 4869, (262) 504 0736. Que hacen los jóvenes los viernes: **oran, aprenden de la biblia, valores a respetar, a convivir. En lugar de quedarse sentados en Facebook, video juegos, etc. Tráelos. Motívalos!**



I come to the Emmaus youth group because I enjoy learning new things about life. I also like being here because we have a lot of fun together and enjoy spending time with each other so we can get to know one another. New teens are always welcomed to join our group, they can have a great time doing activities, such as icebreakers, creating your own posters, watching movies, going on field trips, volunteering...etc. When I first came to the youth group I didn't really talk to the other youth, but once we got to know each other we opened up to one another & expressed ourselves like if we're family.

~Janet Mosqueda: Secretary & Treasurer

Viva la Fiesta con las 5 iglesias FE ES ACCION Sera un Éxito! En las 4 Millas

Seremos parte de un proyecto que se llevara en todo el país! Hacienda historia **"Obra de Dios, Nuestras Manos"** La Fiesta Faithworks (FeesAccion) en la iglesia de las 4 Millas St. Andrew será el 7 de Septiembre. **Necesitamos tu ayuda!** Se necesitan donación de agua. Compartir un platillo para compartir.

El horario de la fiesta será :

9:00 -11:00am - Servicios en la comunidad, equipos de 6-10 personas- trabajando, limpiando, etc en la comunidad!

11:00-11:30 am – Hacer las pancartas con todas nuestras manos!!! Wow!!!!

11:30 a.m. – La Santa Misa

12-4:30pm – LA fiesta Picnic, Música, juegos y mucho mas!!!

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Misa Campal
Septiembre 28 @ 9am

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Horarios de oficina: 9:00-3:00pm
Pr. Jhon Freddy correa & Gabriel MArcano
262 634 5515

En Emaus caminamos juntos!

Actividades

Celebremos el mes de la creación desde Septiembre 7 – Octubre 4
Bendiciones de las mascotas.

Interesad@ en ser catequistas? Llama al 262 634 5515

Clase de Primera comunión empiezan en Septiembre 7 Registral@s!

Clases de Bautismos SOLO el primer MARTES de cada mes 5:30-7:30pm
Clases de Quinceañeras SOLO el 4 Martes de cada mes 5:30-7:30

… ya pronto empiezan

* Clases G.E.D Elías (414) 610 9678

* Clase de **computación**

Septiembre 20! No te pierdas la visita del **obispo** y las confirmaciones 10:00am en Emaús!!!

* Síguenos en FACEBOOK y por Textos
Quieres ayudar con la Cena Comunitaria en St. Patricio?

Jóvenes: Viernes de 6-8pm

Estudio **bíblico** nivel #2 Todos los viernes de 6-7:30pm call Pr. Gabriel 414 712 1680, Alex y Francisca

Padres, bendigan a sus hijos

La Iglesia nos enseña que cada hogar es una Iglesia Doméstica, la forma más sencilla y original de la gran Iglesia universal. En el hogar los papás representan a Jesús no sólo para gobernarlo con amor, sino para enseñar a sus hijos el Evangelio con el ejemplo y la palabra, y para santificar a sus hijos con la oración familiar y con los Sacramentos de la Iglesia a los que los acercan.

Todos los bautizados participamos del sacerdocio de Cristo, que alegria saber que todos tenemos el sacerdocio de Cristo! Los papás ejercen su sacerdocio cuando se casan, ejercen su sacerdocio cuando oran juntos y cuando oran con sus hijos. Ejercen su sacerdocio cuando bendicen a sus hijos.

Que hermoso sería que los papás recobraran la vieja costumbre de bendecir a sus hijos al acostarse o cuando salen de casa. Entre los que viven en los ranchos y pueblos de nuestra patria, podemos ver a hombres hechos y derechos arrodillarse en plena calle para recibir la bendición de sus papás ancianos.

Que los niños exijan a sus papás que los bendigan en toda ocasión y así crecerán entre bendiciones y no entre maldiciones.

Empiezan las registraciones para la doctrina

Primeras Comuniones 2015

Los niños en Emaus se preparan un año para recibir por primera vez el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Los niños deben venir dos (2) días por semana (Los Sabados de 10:30-12:00 & los Domingos de 10:15am-1215pm). Este años las registraciones empiezan con

Viva la fiesta el Septiembre 7. Te recordamos que las Inscripciones se cierran en Octubre 31, 2014. Para mas informaicion llama al 414 712 1680 al Pr. Gabriel

Un sueño hermoso!

Uno de los últimos libros que he leído con mi hijo Mateo ha despertado mi imaginación. El libro cuenta la historia de la fiesta de todos, sin excepción alguna:. Es la fiesta de todos!

El libro empieza contando como cada animal debe ir a traer un tesoro, para compartir en la fiesta. Cada uno de los animales sale en su búsqueda. Curiosamente, algunos animales saben donde ir a buscar el tesoro. El perro, por ejemplo, va en búsqueda del hueso enterrado hace un par de días.

Al contrario de los animales, el tren parece estar muy triste. Uno de los vagones le dice al otro, no encontraremos ningún tesoro en esta vía. La recorremos ha menudo y no hemos visto alguno. No podemos salirnos de la vía, tenemos que seguir la vía que ha sido trazada, el camino que han construido para nosotros. Estamos limitados.

A pesar de su desilusión, siguieron en la vía, como siempre lo acostumbraban. Sorprendentemente escucharon el llanto de un conejo. Prestaron atención! Y con calma encontraron a un triste conejo que se había perdido. El tren se detuvo, saludaron; el conejo se alegro mucho al verlos, pues hacia mucho tiempo esperaba una mano amiga, un saludo, alguien que se detuviera en la vía rápida, y le reconociera. El tren muy hospitalario (como la gente de Emaus!) le pidió al conejo que subiera. Vamos te llevaremos a la fiesta de todos!

Al llegar la primera palabra que expreso el tren fue, no hallamos ningún tesoro pero encontramos a este conejo que estaba… el oso interrumpió y dijo: "haz encontrado el tesoro mas hermoso," haz encontrado al otro, al que estaba perdido, y han regresado ustedes que también son el tesoro mas hermoso! Pastor Jhon Freddy Correa

SE ACERCA EL DIA DE LOS NINOS Y EMAUS SE ESTA PREPARANDO

Día de los ninos

Octubre 26 de 10-12:30

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Buscamos voluntarios para preparar esta gran fiesta!!! Llama a Balvina 672 8359 & Ilse: 5040736

UNETE!!!

Emaus es una parroquia comprometida con la comunidad!

Este 7 de Septiembre desde las 8am-11am seremos las manos de Dios

NOVENA

FIELES DIFUNTOS - Novenas Hora: 6:30 pm

Inicia el viernes 24 de Octubre y termina con la misa el 2 de Noviembre (Misa 11am)

INSCRIBETE

Aprendamos juntos lo que dice la Biblia acerca de orar por los muertos: Lucas 16:19-31.

Orar por los muertos es un concepto bíblico? Nuestras oraciones tienen relevancia a alguien una vez que él (o ella) ha muerto? La realidad es que, en el momento de la muerte, el destino eterno está confirmado. Es salvo por la fe en Cristo y está en el cielo donde está experimentando descanso y gozo en la presencia de Dios.

Confirmaciones en Emaus

Recibamos el 20 de Septiembre a las 10am a nuestro Obispo Jeff B.

De la carta a los Romanos:

3:2: "ya que por las obras de la ley ningún ser humano será justificado delante de él…" 3:28: "Concluimos, pues, que el hombre es justificado por fe sin las obras de la ley". 4:3: "Porque ¿qué dice la Escritura? Creyó Abraham a Dios, y le fue contado por justicia". 4:5: "mas al que no obra, sino cree en aquel que justifica al impío, su fe le es contada por justicia". 5:1: "Justificados, pues, por la fe, tenemos paz para con Dios por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo."

Celebremos! Cuidemos nuestros planeta:

Momentos en la misa extraordinarias-especiales!

Septiembre 21:

Celebracion de la simbra:

Si no hay siembra
no habra cosecha!

Septiembre 28:

La misa de la humanidadad!

Como la raza humana adora a Dios?

RECONCILIACION CON LA TIERRA

YO SOY LA PACHAMAMA

Thomas Berry

"Una teología de la creación que asuma la nueva cosmología subraya la creación como juego de la expresión divina, espejo en el cual Dios mismo se ve. En esta perspectiva el ser humano no está encima sino dentro de la creación. El mundo no es fruto de su deseo o de su creatividad, el mundo no le pertenece, pertenece a Dios, su creador. Pero el mundo le es dado como un jardín que debe cultivar y cuidar, por eso su relación es de responsabilidad y cuidado. El ser humano sólo podrá ser humano y realizarse, realizando el mundo e insertándose en él en la forma del trabajo y del cuidado. Al contrario de una inserción destructiva y dominadora, nos encontramos frente a una inserción profundamente ecológica y destinada a mantener el equilibrio de la creación, avanzando y siendo transformada por el trabajo humano.**Porque el ser humano no cultivó ni preservó la creación ella misma se siente herida y gime y clama por la liberación** (Rom 8, 22). El ser humano no tiene el poder absoluto sobre al obra de Dios para dañarla en su corazón, pero puede herirla gravemente. La redención reasume la creación, reorienta la flecha del tiempo y sana la herida producida"

MIERCOLES 24 de EPTIEMBRE 6:30 pm

SABIAS QUE...

Tomemos un café o te y seamos amigas. Las mujeres de Emuas estan a la vanguardia y quieren animarte a ser parte de esta gran obra en Racine, tu tambien puedes ser parte del cambio

De lo que Hablan las mujeres

Señor, haz que yo busque:
consolar y no ser consolado,
comprender y no ser comprendido,
amar y no ser amado.
Porque: dando es como se recibe,
olvidándose de sí es como uno se encuentra,
perdonando es como se recibe el perdón,
y muriendo es como se resucita a la Vida.

SENOR HAZME UN INSTRUMENTO DE TU PAZ

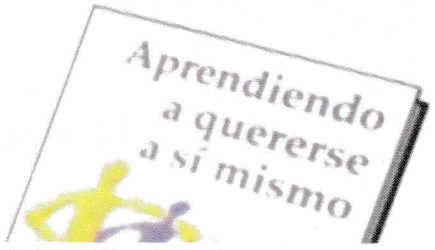
Muchos creyentes rezamos por los que consideramos como integrantes de nuestra familia, tengan dos, o cuatro patas. Bendecirlos es también enaltecer el mensaje de San Francisco de Asís. Pensé que era necesario acercar a nuestras mascotas a nuestra misma fe. Nos dan tanto amor que tienen que poder compartir la fe con nosotros.

SABADO 04 de OCTUBRE BENDICION DE LAS MASCOTAS Y ANIMALES A LAS 11:00 AM

Septiembre 28 a las 9:45am

Taller **la charla de parejas y para Solteros/as** del libro Walter Riso

"Aprendiendo a quererse a si mismo"



"Si quieres que se cumplan tus sueños, trabaja en ellos lento pero seguro. El trabajo sincero crece con pureza. Si quieres vivir en libertad, tómate tu tiempo avanza lentamente. Haz unas pocas cosas pero hazlas bien. Las alegrías más sencillas son celestiales. Día a día, piedra a piedra, construye lentamente tu secreto." San Francisco de *Asis*

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Jueves 04 de Septiembre: LAS FIGURAS DE LA EUCARISTÍA EN EL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO
Sra: Marta Luna (262-6349818)

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Sr: Fermin (262-8226380)

Jueves 18 de Septiembre: LA REFLEXIÓN Y LA ORACIÓN EUCARISTICA.
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Eucaristía es el sacramento de la comunión; nos lleva del anonimato a la comunión, a la comunidad». SS. Francisco

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Misas en las Casas

Cenáculos de Oración:

Jueves 10/06

Noemi Ortiz: 1124 Irving PL.

(262-8651279)

Jueves 10/09

Veronica Gomez
1533 Phillips Ave.
(262-9025647)

Miercoles 10/16

Leticia

1332 State st.
Apartamento 2.

TALLER FAMILIAR
miércoles 10/01

A las 6:00 pm

Sales lo que el **alzheimer?**

Eventos

Oportunidades. Aprende. Crece. Vive.

1. EL ABC de la biblia: Días: Viernes Hora: 6pm

2. EL nivel 1 Abiertas las inscripciones. Sr. Alex Galicia (262)9305837
3. Estudio bíblico **ALR3V3S**
   Lunes Octubre 20 de 5:30-7pm

Sirve. Ayuda. Responde. Ama.
C l a s e s

Clase de Liturgia Miércoles 6:30pm: Deseas servir en el altar, decorar, preparar el altar PARA DIOS?
Ven y aprende:
Octubre Miércoles 8 y 22
Noviembre Miércoles 12 a las 6:30 pm

Bendición de la creación:
trae tus mascotas! **Misa 4 de Octubre 11am**

Novenas de difuntos: Desde Octubre 23-30 a las 6pm en casas
Domingo Octubre 26 a las 10am Misa Bilingüe con la visita del obispo a Emaus. No te pierdas la Fiesta de los niños con disfraces!

Por que las hojas se caen?

La entrada del otoño está en relación con el ocultamiento del sol en la tierra, las personas lo han capturado en imágenes que nos dejan ver el caer de las hojas, los ocasos y otros, todo en relación con este tiempo nos conduce a pensar en distancia, alejamiento, caída y por qué no, en la muerte.

Y si vamos más allá de aquello que ocurre en el ambiente y nos adentramos en lo que ocurre en nosotros cuando estas cosas pasan, qué sentimientos llegan a tu vida cuando atraviesas por situaciones que te alejan de lo que es realmente importante para ti? Vemos por ejemplo que muchas veces nos alejamos de personas queridas y esa distancia incluso no siempre es física, cuántas veces estamos lejos de alguien aun cuando lo tenemos físicamente a nuestro lado, tenemos situaciones que crean abismos. Qué sentimos, cómo reaccionamos? Acaso nos paralizamos y con tristeza nos alojamos en la resignación o identificamos un mal-estar e intentamos lo suficiente para conocer el propósito de la situación y solucionarla de la mejor manera? Por qué crees que conociendo las cosas que son buenas para nosotros, lo que amamos, terminamos distanciándonos?.

Adan y Eva una vez desobedecieron, huyeron de la presencia de Dios, se alejaron. Su temor los paralizó. Viviendo en un Paraíso y teniendo claro el pacto, decidieron distanciarse de él. Y Dios respetuoso de nuestras decisiones, les permitió vivir como deseaban, aun cuando estos propósitos, no fuesen los que Él tenía por voluntad.

Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos, dijo Jehová. (Isaías 55:8)

Reflexionemos, en este momento, de quién o qué estás alejado? Cuáles son tus razones? Estás alejado por orgullo? Estás buscando el propósito para solucionarlo? En todo esto, piensas que Dios está de acuerdo con lo que estás haciendo? Será que tu distancia se debe a que estás distanciado(a) de Dios? Sólo a través de la oración puedes conocer la voluntad de Dios, acaso también estás lejos de su voluntad? Y ahora que puedes volver sobre lo que estás haciendo, ¿Cuál es tu decisión?

Actividades

Emaus Comprometidos con la creación todos el mes de Octubre Misas en las casas los Jueves 6pm

Se cierran las inscripciones de Primeras comuniones en Octubre Registral@s!

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* Clase de **computación- los domingos 10:15am**

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Estudio **bíblico**
Viernes de 6-7:30pm call Pr. Gabriel 414 712 1680, Alex y Francisca

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Estudios Biblicos en Octubre

NUEVO!

EL ABC de la Biblia

Viernes 6pm: Aprende como leer la biblia sin temor! Todos los viernes 6pm. Divertete, comparte y crece!!!

NUEVO!

Estudio Biblico al R3V3S!

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Algo nunca antes visto en Racin3!
Clase Octubre 20 a las 5:30pm

Deseas un estudio biblico en la manana? Registrate con Alex o Francisca: 262 930 5837

Las misas en las casas JUEVES 6:00PM

OCT. 2: Noemi Ortiz 1124 Irving Pl 865 1279
OCT. 9. Veronica Gomez 1533 Philips Av. 9025647
OCT. 15: Leticia 1332 State St. #2

Las misas en las casas - Difuntos 6pm

Oct. 22: Flia Llamas **801 Jackson** (262) 902 6519
Oct. 23 Maribel Ortiz (414) 712 1680
Oct. 25: Flia. Calderon **1228 Buchana** 822 6380
Oct. 26 Emaus- Misa 10 am- con el OBISPO
Oct. 27 Flia Hernando 676 3400
Oct. 28 Parroquia Emaus
Oct. 29 Cisneros **1940 Mead St** (262) 676 8533

Deseas tener la celebracion de la santa misa en tu casa? Llama al Pr. Gabriel (414) 712 1680

NUEVO!

Sacramentos y Ritos

Primeras comuniones 2014 =- 2015

Sabados 10am

Registraciones abiertas hasta Octubre 26. Ven a la fiesta preparada para todos. Disfraces, dulces, pinata, comida, musica y mas diversion!!!

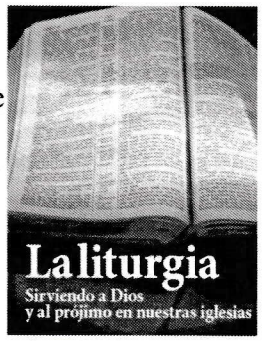
Confirmacion: 2014-2015: Preocupad@ en como ayudar a tus hij@s, ahijad@s, amig@s de tus hijos? Registralos clases empiezan Octubre 4 @10am Temas como:

Dios existe? Quien es realmente Dios? Donde habita? Que significa ser hij@? Cual es mi tarea como ser humano? Por que las parroquias (algunas) son aburridas? Siente lo que se siente al ayudar a otra persona! Y muchas cosas mas!!! Super interesante! Trae a tus hij@s. NO IMPORTA SI NO VAN O YA HICIERON LA CONFIRMACION!

NUEVO!

Clase de Liturgia

Te haz preguntado: Por que usted no ayuda en la iglesia? O Por que siempre los mism@s hacen todo? Dios quiere que seas parte del cambio!
Ven preparate, sirvele a Dios en el altar.
En la 1ra carta a los Corintios 12:24 dice muchos son los regalos, las maneras de servir, pero todos somo parte de un solo cuerpo, el cuerpo de la iglesia de Dios. Unete!
Dias: Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 12
Hora: 6:30pm
Llama al Pr. Gabriel al 414 712 1680



CAMBIO DE HORA!! CELEBRA EL DIA DE LOS NINOS

Día de los niños
Misa bilingüe con el Obispo

Octubre 26 de 10am

Pinatas & Juegos
- **Comida**

Regalos & Sorpresas

Buscamos voluntarios para preparar esta gran fiesta!!! Llama a Balvina 672 8359 & Ilse: 504 0736

FIELES DIFUNTOS –
Novenas en las casas Hora: 6:00 pm
Inicia el viernes 24 de Octubre y termina con la misa el 2 de Noviembre (Misa 11am)
INSCRIBETE

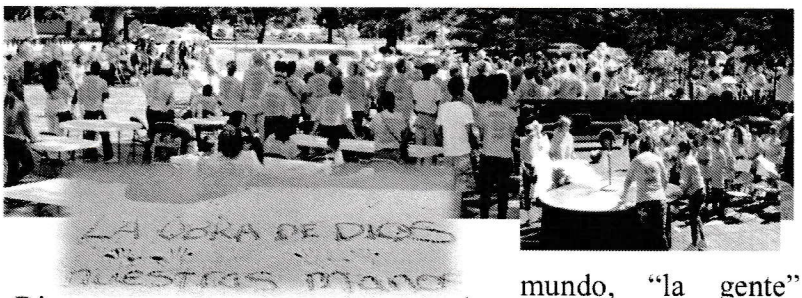
Tradicion del altar de los muertos? Es religioso? LO comercializaron? Es solo cultural? Ven y aprende lo espiritual de la muerte. Que dice la biblia de la muerte?

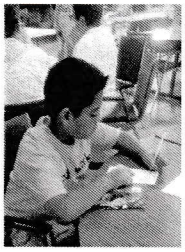
Gracias a todos aquellos que hicieron este año de preparacion una gran bendicion en la vida de estos jovenes, catequistas (Erika, Magadalena, Pr. Gabreil), gracias padres, padrinos, madrinas, amigos. Gracias Emaus por estar comprometidos a contruir **una comunidad donde todos sean bienvenidos!!!**

En Emaus Dios camina a nuestro lado.
En Emaus caminamos juntos.
En Emaus compartimos el pan con todos! En Emaus somos solidarios
En Emaus se escucha al otro.
En Emaus sentimos a Dios a nuestro lado

(Lee Sn. Lucas 24:13..)

Las manos de Dios nuestras manos – Nuestra GENEROSIDAD





Dios es generoso, y por ende nosotros, su pueblo, estamos destinados a ser generosos. *"De tal palo tal astilla."* No?

El egoísmo es simplemente lo que describe a la persona que no conoce o no tiene una relación con Dios. Si hay egoismo en tu vida, tal vez, sea por falta de conocimiento, una mente no renovada, falta de obediencia y en especial haz silenciado lo mas santo que hay en ti, el Espíritu de Dios. Lacarta a los Gálatas 5:22, dice; el Espíritu Santo "es la obra que Su presencia lleva a cabo dentro de nosotros." Es el amor de Dios. El amor de Dios segun I Corintios 13:5, no es egoísta, no busca su interes propio unicamente. Es amabilidad y bondad. Gálatas 5:14, dice: "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo."

Si deseamos ser cristianos que reflejen el carácter de Jesús, es decir, vivir como Jesus vivio y nos enseño! debemos aprender a ser más y más generosos de corazón y de hecho. Nuestro testimonio para el mundo, "la gente" mira como vivimos los que seguimos a Jesus, la manera en que nos tratamos los unos a los otros en el Cuerpo de Cristo, igual que como tratamos a nuestros prójimos que están perdidos y pereciendo sin Cristo.

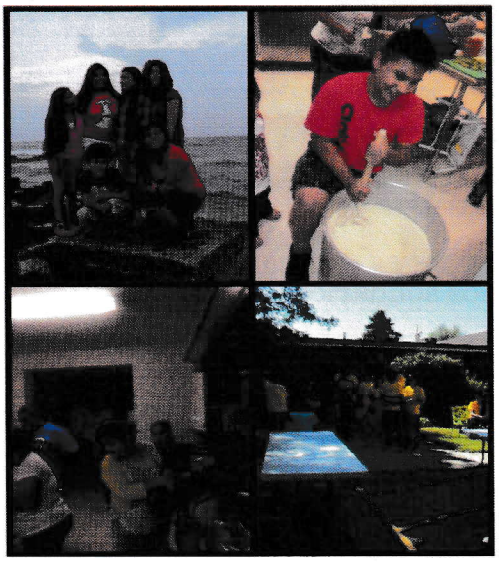
Hay un texto de la biblia -Juan 3:16- que es hermoso. Aprendetelo de memeoria! "Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a Su Hijo unico, para que todo aquel que en El cree, no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna." Entendiste? Dios nos dio lo mejor de El: Su único Hijo. Nos dio ese acto de amor y generosidad, todo lo que necesitaríamos por siempre.

Fuimos rescatados de una condena sin esperanza, nos fueron perdonados nuestros pecados, fuimos sanados de nuestras enfermedades y males, fuimos liberados en nuestras mentes, nos fue dado todo diariamente por Su divina provisión y fuimos autorizados por el Espíritu Santo para vivir una vida victoriosa aquí en la tierra, dice Buddy Asley.

Te invito a crear una corriente de generosidad. Empiezala! Lo que tus hijos ven eso haran. Cambiemos, transformemos el mundo. Seamos generosos, compartamos. Ceuntan historias que cuando alguien hace algo, hay personas que lo siguen. Intentalo!

"Sed, pues, imitadores de Dios - copiándolo a El y siguiendo Su ejemplo - como hijos amados (imitemos a Dios)" (Ef 5:1).,

Jovenes- se van de mision a Detroit!



"Massiel 14 years old, likes to box and play soccer. Yo Masiel Antonio estoy en el grupo de jovenes de Emaus Yup and we have been working hard to earn money for our trip to Detroit. We have sold our produce from our garden, summer food, and recently tamales at our church y la comunidad. Our group has also been doing community service. With the help of Pablo, we have done jobs at people's houses from our church to do gardening such as cutting grass and pulling out weeds. This was a cool experience because we got to see how tractors work. From that we made about $300 in 3 hours for just two houses. Las personas son generosas... Mas de $800 were made by our group by selling and making tamales. This was a nice experience because we learned how to make the tamales, with the help from our families and especially Trini! We spent a lot of time making them from 4pm to 1am then we came back the next day from 8am to 2pm, about 15 hours total. Even though it was really trying, I enjoyed it! Watch out because there's more yet to come."

"I am Irving y tengo 12 años, and I like to play soccer and volleyball. This is yet a glimpse of what I have learned in these past 2 months. One small task that I've learned is how to pull out weeds, this was from a job our group did in a garden. A cool thing I've learned is that a certain plant has roots that taste like carrots. Selling tamales I has made me better at interacting with people. This may sound like a little but I knew half of the stuff we've done." Irving Ruiz.

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Actividades

Retó Juan Diego: Hogares Guadalupanos
Horarios de Posadas y Novenas
Clases de Primera comuniones Domingos 10:15 am

Clases de Bautismos SOLO el primer MARTES de cada mes 5:30-7:30pm
Clases de Quinceañeras SOLO el 4 Martes de cada mes 5:30-7:30

...ya pronto empiezan
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* Clase de **computación- los domingos 10:15am**

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Quieres ayudar con la Cena Comunitaria en St. Patricio?

Jóvenes: Viernes de 6-8pm
Estudio **bíblico AlR3V3S.** Un estudio bíblico que transformara tu vida y la de tu familia Regístrate!

Que tan importante soy para Dios???

Acaso "Dios merezco este castigo"??? Ser mujer es un delito o maldición? ?.
Son preguntas que a diario me hacia, no teniendo una respuesta certera, no comprendía los designios de el.. !!DIOS TE AMA!! !! DIOS TE ESCUCHA!!!! DIOS ES TU GUIA!!!! DIOS ES TU PROTECTOR!! ....Fueron las palabras insistentes de una amiga... Amiga??? O tus palabras mi creador! !!! PONGO MI FE EN TI!! QUIERO VIVIR COMO CRISTO VIVIO! !!

Tu puedes conocer el significado de estas frases a través de personas que tienen el don de enseñar a comprender . Reforcemos nuestra fe, cambiemos nuestra manera de pensar, para cambiar nuestra manera de vivir y llegar a conocer la voluntad de dios y conocer lo que es bueno, lo que es grato y lo que es perfecto. Solo dedícale un poquito de tu valioso tiempo a vivir una maravillosa experiencia como yo la he empezado a vivir.

Y así podrás tener respuestas a preguntas bien comunes. ....

(((El Próximo estudio histórico de la biblia será el Lunes Noviembre 10 a las 5:30pm-7pm))

Por Vicky V.

"No somos dos payasos" dijo el obispo en la pagina de Facebook: Somos la verdadera iglesia en Racine en el 2014!

"Cuando dos razas con diferentes idiomas se unen, tal vez es un poco complicado.
Algunos de nosotros no entendemos totalmente el mensaje, es otro idioma, otra cultura.
No solo hablamos, pensamos y actuamos diferente.
Existe el miedo, tal vez sentimos que si les hablamos no nos entenderán y no lo intentamos.
El domingo, me pregunte: sabes si ellos sienten lo mismo? Si también tienen temor? Que tal si nos colocamos en los zapatos del otro?
Quiero confesar que el domingo, Octubre 27, cuando nos visito el Señor Obispo al ver mi iglesia llena y ver que éramos de diferentes razas, y estatus económicos; esto me hizo sentir que el espíritu de Dios esta hay, no importa el idioma que hables o el color q tengas! Sabes!!!
por que su Dios es mi Dios!

Maribel O.

Estudios Biblicos en Noviembre

Los estudios bibilicos estaran de vacaciones hasta Enero, debido a las Novenas y Posadas. Empieza el Año nuevo lleno de sabiduria

NUEVO!

10. Compartir los alimentos en familia (juntos)
9. Orar juntos, tomarse de las manos
8. Cada semana colocar en una cajita $5 para ayudar a otras personas
7. Ir a misa como familia a agradecer por todo lo recibido
6. Participar de algun evento religioso
5. Tomar el reto JUAN DIEGO
4. Decidir ser un hogar Guadalupano 2014
3. Ser padrino/madrina de la fiesta patronal de la virgen de Guadalupe – Dic. 12
2. Invitar una persona a misa cada semana
1. Orar todos los dias por alguien

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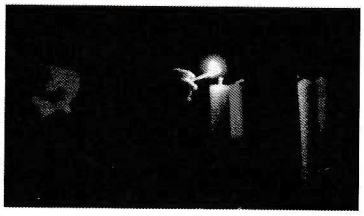
Como vivir el adviento en Familia?



el Adviento es un tiempo de preparación para el nacimiento de Jesús», contestaba un niño a su catequista ante la pregunta sobre el significado de estal palabra. Que es el adviento? Y por que hay que prepararse? Es usual escuchar las respuestas tradicionales: portarnos bien, ser obedientes, ayudar, no pelearnos... Los niños conocen bien la respuesta, sí, el que viene es Jesús, nació en Belén y esto lo celebramos los cristianos en la fiesta de la Navidad... pero, entonces, los que no son cristianos ¿qué están celebrando?. Creo que muchos se dejan llevar por el consumismo y lo que el mundo les vendé y ofrece. En la televisión los anuncios te invitan a comprar ese magnifico perfume que sería ideal para atraer más a tu pareja, ese último ipad, ipod o juego para la consola que ha salido nuevo, una tablet porque hay que estar al último grito de la moda. ¡Ah! y que no se olvide un buen vino y champán. Así es como muchas personas se preparan en Adviento para acoger y celebrar el acontecimiento que ha revolucionado el mundo, el más importante para el ser humano: «Dios mismo no ha querido ser un Dios lejano, sino que se ha hecho hombre, nacido de una mujer que dijo sí a la voluntad del Altísimo». Es maravilloso todo esto de los adornos, las decoraciones y las reuniones familiares, pero para nosotros los cristianos no podemos nunca olvidar el verdadero sentido de esta fiesta y es nuestra responsabilidad como adultos, padres, educadores, religiosos, saber transmitírselo a nuestros pequeños, los más vulnerables ante este bombardeo materialista y que serán los hombres y mujeres que en un futuro intervendrán de una manera u otra en el desarrollo de esta sociedad.

La familia es sin duda el lugar idóneo para que ellos vean algo diferente a lo que tienen a su alrededor, para que reciban el don de la fe como el mejor regalo que cada año les pueden hacer los Reyes Magos. Es el corazón el que, en primer lugar, tanto los niños como los adultos debemos estar dispuestos a preparar. Pr. Gabriel Marcano

NUEVO!

Sacramentos y Ritos

Primeras comuniones 2014 =- 2015

El programa se mueve a los domingos 10am. La intencion es crear un programa mas estructurado, fuerte que provea mas herramientas para la educacion de los ninos. Al mover este programa a los domingo, tendremos la oportunidad de crear progrmas para los padres, como clases de Ingles, computacion, cocina, liderazgo y mas!

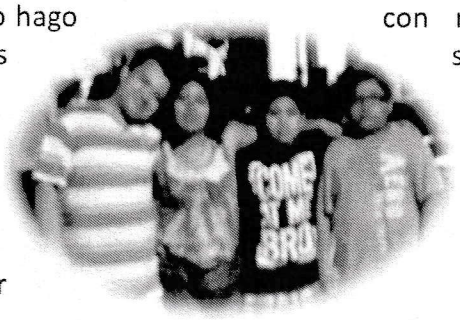
Confirmacion: 2014-2015: Preocupad@ en como ayudar a tus hij@s, ahijad@s, amig@s de tus hijos?
Horarios de clases en el 2014 Nov. 15 & 29 10am en Emaus!
Temas como:
Dios existe? Quien es realmente Dios? Donde habita? Que significa ser hij@? Cual es mi tarea como ser humano? Por que las parroquias (algunas) son aburridas? Siente lo que se siente al ayudar a otra persona! Y muchas cosas mas!!! Super interesante! Trae a tus hij@s. No IMPORTA SI NO VAN O YA HICIERON LA CONFIRMACION!

Lo Logramos!!!

Tu compromiso, amor y dedicacion siempre haces posible conseguir todo! Mas sorprendido el domingo cuando digoq ue faltaban $100 para completar los $1,000 de la meta del baile para seguir la mision de Emaus- transformar vidas en nuestra comunidad! Lideres saltarond e sus asientos y sin penarlo dos veces dieron su granito de arena. Increible- ustedes son unos berracos (*Berracos es una palabra colombiana, quien traduce lo que significa berraco en Mexicano*)!

Sabias que... **DAR es RECIBIR!**

Una de las familias de la parroquia comparte esta reflexión: "Yo comparto mi dinero con Dios porque me siento Feliz al hacerlo y lo hago con mucho amor. Como familia no lo hacemos porque nos sobre el dinero SI no porque entre Mas compartimos con Dios sentimos mas felicidad.



Otra razón por la cual damos dinero, es por que no queremos quedarnos con lo que le corresponde a Dios. Estamos seguros que Dios no se quedará con lo que nos corresponde.

"Dad a Dios lo q es de Dios y al Cesar lo que es del Cesar."

(Familia Flores)

Por que los santos difuntos estan condenados?

Me hicieron esta pregunta en este mes y eso me llevo a reflexionar **que significa La salvación?** Creo que según lo que leo de la biblia es la liberación de un peligro o un sufrimiento. Salvar es liberar o proteger, aquí en la tierra y eternamente (Filipenses 1:19, Hechos 16:30). Considero, que vale la pena preguntarnos **de qué somos salvados?** Entiendo que somos salvados de la "ira"; esto es, del juicio de Dios al pecado (Romanos 5:9; 1 Tesalonicenses 5:9). Nuestro pecado nos ha separado de Dios, y la consecuencia el pecado es la muerte (Romanos 6:23). La salvación bíblica se refiere a nuestra liberación de las consecuencias del pecado, y por lo tanto, implica el perdon de todo pecado en nuestras vidas.

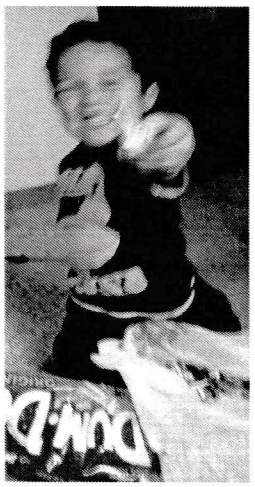
Cómo salva Dios? A través de Cristo (Jn 3:17, 14:6, Hechos 4:12). Fue la muerte de Jesús en la cruz y Su resurrección lo que logró nuestra salvación (Romanos 5:10, Efesios 1:7). La Biblia es clara, la salvación es el bondadoso e inmerecido regalo de Dios (Efesios 2:5,8) que sólo podemos lograr a través de la fe en Jesucristo (Hechos 4:12).

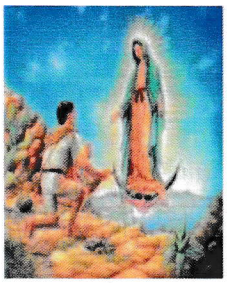
O sea que sencillamente somos salvados por la fe. Primero, debemos oír las buenas noticias de Dios (Efesios 1:13). Despues creerLE (Romanos 1:16). Creerle a Dios es escuchar y hacer lo que el nos pide. Arrepentirnos, o sea cambiar de direccion, de mentalidad sobre el pecado, la condena y aceptar su amor inccondicional (Hechos 3:19) y confesar que Dios es el unico quien tiene el poder sobre tu vida. Me preguntaba que es lo complicado de esto?

Pr. Jhon Freddy

Lo dificil que es compartir- Un SecRETO!

Gracias Dios por modelos como mi madre, mi esposa, Dick, Mary, Meredith, Pr. Mary, Nancy, y muchas personas de la parroquia donde trabajo, que si escribiera sus nombres no alcanzarían estas hojas. Gracias por ser **modelos de DAR & COMPARTIR.** El viernes 31 de Octubre estaba con mi hijo Mateo preparando los dulces que íbamos a compartir con los niños/as que se atrevieran a salir al desafiante frio y violentas ráfagas de viento este día. Mientras Mateo contaba los dulces, los organizaba por categorías, compartíamos y hablábamos de DAR. A Mateo le costaba un poco de trabajo aceptar que todos esos dulces los COMPARTIRIA. Como niño me imagino, es como pedirle a un adulto que de cada semana una ofrenda a Dios. DAR una limosna lo que sobra, los dulces que Mateo no quería era fácil para el darlos. Dar un dólar o dos es fácil, DAR lo que Dios se merece es difícil. COMPARTIR una hora de lo que me gano con Dios a lo mejor no es fácil para algunos! Le preguntaba a mi hijo: "Mateo, "papi" tu crees que los niños que piden dulces estarán felices o tristes después que tu les compartas tus dulces? Sin pensarlo me dijo FELICESssss (con un grito emocionado). Lo mire a los ojos y le dije papi por eso DAMOS! Para hacer felices a otros. Dios nos invita a compartir. Le pregunte: "Mateo, papi, si tu miras a un niño feliz tu estas feliz, o prefieres ver a un niño/a triste y llorando? Me contesto "papi, yo no quiero que los niños lloren." Al DAR podemos traer una sonrisa no solo a los niños si no también a los adultos. Cunado DAS dinero a Emaus, se invierte en programas para niños, clases para adultos (GED, ESL, Computación, clases de parejas, de biblia, de salud, de coach, ente otras), programa después de la escuela, consejería familiar, individual, se acompaña a los que están pasando por un momento difícil, se dan remesas, en si GRACIAS al dinero que tu COMPARTES en Emaus se trae mucha alegría a otros!





El reto Juan Diego: Hogares Guadalupanos

En el año 2014 queremos compartir el amor de Dios, nuestra riqueza cultural y religiosa, La Virgen de Guadalupe. La meta es compartir con 200 personas. Para conseguir esta meta necesitamos 15 hogares que acepten el reto Juan Diego. Quince hogares Guadalupanos. Quince hogares Guadalupanos 2014. Hogares que busquen ser bendecidos, que deseen recibir la paz que se sintió en el Tepeyac. Te Animas? Es fácil!

El entrenamiento será el día: Lunes Noviembre 17 a las 5:30pm-7pm

El reto es en tu casa, a la hora que tu escojas, con las personas que tu elijas! Lo podrás hacer! Si sientes que Dios te esta llamando a hacerlo- respóndele! Como lo hizo Juan Diego!!!

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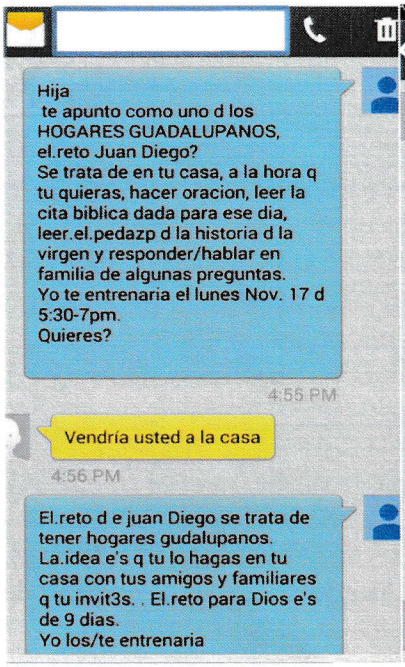

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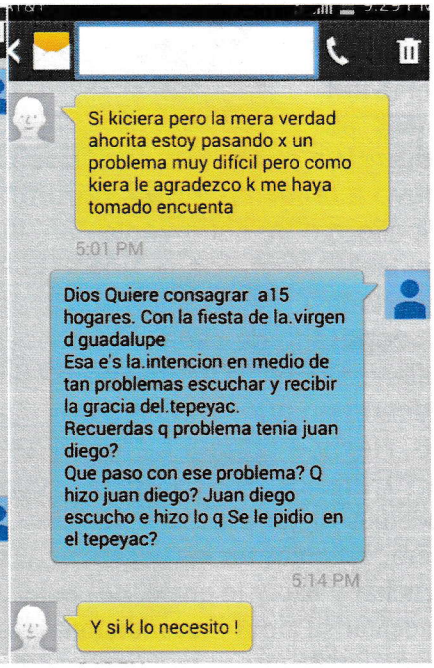

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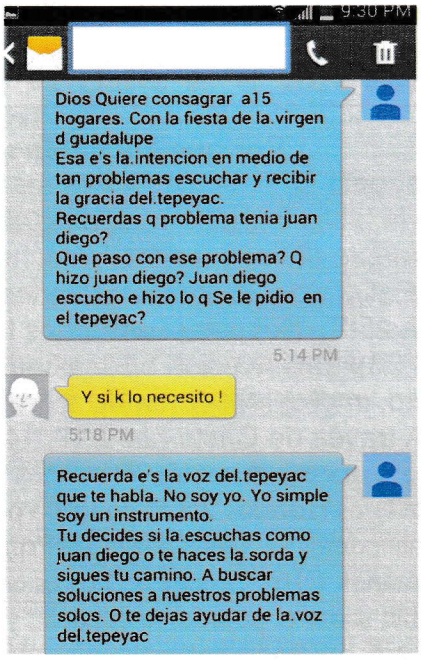

Que piensas de esta conversacion?

A ti te pasa lo mismo? Preocupad@ por tus problemas y dificultades? Sin tiempo? Tratando de correr para conseguir lo que necesitas? Juan Diego tal vez sentia lo mismo. Pero… El que hizo? Trato de resolverlo todo por su cuenta?

Tu decides?

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