



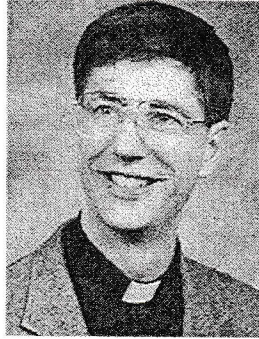
Emmaus Visitor

January, 2006

Meet Pastor Walter during Second Wednesday Activities

Join us on the second Wednesday in January as Pastor Walter Hermanns becomes a part of the Emmaus community.

Following pizza and pasta served at 5:30 p.m. on January 11, Pastor Walter will join the Lord's Prayer discussion/ study



group led by Nancy Smith at 6:45 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

The study is open to all adults, and child care will be provided. Pastor Walter will lead the 7:15 p.m. vespers service in the sanctuary.

Emmaus Welcomes Pastor Walter Hermanns January 15

With January 15 his first Sunday worshiping with the Emmaus community, there will be a time for welcoming and greeting Pastor Walter Hermanns that morning.

He will be introduced at the 9:15 a.m. worship service and there will be an opportunity for conversation with Pastor Walter at the coffee hour following worship.

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Service Commemorates Jesus' Baptism January 8

Emmaus will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, January 8 when four children will be welcomed into the church family.

Andrew Karbulka, infant son of Sarah and Dave Karbulka, and Frank, Ciara and Joshua Williams, children of Bobbi and Frank Williams, will be baptized at the 9:15 a.m. service.

Sunday School children are

encouraged to be a part of the Sunday worship service that will be centered around the theme of Baptism. Following the worship service, there will be a special reception honoring all the baptized. After the time for treats and celebration, the Sunday School kids will gather to learn more about the special gift of Baptism.

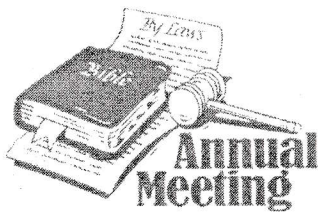
Annual Meeting Will Be February 5

The year 2005 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday, February 6. In addition to approval of a church budget and election of a new church council, the meeting will provide a special opportunity to ask the question, "What's next

in the ministry of Emmaus? Where will we be five and ten years from now? How will we get there?"

Pastor Sue Ruehle will facilitate the discussion. The meeting, to be held in Fellowship Hall, will end with a pot luck brunch/lunch. Be sure to mark your calendars - this won't be just another "ordinary" annual meeting! If you would be interested in serving on the church council, or

of someone whose voice



should be heard on council, please contact Pastor Mary, or council president Brenda Gieszler. The following positions remain open: Congregational Life (Fellowship), Member Car, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Youth, and Building & Grounds.

A note to current council members: the office will need council reports for the annual report to the congregation by January 17. If submitting a report on computer disk, please identify the word processing program on the disk label or a post-it note. You may also submit reports via e-mail (to emmausracine@sbcglobal.net), fax (to 634-0835), or on paper.

Thank you!

Emmaus Honors Denise Keller January 8

On behalf of the congregation, Denise Keller will be thanked on January 8 for serving as Sunday School coordinator for the past 4½ years. We are grateful that Denise will continue assisting with Sunday School on a volunteer basis and we thank her for her work and



dedication as coordinator.

Until a new coordinator is identified, Nancy Smith will serve as the interim coordinator of the Sunday School program.

Sunday School News

Sunday School Resumes January 8

by Denise Keller

Sunday School classes resume Sunday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Many thanks to all who helped out with the Christmas program! Thank you to all the Sunday School children! You did a great job!

Thank you to Loren and Cindi Larsen for taking on the Christmas music and leading the kids in song. Thank you to Kylee Albright and Valerie Crehan for filling in with music.

Thank you to Kelsey and Nathan Albright, Jennifer and Amy Haman, Abby Maranger and Joyce Kaiser for sharing their musical talents with us.

Thank you to Jamie Toslek, Denise Johnson, Chris Lamberton and Kristen Clinton for all your help and dedication to Sunday School during this fall and during all the preparation for the Christmas

program.

Thank you to Gregg Albright for setting up the sound system so all could hear the program.

Thank you to Nancy Smith for all her support and photography. (Check out a few of her photos on page 4 and on the church web site, <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>.)

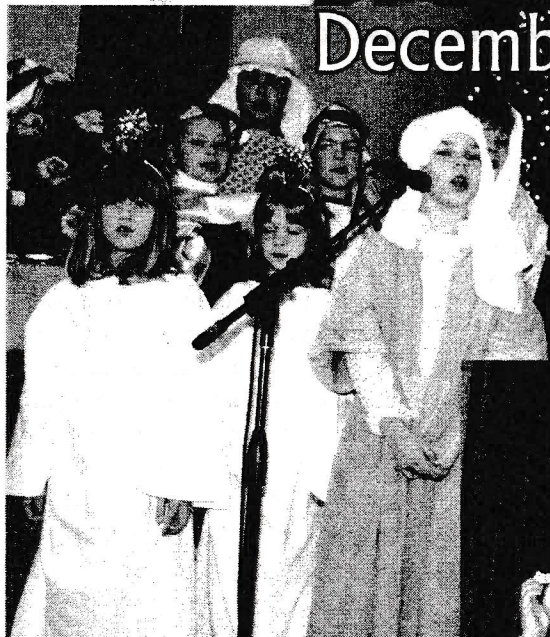
Thank you to Pastor Mary and the Emmaus congregation for your support. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents of the Sunday Schoolers for helping the children rehearse at home and making sure they are in attendance on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to Bev Hansen and Marion Keller for laundering the costumes. They looked great!

Thank you to Celia Bagley for organizing Jesus' birthday party, and thank you to everyone who provided treats for the coffee hour to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

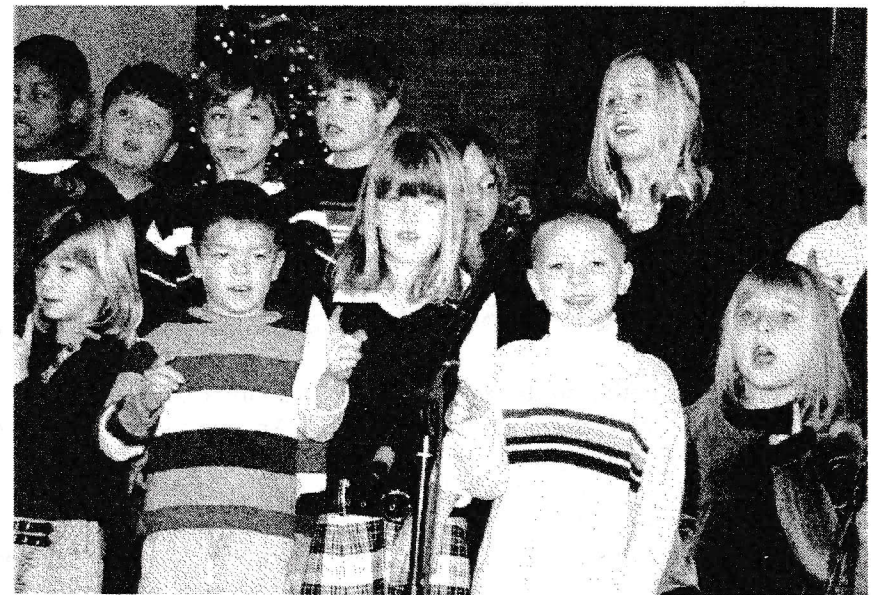


Sunday School
Christmas Program
December 18, 2005



The Emmaus Sunday School kids presented "Christmas Treasures" by John and Nina Bates during the 9:15 worship service on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Photos by Nancy Smith.

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The program included the pre-school children singing "This Little Light of Mine."

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Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 5

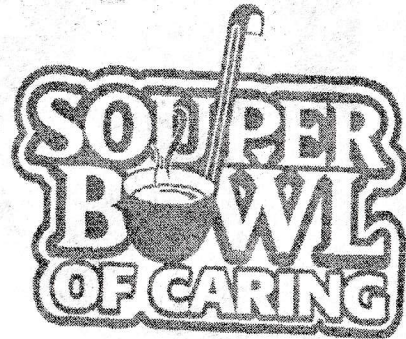
The Souper Bowl of Caring, led by youth of Emmaus and youth at churches all over the nation, is planned to help put God's love in action, providing care for those who are hungry and hurting.

At the Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5 worship services, confirmation youth and mission trip participants will collect donations to be given to our local HALO program.

Share your caring spirit with thousands of others by dropping a dollar in the soup pot as you leave worship that weekend. Every dollar dropped in a soup pot helps people in need feel the power of God's love.

Since becoming a national event in 1993, the Souper Bowl of Caring has generated over \$20 million to help hungry and hurting people. Now, that's something to cheer about!

The Souper Bowl began with a



single South Carolina church youth group in 1993.

"Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do unto me." —Matthew 25:40

Youth Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Patrick Austin, 8
- Jan. 11 William Syty, 7
- Jan. 11 Frank Williams, 15
- Jan. 28 Kaitlyn Sodke, 6
- Jan. 29 Zach Robinson, 14
- Jan. 31 Brad Johnson, 8

Xtreme Faith!

Confirmation Classes Resume January 11

All confirmation students are expected to attend the monthly "Extreme Faith" worship service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m.

The entire worship service will be led by "New Dawn," a Lutheran Youth Encounter group about to

begin an international tour.

Anyone needing a ride should meet at Pastor Mary's house at 5:45 p.m.

Regular confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, January 18. Classes meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

New and Returning Members Invited to Sunday Sessions

All those who are interested in becoming members of Emmaus, including those who wish to re-activate their memberships,



are encouraged to attend three Sunday morning sessions.

Led by Pastor Mary, the sessions will be held in the Fireside

Room on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. The group will meet January 22, January 29, and February 12. If child care is needed, please contact the church office.

New members will be received on Sunday, February 26 at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact the church office of Pastor Mary.

Thank You to Our Christmas Elves!

Many thanks to those who put so much effort in transforming the church with lovely Christmas decorations: Gregg & Kylee Albright, Shirley Velzka, Marge and Lyle Zielke, Kathy & Rich Christensen, Al Svendsen, Al and June Beck, Jim and Nancy Brown, Cheryl Dexter, Traci Jansen and Abby



and Jeff Maranger, Kerry Hunter and Milt Christensen.

If you are able to take down decorations Friday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m., please call the church office for details.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2006 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, and 16 Sundays are still open, including three in January.

Altar flowers are still \$15.00. During the week before the Sunday

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



Lydia Circle to Study Baptism

All women of the church are invited to attend a time of study and hospitality at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 4. The monthly gathering meets in the Sunset Room on the first



Wednesday of every month.

Nancy Smith will lead the January study on the topic of baptism.

Book Club Reads Anne Rice

The Emmaus book club will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 19, and

discuss *Christ the Lord Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice.

Stamp Camp Returns January 14

by Karen Sedgwick

Attention all stampers, scrap bookers, or interested beginners! There will be a Stamp Camp held at Emmaus in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 14, 2006. From 9:00 a.m. to noon, we will be stamping five awesome projects: a purse stationary box, coaster tile, bag-a-lope with tag, treat bag and a card.



Please arrive promptly so as to allow enough time to complete all five projects. The cost of \$20 covers materials and church rental.

Pre-registration is required by

Saturday, January 7.

This is a great time to stamp with us because it is our annual Sell-a-Bration event. You have the opportunity to earn free stamps by bringing a guest, or ordering \$50 in product or booking a workshop. This is in addition to the free Sell-a-Bration stamp set you may choose for every \$50 in product that you order.

For more information or pre-registration, please see the flyer posted outside the church office or contact Karen Sedgwick

at (262) 681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com

Please join us!

January Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Dec. 31 5:00 pm	—	—	—	—
Jan. 1 9:15 am	—	Carol Eschmann	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Patrick Jansen Ryan Lamberton
Jan. 7 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Betty Schultz	—	—	—
Jan. 8 9:15 am	—	Brenda Gieszler	Team 1 H. Miller	Abby Maranger Jennifer Haman
Jan. 14 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Jan. 15 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Zach Robinson	Team 2 R. Christensen	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Jan. 21 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Jan. 22 9:15 am	—	Gregg Albright	Team 3 H. Jensen	Shai'ela Mosley Zach Robinson
Jan. 28 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Jan. 29 9:15 am	—	Karen Sedgwick	Team 4 J. Cook	Patrick Jansen Ryan Lamberton
Feb. 4 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Feb. 5 9:15 am	TBA	John Knuteson	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Abby Maranger Jennifer Haman

Candle Care in January: Pat Jensen

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
Jan. 1	TBA	TBA	Marge & Howard Jensen	—
Jan. 8	TBA	TBA	Betty & Stan Breiwick	—
Jan. 15	Betty Bennett Linda Petersen	Worship & Music	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Suzanne Landis
Jan. 22	John Haanstad	TBA	Oscar & Ginny Haugsbys	—
Jan. 29	TBA	TBA	Al & June Beck	—
Feb. 5	Ruth Copeland	Haugsbys	Marge & Howard Jensen	Nancy Smith

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NAME OF OUR LORD 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 <i>No Sunday School</i> 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship <i>Pastor Mary on vacation through Jan. 4</i>	2 <i>Office closed</i>	3 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Norwegian class	4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	5 TWELFTH NIGHT 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	6 EPIPHANY 10:00 am Taking down the church's Christmas decorations	7 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
8 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship in honor of those baptized and of Denise Keller	9 <i>Postage rates rise today</i> 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class	10 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	11 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 5:00 pm 2 nd Wednesday activities 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Lord's Prayer study 6:00 pm Confirmation class: Xtreme Faith at Our Savior's 7:15 pm Vespers	12 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	13	14 9:00 am Stamping Club 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
15 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship; welcome Pastor Walter	16 REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY <i>February Visitor</i> <i>Articles needed in church office</i> 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class	17 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	18 THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER; WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class, grades 7-9	19 ST. KNUD 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST	21 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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January 2006



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Emmas Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Store name	Emmas earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
TOTAL:				

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

KEENAGERS

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers. We will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Jan. 3 Carol Eschmann hosts

Jan. 17 Pat Jensen hosts

December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jan. 6 Beverly Muzenski 5820 Cambridge Ct. #8 53406

Jan. 7 Harold Miller 2704 James Blvd. 53403

Jan. 11 Oscar Haugsby 4140 Manhattan Dr. 53402

Jan. 29 Jeannette Bertram 1830 Polaris Ave. 53404

January 19 Marks Danish Patron Saint's Day

St. Knud is one of two patron saints of Denmark (the other is St. Ansgar). Also known as Canute, Cnut, or Knute, his memorial day is January 19.

Knud, the illegitimate son of King Sweyn Estrithson of Denmark, was crowned King of Denmark as Knud IV circa 1080. He married Adela, a sister of Count Roberts of Flanders. He spread the gospel through his

kingdom, supported missionaries, and built churches. He tried and failed to conquer England to press his claim to the throne which he saw as his through his kinship to his uncle, King Knud. Following his defeat, he fled to the island of Fünen. He was murdered with his brother and 17 followers there in the church of St. Alban in 1086.

He was canonized in 1101 by Pope Paschal II.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Council President: Brenda Gieszler Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net

Interim Sun. School Coordinator: Nancy Smith Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at

Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Sunday School meets at

Nursery Attendant: Linda Jaskulske 10:30 a.m. resuming on January 8.

Organist: Joyce Kaiser Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday

Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis through Friday; the office will be closed on January 2.

Mentor Coordinator: Nancy Smith Emmaus After School for Youth (Lighted Schoolhouse)

Secretary: Paul Berge runs from 2:30 to 5:30 Tuesday-Thursday.

Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, & Milt Christensen The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The

Christensen deadline for the February VISITOR is January 16.

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Thank You for the Gifts of the Giving Tree

by Nancy Smith

Thank you! Clothing including hand-made hats and mittens, food and gas gift cards, toys, books, games and cash; the gifts you placed under the tree ensured eight needy families at Wadewitz, the ESL classes and our neighborhood experienced joy this Christmas. Those who distributed the presents reported they were met with smiles, tears, hugs and a profusion of thanks.

Warren Baugher, principal at

Wadewitz, expressed his appreciation for the care Emmaus shares with the students and their families. Richard Marciniak, the director of the ESL classes, was pleased to provide several of his families the joy of something new as well as a special remembrance at Christmas.

Thank you for sharing the love of God with some the least of our neighbors. You have served generously those in need!

Liesch Collects Bus Coupons for Homeless

by Pat Liesch

The Racine BUS is once again sending out free bus coupons. If you should receive coupons in the mail, please consider sharing them.

I am collecting these bus coupons (good for free bus rides), to

be given to homeless veterans in our area. You can turn them into the church office, or mail them to me c/o Center for Veterans Issues, 1501 Villa Street, Racine, Wisconsin, 53403. Thanks.

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Rosalie Mauer: \$200.00

Designated for Emmaus After School for Youth:

In honor of Kathryn Christensen: \$50.00

Designated for Mortgage Reduction:

In memory of S. Elmer Poulsen: \$100.00

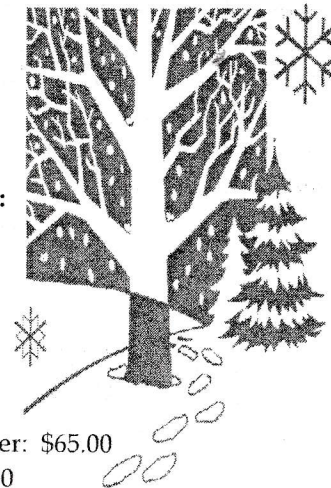
Designated for Brass Nickel:

In memory of John Heasley: \$375.00

Designated for Choir Music:

In honor of Suzanne Landis and Joyce Kaiser: \$65.00

In memory of Harold & Dolly Wiley: \$50.00



Rossings Send Christmas Card

Dear family and friends,

Every day is indeed a gift from God! "This is the day that the Lord has made... Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" —Ps. 118:24.

We are so delighted to be able to celebrate this Advent and Christmas season in almost every way, despite the big ALS changes that have been in our lives for over a year! God has indeed been with us every step of the way and we are so grateful! Thank you also for all of your continuing pray-ers, kind hearts and thoughts for us because they indeed make a positive difference in each day.

Lyle is loving his retirement days and does fill in once in a while at a few area churches and also is active in church choirs, and the Itasca Community Chorus of which he also heads the Board. Still fishing, and having sports fun with tennis, golf, and racquetball, and loves keeping up with TV sports, too.

Betty has been doing quite well despite the ALS robbed speech, some swallowing problems, and now a droopy head. She is able to

use a helpful speech device from the Golden Valley, MN, Courage Center. She had a feeding tube surgically inserted in Minneapolis on November 23 and now can easily supplement her diet with more liquid nutrition, but still can eat orally some too.



She continues to work on the Hibbing Area Women's Mini-Retreat annual fall event as she is able, with the great team of ecumenical Christian women. She is

also still mobile, can cook, sew and do some other projects, including downsizing her boxes of teaching stuff.

She is so grateful for the many church family friends as well. She is promoting the red "Strike Out ALS!" bracelets (\$1 each or more) for securing research monies to solve the ALS problems. Anyone interested can contact her about it at rossing@mchsi.com. Thanks!

P.S.: Chris and Tracy Rossing, Erik (8½) and Elise (3) live in Sioux Falls, SD. Ted and Stephanie Rossing, Emily (4½) and Kiersten (3) live in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Lyle & Betty Rossing

St. Monica's Thanks Sunday School

Dear Denise Keller:

You and your Sunday School overwhelmed us with your generosity. Thank you very much. We have had no better Christmas cookies, so fresh and perfect for serving while gathered to decorate the Christmas trees.

The pine cone decorations are darling and will be a Christmas welcome to all residents entering their rooms.

We were so blessed! Merry Christmas from the very grateful

Sisters, residents and staff of St. Monica's Home

Barb Schoeffel

Thank You from REST Guest

Dear REST volunteers,

May our Lord richly bless you. Thank you for all you did for me and the others in the REST program.

Steve (on the bike)

Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

We thank the following members and friends of Emmaus for adopting Sundays in December as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

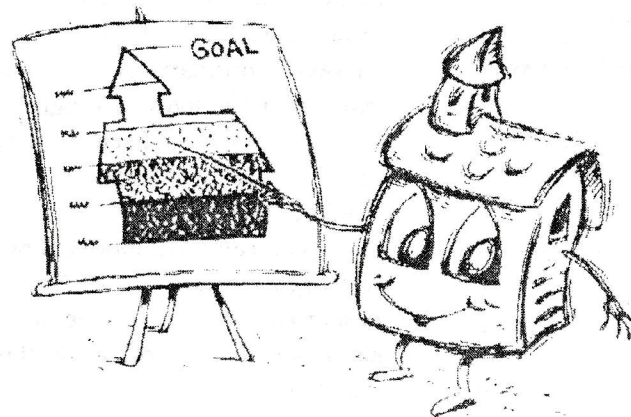
Jim & Nancy Martinsen, in

honor of Shirley Velzka.

Shirley Velzka, in thanks for family and friends.

Chester & Mabel Meyer, for God's blessings.

Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to memorialize a loved one, or to mark a special occasion in your life. If you would like to adopt a Sunday at some time this year, please fill out the form included in your Sunday bulletin or the *Visitor*.

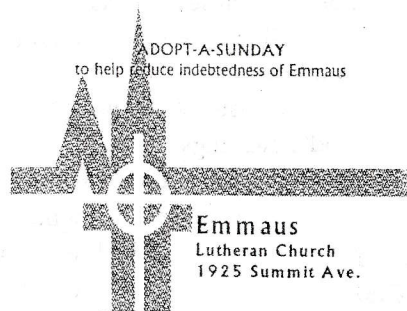


WRRD to Broadcast 'Grace Matters'

by Ben McDonald Coltvet,
Communications Director,
Greater Milwaukee Synod

Grace Matters, the radio ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be broadcast around the synod starting Jan. 8. Catch the weekly half-hour broadcast on Sundays at noon on 540 AM WRRD "The Word" radio. This station reaches nearly every household in this synod (including Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Oconomowoc and Plymouth, but not Sheboygan).

The show has been broadcast for years in Kenosha on WLIP and in the Lake Country area on WTKM.



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$
(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Thank you to St. Mary's Lutheran (in Kenosha) and the Lake Country Cluster for their steadfast support of Lutheran Vespers and now Grace Matters.

Under a new agreement, congregations and ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod are sponsoring a broadcast that reaches nearly the entire territory of the synod.

About Grace Matters:

Formerly called Lutheran Vespers under host Walt Wangerin, Grace Matters is now hosted by Peter Marty, senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a 3,000 member congregation in Davenport, Iowa. The 30-minute program is broadcast weekly on 175 radio stations and is heard around the world.

Grace Matters takes a conversational approach to faith and living, featuring interviews that bring new voices of faith to the airwaves: ordinary people living extraordinary lives through the grace of God. Each episode concludes with a biblically based meditation by Pastor Marty.

You can learn more online at www.gracematters.org or listen to past broadcasts for free. The show is also available as a podcast for those who have iPods.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Siena Center Offers Several Activities

Women for Women - Saturday, January 14, 2006, and subsequent second Saturdays through April at the Racine Dominican Retreat Program, located at Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, Racine, WI 53402. Why not give yourself a monthly "time away" with God? At each Saturday gathering, we will weave the stories of wild and wonderful women past and present with our own powerful stories. This ongoing community will help us build relationships which will support and encourage each other as we strive to follow the Spirit's lead today. Facilitator: Pat Shutts. Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$12.50 per session. Deadline: One week prior to the first session you attend. Contact Sr. Rita Lui at 262.639.4100 x1230.

Sundown to Sundown - 24 Hours to the Center of Your Soul - Friday-Saturday, February 3-4, 2006 at the Racine Dominican Retreat Program, located at Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, Racine, WI 53402. Are you too busy with life's responsibilities? Feeling stressed or absorbed by family, relationships, job or school? Needing a break to rejuvenate body, mind and soul? Longing to creatively express the sacred? Staying spiritually healthy is a balancing act! The call to keep holy

the Sabbath dates to ancient times and is relevant for our lives today. Prayer, ritual, reflection, sharing, quiet time and creative mandala drawing will present an opportunity for self-discovery. Nothing is necessary but an open heart and 24 hours of your precious time. Presented by Stella DeVenuta, OSF. Time: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Cost: \$100. Stay a second night and enjoy additional personal time for \$140. Contact Sr. Rita Lui at 262.639.4100 x1230.

Supper is at 5:30 p.m., or come only for the program at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is required; contact Rita Lui (262) 639 4100 x1230.

Gail Ross, MS.Ed., and Sarah Ives will present "Minding Your Memories," A Scrapbooking Retreat, Friday-Saturday, February 11-13, 2005.

This retreat will provide beginning and experienced scrapbookers instruction on beginning a memory book plus ample time to work on your own. Structure includes a spiritual emphasis in short prayer rituals remembering loved ones, special events in our lives, the value of friendship, play, and the joy of giving.

Racine Literacy Council Tutoring Program Seeks Tutors

The Racine Literacy Council's Adult Tutoring Program currently has 85 adults on their waiting list who want to learn or improve their English. Your two to three hours a week as a tutor would make a great difference in the lives of those who want to learn English and assimilate into their culture.

You do not need to know another language or have teaching experience.

You are invited to attend an information meeting on becoming a tutor on Thursday, January 12 from

7:00 to 8:00 a.m. or Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or Tuesday, January 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Racine Literacy Council, 734 Lake Avenue, Racine. Parking is available in the Council's parking lot just north of the building for your convenience.



The next tutor training will be Saturdays, January 21 and 28 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, February 4 from 8:45 to 12:15 p.m. Call 632-9495 for more information or to register.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, November:	2003: 151	2004: 128	2005: 125
Average weekly attendance, December:	2003: 151	2004: 122	2005: 159 *
Average weekly attendance, January:	2004: 105	2005: 111	
Christmas Eve attendance:	2003: 244	2004: 187	2005: 219

*Average includes Dec. 24, 2005, but not Dec. 31, 2005

Financial Figures

		Year to date
General funds receipts in November	\$ 13,949.85	\$170,922.58
Debt retirement offerings in November	+ 1,445.00	+ 30,831.70
Unified funds receipts in November	\$ 15,394.85	\$201,754.28

Pastor Mary's Column

Another Beginning

As I've been musing about what to reflect on this month, it seems as though "beginnings" is appropriate for this New Year. I like beginnings, and am energized by new ideas, projects and proposals.

I like to initiate and get things started, but I must confess that maintenance over the long haul is much more of a challenge for me. And, unlike my mom or her mom, I'm perfectly capable of going to bed at night with dirty dishes in the sink! After all, tomorrow is another day, a new beginning! (I'll do *anything* to rationalize!)

As many of you, I am beginning this year with some resolutions. They primarily fall into the category of Fitness - fitness of body, mind and spirit.

It's a chance to begin all over again as I establish (and re-establish) a healthy discipline of daily exercise, devotional time and eating.

I will need your help and support in the venture - I always do. If I don't answer my phone before 9:30 a.m., please leave a message. I may simply be spending a "time out" with God.

If I turn down a piece of cake, I may simply be assessing what other things have entered my mouth during the day. It has nothing to do with the one making the offer.

Isn't it great to be able to start over, to begin again? In our Baptism, we have that opportunity each and every day. Forgiven, we have a fresh beginning, a new start. Confessing and shedding our past sins and burdens, we are invited to let go and to begin once more. We are given another chance!

On January 8, we will welcome four children into the Emmaus community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Not only will it be a time for them to be welcomed into the Christian family, but they will also receive the assurance of forgiveness and life in Christ.

It's that baptismal promise that keeps all of us going and growing. As we splash water on our face each morning, let it be a reminder that we are daily given a new beginning, a gift that comes through Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer for this new year that we will be surprised, challenged and encouraged by the new beginnings God has waiting for us. Let us worship the One who makes all things new!

New Year Blessings,

Pastor Mary

**In the January
Visitor:**

- * Denise Keller Honored
- * Sunday School Christmas
Program Photos
- * Confirmation Classes
Resume
- * New Member Classes
- * Souper Bowl of Caring
- * Lydia Circle Discusses
Baptism
- * Got the Stamping Bug?
- * Greetings from Rossings,
St. Monica's

and plenty more...

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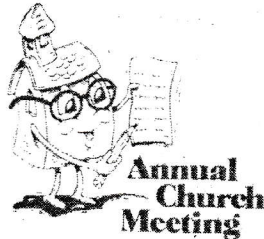
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What Is the Future of Emmaus?

The 2006 meeting of the congregation will begin at 10:30 a.m. February 5 in Fellowship Hall after the worship service. There will be a short business meeting, followed by an important discussion led by Pastor Sue Ruehle, Assistant to the Bishop.

We will work together to find answers to the questions, What's next? Where are we headed? Where is God calling us?

There will be a pot luck lunch with main dish and beverages provided. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Candidates for council at press time are: Chris Lamberton, President; Randy Sanders, Vice President; Cathy Meyer, Secretary; Carolyn Wooster, Treasurer; Michele Kreimer, Financial Secretary; Julie Field, Congregational Fellowship; Nancy Smith, Parish Education; Kathy Christensen, Worship & Music.

We are seeking candidates to head the Building & Grounds, Member Care, Social Concerns, Stewardship and Youth committees.

The meeting will be held in the Sunset Room. Copies of the 2005 annual report are available at church.

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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Andrew Karbulka January 8, 2006	Andrew is the infant son of Dave and Sarah Karbulka. His sponsors are Pete and Michelle Andrews.
Frank Williams Ciara Williams Joshua Williams January 8, 2006	Frank, 15, Ciara, 8, and Joshua, 5, are the children of Frank and Bobbie Williams. Their sponsors are Angel Williams and Debra Heppe.
Funerals: Alissa Willette January 12, 2006	Alissa was born prematurely on December 18 and survived until January 8. Her parents are Rob and Melissa Willette.
Glenn Olson January 26, 2006	Glenn Olson, 95, passed away January 23 at home. Glenn was a teacher with Racine Unified for many years, and coordinator of the Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center from 1975 to 1996. Glenn and Eileen are survived by their children, Lowell, Arlyn, Deanna Crum, Gloria LaVassor and Linelle Gottfredsen, and by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Geraldine Maranger January 28, 2006	Gerry Maranger, 71, is survived by six children, including Jeff Maranger..
Marie Schneider January 29, 2006	Marie Hempel Schneider, mother of Linda (Peter) Schneider and Carol Heck, passed away January 25 at the age of 93. She is the widow of Edward Schneider.



Gather on Second Wednesday for Food, Folks and Fun

Have you participated in Second Wednesday activities? If so, you already know why so many are attending. In January, nearly 80 kids and adults joined



together for pizza and pasta. There is room for more!

This month's Second Wednesday meal will be hosted by Pastor Mary, Carol Yust, confirmation students and their families. Note to confirmation kids: come at 5:00, or as soon as you can after that. There will be a Valentine theme for the Wednesday dinner.

The schedule for Wednesday, February 8 is:

5:00-5:25: Elementary kids meet with Pastor Walter on the first floor; confirmation kids and families are downstairs preparing for supper.

5:25: Surprise in the Sanctuary - everyone is invited to gather for the surprise the kids have for you.

6:30-6:10: Pizza and Pasta supper in Fellowship Hall (suggested donation: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids)

6:10-7:00: Valentine crafts in daycare area - special treat bags will be made for St. Monica residents.

7:00-7:15: Clean-up.

6:15-7:15: Adult study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Sunset Room, led by Nancy Smith.

7:15-7:30: Closing vesper service in sanctuary.

Lent Begins March 1

Ash Wednesday worship services begin at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. March 1. Both services include the traditional imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

This year, Emmaus will offer Wednesday evening services from March 8 to April 5. Each week, you are invited to gather for a soup supper at 5:00 p.m., followed by study group from 6:00 to 7:00.

Confirmation classes will move up, meeting from 6:15 to 6:45.

The worship service itself will be at 7:00 p.m. and last about half an hour.

On the Tuesdays when the Keenagers' group meets, there will also be a Tuesday noon service. The services on March 7 and 21 and April 4 will be at 12:15 p.m.

Emmaus Welcomes New Members

Emmaus will welcome new and reactivating members into the congregation on Sunday, February 26 during the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

New member classes began in January. There will be one more class for new and returning members at 10:45 a.m. February 12.

Pastor Mary Will Be on Vacation

Pastor Mary will be away on vacation from February 17 to February 24.

It's Emmaus' Turn to Provide Treats for Extreme Faith

All confirmation students are required to attend the last Extreme Faith worship service of this school year. Meet at Our Savior's Church (Washington and Taylor) at 6:00 p.m. for opening activities and games.

The service is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by treats in Fellowship Hall.

Each confirmation family is asked to donate one homemade

treat (three dozen cookies or a pan of brownies or bars).

Beverages and other snacks will be purchased by Carol Yust and Pastor Mary to supplement the treats we will be sharing with 100+ kids. St. Paul's Lutheran confirmation kids will co-host the treats that night.

Because of Lent and other activities, there will be no further Extreme Faith worship service for the rest of the school year.

Youth Meet to Plan Spring, Summer Activities

There will be a mandatory meeting for confirmation and high school students and their parents at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 12.

The meeting will discuss the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering in

July, and the Fiesta Mexicana, currently scheduled for Sunday, May 7.

If you are unable to attend, please call Gregg Albright at 639-6433 or 989-6432.

Youth Collect 'Noisy Offering' on Souper Bowl Sunday

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



Bring your change for a "noisy offering" on February 4 and 5. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup kettle will go toward relief efforts for world hunger.

Sunday School Rotation

Students to Learn About Bartimaeus

by Nancy Smith

Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man. During January, Jamie Toslek, Beth Tepley, And Nancy Smith helped the kids explore this story through several creative workshops.

At the Game Center, the children experienced what it is like to be "paralyzed." How does one eat a banana with one arm tied behind your back? What is it like to retrieve a ball in the middle of the room while you are blindfolded in a wheelchair?



In another workshop the kids acted out the story as they helped to construct a graham cracker house. The Paralytic was let down through the roof. They also had the opportunity to hear the story and answer a quiz on the computer and then make their own crossword puzzles on the internet.

During February we will be studying Bartimaeus, the blind man, who was healed by Jesus.

Thanks to our support staff. Cindi and Loren Larsen make sure that our openings are upbeat. This is the time we practice songs to be sung during worship and participate in prayers and hear the story that we are studying. Ruth Copeland and Chris Lamberton are "shepherds." They assist the workshop leaders. Yes, we need another shepherd.

As part of an on-going project; the kids are making fleece blankets. These blankets will be donated to Project Linus, an organization that provides security blankets for kids at Children's Hospital.

A representative of Project Linus will attend worship on February 12 when the children will present the blankets they have made. If you are willing to donate three yards of fleece for this worthy cause, please bring it to church for Sunday, February 5. During the congregational meeting, the children will be busy making the blankets and doing a craft.

The middle school class under the leadership of Amy Haman and Celia Bagley are busy practicing and memorizing their lines for a presentation of a short skit on the Paralytic. This presentation will take place during worship on February 12.

Youth Birthdays in February

- Feb. 3 Krystle Mayer, 18
- Feb. 5 Jordan Gallagher, 7
- Feb. 10 Kira LeRoux-Sodke, 4
- Feb. 16 Tyler Bose, 15
- Feb. 23 Mike Wyman, 7
- Feb. 24 Tyler Offield, 6
- Feb. 25 Abbygail Maranger, 12
- Feb. 25 Cameron Olle, 7
- Feb. 27 Alex Maryland, 11

Committee Looks at Children's Education

In 1999 Emmaus took a big step in how Sunday School was taught. Concerns addressed were declining enrollment, inability to recruit teachers, desire to utilize new ideas in education, desire to reach out to the surrounding neighborhood, acknowledging that each child learns differently and once confirmed the lack of participation of high school students.

The workshop rotation model was introduced as a way to teach creatively. At its core the Rotation Model says, we must and can do better. The goal of this method is to encourage the members of the congregation to look at one another as a source of inspiration.



Many have come forward when asked to offer their assistance in a workshop which includes art, computers, drama, videos, games and creative foods.

Open Meeting

On Monday, February 6 at 6:45 p.m., a meeting will take place in the Sunset Room to reflect and dream. Question: What is the goal of our Sunday School ministry? How can we strengthen an important part of the ministry of this church?

All are invited to attend this important meeting. Your input is vital as we plan for the future. What is your role in educating our youth? Indeed, it does take a village to raise a child!

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, December	2003: 151	2004: 122	2005*: 159
Average weekend attendance, January	2004: 132	2005: 111	2006*: 117
Average weekend attendance, February	2004: 121	2005: 117	

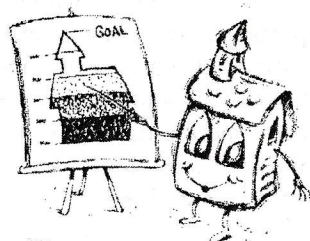
*Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005 is included in January, 2006 average.

Financial Figures

General fund offerings received in December:	\$21,069.00	2005/campaign to date	\$191,991.58
Mortgage retirement offerings rec'd in Dec.:	\$7,130.92		\$37,962.62
2006 General fund offerings received in '05:	\$4,971.43		
'06 Mortgage retirement offerings in '05:	500.00		

Mortgage payments in Dec. 2005	Principal: \$434.81
	Interest: \$557.19
	Extra principal: \$6,265.70
	Total: \$7,257.70

Balance as of December 14, 2005: \$109,042.92



Knit One, Purl One

by Nancy Smith

Calling all those who like to knit and/or crochet: Interest has been expressed to form a group that will meet once a month to work on projects. Several folks already make hats, scarves and mittens for Wadewitz. HALO is also in need of warm items. There are many other organizations that

appreciate the use of handmade items including afghans. Another idea is to knit helmet warmers for those in the service. Come and see, come and learn. Speak with Bev Hansen (551-8095) or Nancy Smith (633-3059). An interest sign up sheet is in the narthex. Our first get together will be on Monday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Study Group Examines Bonhoeffer: Theologian or Heretic?

by Nancy Smith

The Second Wednesday in February will feature A Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian, was hung for his part in the resistance against Adolf Hitler.

Much has been



written about this man who argues that "deeds not words" are the primary medium of Christian proclamation. Through film and discussion we will explore the life of one who heard the call of discipleship. For Bonhoeffer, discipleship means following Jesus - wherever he leads. Please sign up in the narthex.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 2

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 2. 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.

Pastor Walter Leads 'Celebrating Life After Loss' at Siena Center

When will the pain stop? Does anyone understand? Where is God in all of this?

Rev. Walter Hermanns, Rev. Judith Christopher and Thom Bodenbach present "Turning the Corner and Finding Joy: Celebrating Life After Loss" at the Siena Center on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Born with a physical disability? Disabled from illness or stroke? Alone after many years of marriage? If so, you have faced difficult days. This retreat will consider a vision of a Disabled

God, begin to view brokenness as a place of strength, dare to dream of how to bring healing to others, and celebrate common journeys.

The cost of the retreat is \$20 (includes a \$4 non-refundable deposit). Make checks payable to the Racine Dominican Retreat Program and send to Sister Rita Lui, OP, Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, Racine, 53402 along with your name, e-mail, mailing address, and home and work phone numbers.

For program information, visit www.racinedominicans.org

Emmaus Reads

by Nancy Smith

Several books of note have been put on the shelf in the Sunset Room:

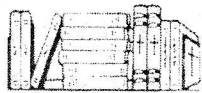
Marley and Me: John Grogan writes a personal account of life with the world's worst dog. Marley lived a big life. "Some might say he lived it with reckless abandon, but those smarter would recognize it as reckless love." Anyone who has had a pet will identify with this heartwarming story. It has you laughing and crying.

Night: A new translation of Elie Wiesel's first hand account of life as a teenager in Nazi

death camps. How could such a staggering number of innocents have lost their lives at the hand of one regime? "No one has left behind so moving a record." — Alfred Kazin

Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt:

Anne Rice explores the boyhood of Jesus. At age seven Jesus and his family leave Egypt and return to their home in Nazareth. According to Random House; "Anne Rice gives us now her most ambitious and courageous book, a novel, about the early years of Christ the Lord, based on the Gospels and on the most respected New Testament scholarship.





February Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Feb. 4 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Feb. 5 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright Valerie Crehan	John Knuteson	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Abby Maranger Jennifer Haman
Feb. 11 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Feb. 12 9:15 am	—	Peter Bayer	Team 1 H. Miller	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Feb. 18 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Feb. 19 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 2 R. Christensen	Shai'ela Mosley Patrick Jansen
Feb. 25 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Feb. 26 9:15 am	—	Valerie Crehan	Team 3 H. Jensen	Zach Robinson Ryan Lamberton
Mar. 1 12:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Mar. 1 7:00 pm	Marge Jensen	—	Team 4 J. Cook	Jennifer Haman Abby Maranger
Mar. 4 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Mar. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Sandy Strini	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan

Candle Care: February: Cheryl Dexter

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
Feb. 5	Ruth Copeland	Congregational meeting	Marge & Howard Jensen	Nancy Smith
Feb. 12	Jaskulske	Hamans	Betty & Stan Breiwick	—
Feb. 19	Yorgans	TBA	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Shirley Valzka
Feb. 26	Alice & Del Burman	TBA	Oscar & Ginny Haugsby	—
Mar. 1	—	—	—	Nancy Brown
Mar. 5	Shirley Velzka	Yorgans	Al & June Beck	Nancy Smith

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February, 2006</h1> <p>1926 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, 53404. Phone 262 634-5515 e-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net Office hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Pastor: Rev. Mary L. Janz, mljanz@aol.com On the web at http://www.emmaus-racine.org EMMAUS VISITOR Vol. 34, No. 6</p>			1 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Xtreme Faith at Our Savior's (last one until fall)	2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 5:30 ESL classes 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 ST. ANSGAR 	4 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
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Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
TOTAL:				

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

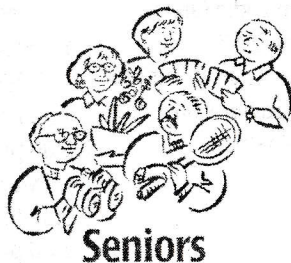
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Keenagers

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers. We will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Feb. 1 TBA

Feb. 15 Pat Jensen hosts



February Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Feb. 2	Hedwig Wagner	4508 N. Green Bay Rd.	53404
Feb. 5	Mary Buelow	3300 Wright Avenue	53405
Feb. 10	Alfred Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd. Woodlawn TN	37191
Feb. 14	Bernice Holding	3709 Candle Court #6	53402
Feb. 20	John Demant	14132 56 th Rd. Sturt.	53177
Feb. 21	Connie Berterman	1100 Fountain Hills Rd #103A	53406

Letters

Family Helped at Christmas Sends Thanks

Dear members of Emmaus:

We would like to send a very special thank you out to each and everyone for making our Christmas a special one this year

and for putting us in your thoughts. This truly was a blessing sent to us from God.

Thank you all very much.
Name withheld.

St. Monica's Sends Thanks

Dear Pastor Mary,

St. Monica's Sisters and myself are very thankful for Emmaus Church's generosity to our residents.

You most certainly added the ingredients to make our Christmas "merry." The Sunday School's home-baked sugar cookies and the very cute pine cone decorations

were wonderful. And then you came with the tasty candies all packaged so nicely. What a sight they were and what a treat!

Please accept our heartfelt words of thanks. Happy new year to you and your congregation.

Sincerely,
Barbara Schoeffel

Give Green Gifts All Year Long

by Julie Hansen

Just because Christmas is over doesn't mean the gift giving comes to an end. Birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, memorials and other such occasions happen all year long, possibly leaving you stuck for creative, memorable gift ideas.

Here's a suggestion: Instead of giving cash or buying another meaningless "thing," consider a green gift - for instance, a tax-deductible contribution to an ELCA mission.

There are many, and the ELCA Good Gifts catalog (available in the "Green" area of the library in the Sunset Room) details each of them and how your dollars will be put to work around the world.

Or, if you prefer to give locally, the Eco Justice Center, a Racine food pantry or an Emmaus

cause like Neighborhood Camp or EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) are all very worthy and always in need of support.

Finally, consider the interests of your recipient, then check the Green area of the Emmaus library for a comprehensive list of consumer-less gift ideas. These can include experiences (theater or concert tickets, museum passes or tickets to sporting events) as well as your time and talents (babysitting, making dinner for an elderly or disabled person or even weeding a friend's garden).

Why not make 2006 the start of your green giving. You'll set a positive example for others and at the same time feel good knowing your gift is helping sustain the earth by not generating more waste or pollution.

Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

Our offering envelopes for February through May were ordered in December and should arrive at members' homes by February 5.

All confirmed, active members are assigned an offering envelope number. If you have not received your envelopes by the beginning of February, please call the church office at 634-5515.

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated honoraria for Neighborhood Camp:
In honor of Nancy Smith: \$25.00

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs Save Energy

by Kathy Christensen

One of the purposes of the Green Team is to encourage responsible use of our natural resources. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use one third of the energy used by incandescent light bulbs and last up to ten times longer.

One bulb can save you \$50 over its lifetime, according to a recent article in *U.S. News and World Report*. If you replace one standard light bulb with one compact fluorescent, over the ten year life of that bulb, you save 500 pounds of coal!

These new bulbs can be used in all standard fixtures throughout your home, generate the same amount of light (lumens) and do not have the problems of poor

color, flicker, or hum that characterized the CFL bulbs of the 1980s. CFLs sell for \$4 to \$15 in the store, but we are selling them for only \$3, and they do have the *Energy Star* logo.

Beginning on February 11 and 12 and continuing through the month of February, you can check out the bulbs we will have available and place your orders. Please count the number of places you might use CFLs in your home and then purchase bulbs to support this Green Team fund raiser. You will also be helping our environment by reducing coal burning and emissions.

Every little bit helps!

Check out this web site for more examples of ways you can be more energy efficient:
www.energysavers.gov

Who Is the Patron Saint of Denmark?

Every year on March 17, Americans dress in green, learn how to say "Erin go bragh," and pretend to be Irish.



If you're looking for an excuse to be Danish, you can celebrate St. Ansgar's Day on February 3. He is one of two patron saints of Denmark (the other being King Knud IV, who lived a little over two centuries after Ansgar).

Ansgar was born of French nobility in 801, and studied under Peter Abelard and Pascasius Radebert. He accompanied Denmark's King Harald when the king returned from exile to reclaim his throne. Pope Gregory IV appointed him as his delegate to Denmark and Sweden.

Ansgar founded Denmark's first Christian school, but pagans ran him out of the country. He died in Bremen, Germany on February 3, 865.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Channel 10 to Air Bonhoeffer Documentary

WMVS-TV Channel 10 will air "Bonhoeffer," the hour-long documentary about Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Martin Doblmeier at 9:00 p.m. on February 6. The award-winning film is being shown on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German Lutheran theologian who spoke out against Nazism and joined a plot to kill Adolf Hitler.

The film, shot on location in Germany and the United States, features interviews with family members, friends, students and associates who knew Bonhoeffer personally, including the last interview given by Bonhoeffer's closest friend and biographer, Eberhard Bethge.

It also features interviews with outstanding historians and theologians including John de Gruchy and Geoffrey Kelly, as well as comments from Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Extensive research in archives both in Europe and the US yielded extraordinary archival footage, including a speech by Hitler praying for God's blessing on him and the German people and Bonhoeffer family footage that features the only known moving footage of Dietrich. The production team was also given access to never-before-seen personal and family photographs that help bring visual context to Bonhoeffer's life.

Further details about the film are on line at www.bonhoeffer.com.

Women & Children's Horizons Seeks Volunteers

by Amy Queen
Residential Coordinator

Women & Children's Horizons, Inc.

Women and Children's Horizons is looking for volunteers and interns. Women and Children's Horizons provides emergency shelter and essential services to victims and child witnesses of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Volunteers are an essential part of the agency and offer a variety of support services to persons seeking a safe and supportive environment in which to heal.

All persons looking into becoming a volunteer need to fill out an application and have a background check done. The background check is mandatory due to the sensitive nature of the work and the background check is only concerned with violations of the violent nature (so all those lead foots don't need to worry). The

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checks take approximately two weeks so if you're volunteering needs to be done in a certain amount of time, please plan ahead.

The shelter is open 24 hours a day so we are flexible with finding a time to fit your needs. Volunteers are especially needed in the shelter and the children's program. Persons volunteering in the shelter can choose to do a wide variety of thing including (but not limited to): assisting Shelter Advocates with the crisis line, talking to adult clients, playing with child clients, assisting adult clients with problem solving and resource referrals, household chores, meal planning, shopping aides, donation sorting, meal prep and serving, and shelter office paperwork. The children's program needs persons to assist during child witnesses of domestic abuse support groups. These groups are held around 6 - 8 p.m. on every week day at various locations. Some groups are larger and some are more intimate. Children need positive role models at these groups so that they get more attention and to see that there are adults that are safe and non-violent. Men are especially encouraged to participate. Persons who only wish to work with infants can choose to be "on-call" for groups and would be called when infants are in shelter.

Afternoon tutors are also needed for homework time 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact Amy at (262) 656-3500 or send questions via email. I hope that you will share this information with everyone and I look forward to working with you in the future.

RUSD Announces Registration, Magnet Enrollment

Parents of children eligible for kindergarten in September of 2006 are asked to register their children on Wednesday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2006.

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

Emmaus does not keep copies of baptismal certificates, but can provide you with a photocopy of the congregational records page on

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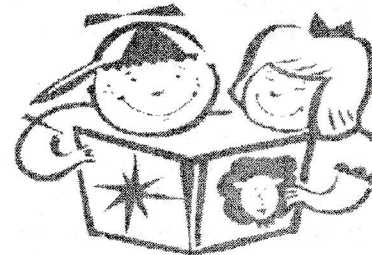
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which your child's baptism is recorded.

Magnet Enrollment

To be eligible for the lottery/waiting list at one of Racine's magnet schools, parents or guardians must attend that school's orientation program. Application forms will be distributed at the completion of the orientation program. There is a choice at each magnet school of a 6:30 p.m. program or 9:30 a.m. program.



Jefferson School, 1722 W. Sixth Street, offers orientation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2 or 9:30 a.m. Friday, February 3. Call 664-6900.

Fine Arts, 815 DeKoven Avenue, offers orientation at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, or 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9. Call 664-6800.

Red Apple, 914 St. Patrick Street, offers orientation at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, or 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7.

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

Siena Center Program Examines Islam Today

The Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, presents "The Myths About Islam" Saturday, February 18.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today. How is this so? What attracts so many people?

The West's perception of Islam is that it is a religion of extremes which include oppression of women and hatred of anyone who disagrees with the followers of Mohammed. What is the source of such perceptions and how true are they? Where does one turn to find the truth?

This presentation will explore these perceptions and their validity. Presented by Mary Ann Pevas, OP. Time: 9:00 - Noon. Cost: \$20 (includes \$5 non-refundable deposit).

"No one has ever seen the essence of God, but we believe in the essence because we experience the essence."

— St. Basil the Great

How Many Lutherans Does It Take?

Q: How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: What? Change? Careful! We don't use *that* word in church!

As old traditional bulbs were recently being changed for some of the newer, long-lasting energy saving bulbs in the parsonage, I thought of that old joke. It has far more to do with attitude than with light bulbs, doesn't it?

As we attempt to make some significant lifestyle changes for the sake of the

environment, we find ourselves reading labels, recycling, re-using, and avoiding plastic and paper plates when we can use glass instead. Those are some "tip of the iceberg" changes, just as changes in light bulbs will be.

Almost every time I talk with my mother by phone, she speaks of the many changes going on around her. New people are frequently moving into her place of residence, Edgewood Vista. On a regular basis others move out to rehab or the Alzheimer's unit or to a nursing home.

Not only now, but the changes witnessed throughout my mother's lifetime have been mind boggling. Who would have thought that the

one who received her early education in a one-room schoolhouse would now be sending e-mails to her daughters?

Change - ready or not, here it comes! That's been the case during the 154 years of the history of Emmaus. Some of those changes were intentional and prayer-filled, while others seemed a total surprise. Some were life-giving; others were a real disaster.

As Emmaus looks to the future, we acknowledge change is inevitable. The "good ol' days" are a memory clung to by some and rejected by many others. Informed by our past and in tune to the present, we are again at a juncture, asking where God is leading Emmaus.

An emphasis on mission and ministry and outreach during the past several years has meant change. More "outsiders" have had reason to come through the doors of the church because of outreach programs. Some of those folks now consider Emmaus their church. Another phenomenon has occurred: more Emmaus members have been intentionally sharing God's love outside the church

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**THE
COMING
YEAR**

Bible quiz


Jesus once took three friends to a special rendezvous. When they stopped at a certain place, Jesus was changed before them. His face had a glow and his clothes appeared to be dazzling white. His friends suddenly felt the presence of Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, one of the great prophets. Jesus' friends, Peter, James and John, heard a voice from a cloud that said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:1-8, NRSV).

What do we call this special event?

A. The Annunciation
B. The Resurrection
C. The Transfiguration
D. The Incarnation

Where did this event take place?

A. By the Jordan River
B. On an unnamed mountain
C. In Capernaum
D. In Jericho



Answers: C and B

Pastor Mary's Column

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doors. The mentoring program at Wadewitz is a good example. With all of this, we now see a wider variety of skin hues and backgrounds among us.

Change. What's next? What would happen if we of Emmaus were to make no prayer-filled, intentional changes in the next five years? Where would we be? Who of our neighbors would be missing in this community of faith?

Please be a part of the important discussion coming up February 5. This isn't going to be just another "routine" meeting. After the short business portion, Pastor Sue Ruehle will lead us in a discussion of "Where do we go

from here?" I hope you will make every effort to be a part of the conversation, which will be followed by an all-church pot luck. (Some things don't change in the Lutheran church, do they? We do like to eat!) Be a part of the journey. These are important times!

Your traveling partner,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

P.S.: Look for those "newfangled" light bulbs to be sold by the Green Team in the near future! Change a bulb or two... it will make a difference!

**In the February
Visitor:**

- ✦ **Suprise in Store on
Second Wednesday**
- ✦ **Extreme Faith Meets
February 1; Bring Treats**
- ✦ **Youth Meet February 12**
- ✦ **Bonhoeffer: Theologian
or Heretic?**
- ✦ **Bartimaeus Sees the Light**
- ✦ **Community Meal Feb. 2**
- ✦ **Green Team Sells Light
Bulbs**
- ✦ **Celebrating Life After Loss**
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March, 2006

Wednesday Lenten Schedule: Xtreme Makeover

Ash Wednesday	12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m. worship; Theme: Let Go of the Old
Wed. Mar. 8	Theme: Build in the Right Place
Wed. Mar. 15	Theme: A Strong Foundation
Wed. Mar. 22	Theme: Who's the Boss?
Wed. Mar. 29	Theme: A Foolish Plan?
Wed. Apr. 5	Theme: Move the Bus!

Schedule

- 5:25 p.m. Meet in sanctuary to say grace (and a weekly surprise from the kids)
- 5:30-6:15 p.m. Soup served in Fellowship Hall
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. "Table Talk" discussion time, featuring scenes from your favorite movies
- 6:30-7:00 pm Special video for kids
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. Closing worship in sanctuary

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

February 5, 2006
Catherine Anne Yunker

Catherine is the daughter of Lisa and Casey Yunker and the granddaughter of Peter and Susan Bayer. Her sponsors are Jennifer Bayer and David and Colleen Bayer.

Funeral:

February 2, 2006
Arlyn Glenn Olson

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Olson family, whose sorrow over the death of Glenn was compounded by the loss days later of his son, Arlyn. Active in the Green Congregation program, Arlyn will be remembered for his energy on behalf of the environment. Our prayers are with Linelle Gottfredsen, Gloria LaVassor, Deanna Crum, Lowell Olson, and their families.

Annual Meeting

Congregation Elects New Council

The members of the church council elected at the annual meeting of the congregation February 6 are:

President: Chris Lamberton
Vice President: Randy Sanders
Secretary: Cathy Meyer
Treasurer: Carolyn Wooster
Financial Secretary: Michele Kreimer
Building & Grounds: Rich Christensen
Congregational Fellowship: Julie Field
Member Care: *vacant*

Parish Education: Nancy Smith
Social Concerns: *vacant*
Stewardship: *vacant*
Worship & Music: Kathy Christensen

Youth Ministry: *vacant*
Vacancies remain for Member Care, Social Concerns, Stewardship, WELCA, and Youth Ministry and Stewardship.

The congregation approved a \$264,832 budget for 2006, anticipating income of \$239,000.

The council will meet at Siena Center March 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Souper Bowl of Caring Tops \$3 Million

As of 11 a.m. on February 14, over \$3.2 million has been reported through the 2006 Souper Bowl of

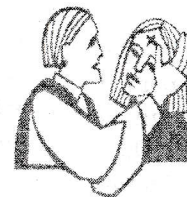
Caring. Emmaus raised \$224.51 through a "noisy offering" on February 4 and 5.

Weekly Lenten Services Return on Wednesday Nights

Ash Wednesday worship services begin at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. March 1. Both services include the traditional imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

This year, Emmaus will offer Wednesday evening services from March 8 to April 5. Each week, you are invited to gather for a soup supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by "table talk" at 6:15.

Confirmation students will participate in the table talk discussions in Fellowship Hall followed by the closing worship from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.



On the Tuesdays when the Keenagers' group meets, there will also be a Tuesday noon service. The services on March 7 and 21 and April 4 will be at 12:15 p.m.

This Lent, Be Part of Xtreme Makeover – Jesus Edition

by Rev. Walter Hermanns

A child who has been disfigured by a fire received the skin grafts needed to restore his face ... Xtreme Makeover!

A family with three severely disabled children has their home totally redone so their home is completely accessible ... Xtreme Makeover!

Perhaps you have seen stories like this on television. Have you wondered what it would be like to experience such a radical transformation in your life?

Now is your chance! Emmaus invites you to be part of an

Xtreme Makeover - not of your house or your outward body, but of your inner spirit.

Each of the five Wednesdays in Lent you will be invited to a new part of the extreme makeover challenge!

Schedule for Lenten Soup Servers:

March 8: Outreach (chili dump)
March 15: Sunday School staff
March 22: Church council
March 29: Lydia Circle
April 5: Choir

Synod Urges Lenten Drive to Make Hunger History

An excerpt from a message from Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers in the February, 2006 synod newsletter, "Life Together":

A passion for ending world hunger has always accompanied me, providing the most poignant intersection of life and faith. When I was a fourth grader, our family spent a summer in Cuernavaca, Mexico as my father studied liberation theology under Ivan Illich. The smells and sights of poverty pervaded my young sensibilities and instilled within me a desire to respond.

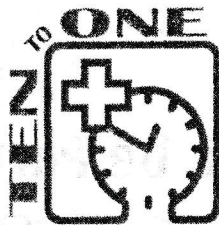
Later that year, as a nine-year-old, I walked 32 miles in one day on a Hunger Walk ("Put a little love in your sole") raising money to combat world hunger.

I owe much to my parents who led me to walk *among* the poor, and to my brothers who as teenagers organized the Hunger Walk, encouraging me to walk *on behalf* of the poor. But it was managing a homeless shelter in Seattle that made me understand the importance of walking *with* people in poverty.

Making Hunger History is something for which the ELCA is in particular well-equipped to lead, with the ELCA Hunger Appeal and Lutheran World Relief

as defining players in the work of fighting hunger.

It is a ripe time to be about this work. In our synod, for the season of Lent, materials will be provided to advance this theme of walking with the poor, resources that will supplement the preparations in your congregation for this season of prayer, reflection and special offerings.



Included in this effort is a collective initiative calling upon every member of every congregation in our synod to give no less than \$10 toward

addressing the scandal of hunger during the season of Lent. While in general I am uncomfortable with mandating such expectations, I believe at least \$10 to be attainable by each and every one of our 95,000 members. To expect anything less is to deprive us of our individual and collective joy in responding God's call to feed the hungry.

These envelopes will be gathered and processed by congregations and then presented at our synod assembly in June in a ceremonial offering. We will tally congregation by congregation, and together celebrate our \$1 million

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Ten-to-One

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achievement.

The amount raised will be distributed as follows:

- 30% to global companions for hunger abatement
- 20% will go to local congregational efforts to battle hunger
- 50% will be given to ELCA hunger efforts (Hunger Appeal, LWF)

Every bit as important as this effort, each person is invited to pray at ten to one (12:50 p.m.) each day for those who are hungry and whose daily needs go unmet.

Ten-to-One is an opportunity to invite our young people into the battle against hunger. By tithing their fund-raising for the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering, money and awareness are raised that will accompany our young people for a lifetime.

Let's walk together ... and rediscover joy!

Let us, the members of Emmaus, respond generously to this challenge. Place your gift in the enclosed envelope - include it in your offering any time between now and Easter Sunday. We *can* make a difference!

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Crehan
Organist: Joyce Kaiser
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis
Secretary: Paul Berge
Custodian: Kerry Hunter

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Lenten midweek services begin with 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. services on Ash Wednesday and continue with 7:00 p.m. services on Wednesday evenings March 8-April 5. We also offer Tuesday afternoon services at 12:15 on March 7, March 21 and April 4.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.
Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Emmaus After School for Youth meets 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.
The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the April VISITOR is March 15.



'My Mentor and Me' Needs You

Needed: mentor for a fourth grader who could use some special attention. This student is available for mentoring in the afternoon;

recommended by school counselor. Please see Nancy Smith (633-3059) if you are interested.

Share Your Gifts!

Are you being called to more involvement and participation in the ministries of Emmaus? Do you have special gifts and abilities you are willing to share? Maybe you know of a friend who would be a good match for the opportunities listed below. (Be God's agent, and encourage him/her to learn more about sharing their time and gifts...)



Paid positions

Sunday School Coordinator: \$440/month, August-June. A dedicated person, who is enthusiastic and cares deeply about the religious education of our children. The coordinator will research curriculum, recruit "shepherds," resource persons and others to help plan and lead the weekly Sunday School lessons and activities based on the Rotation Model for learning. Want to know more? Talk with Interim Coordinator, Nancy Smith, 634-5515 or 633-3059.

Part-time clerical/gopher position for Outreach: \$10/hour,

5-15 hours per week, April through July. A detail-oriented person who has computer skills (word processing, data entry, some accounting), is comfortable making phone calls and is willing to do some shopping and running of errands. Much of the work will be directly related to the summer Neighborhood Camp program. To learn more, contact Valerie Crehan Monday-Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or e-mail yout@sbcglobal.net

Teen interns for summer Neighborhood Camp: a 2-to-6-week commitment, from mid-June to late July, Monday through Thursday weekly; weekly stipend: \$160-\$180/week. Contact Valerie Crehan or the church office for an application. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and should be high energy and like working with elementary students.

Volunteer Opportunities

Church council positions: monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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Emmaus Serves St. Patrick's Community Meal in April

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 6. 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.

If you would like more information, please call Betty Breiwick or Marge Zielke.

Share Your Gifts

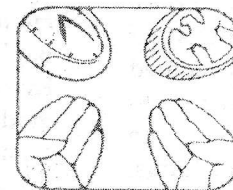
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Social Concerns: a person to coordinate activities relating to ministries and programs connected with Community Meal program, Northside Food Pantry, CROP Walk, Lutheran World Relief projects, World Hunger, and HALO. The person will primarily communicate with those already involved, sharing information and specific needs with the council and the congregation.

Member Care: a person to coordinate and help expand the

existing ministries involving mutual care of Emmaus members. These areas include Prayer Chain, birthday cards, home and hospital visitation, rides for homebound, meals or other support for individuals or families in need or crisis. Much of the work can be done by phone, with occasional meetings for training or sharing of ideas and concerns.

Next month, we will highlight Stewardship and Youth Ministry.



Bonhoeffer Materials Available in Library

Dietrich Bonhoeffer books and DVD's available in the Sunset Room for those interested in learning more about this amazing

Lutheran pastor who was executed for his role in the assassination plot against Adolph Hitler.

Fiesta Mexicana Slated May 7

Mark your calendars now for fiesta time Sunday, May 7. Emmaus youth will serve Mexican fare in a festive atmosphere.

Do you have a new item to donate to the raffle or silent auction?

Youth under the leadership of Gregg and Kylee Albright will travel to San Antonio in July to attend the National Youth Gathering of the ELCA.

Plan to attend the Fiesta Mexicana on May 7; have fun, eat

well, and support our youth all at the same time!

Youth Birthdays

Jackson Tepley	March 12	2
Ben Marcus	March 13	5
Katie Maranger	March 15	7
Stephanie Johnson	March 16	6
Greg Gottfredsen	March 17	16
Lukas Burns	March 23	1
Andrew Jaskulski	March 25	11
Dylan Scoon	March 28	18

Sunday School Focuses on Last Supper

by Nancy Smith

- Project Linus - As a service project centered on stories of healing, the children presented thirty-eight fleece blankets to Rebecca Neuwirth the representative from Project Linus. The kids with the help of parents had spent several hours cutting and hand tying the fringe. They were thanked and told that these special blankets would be given to Children's Hospital.

The blankets would offer sick kids a sense of security, warmth and comfort to help their healing. In response to one of the questions, the Sunday School kids were told that all children who receive a blanket take them home.

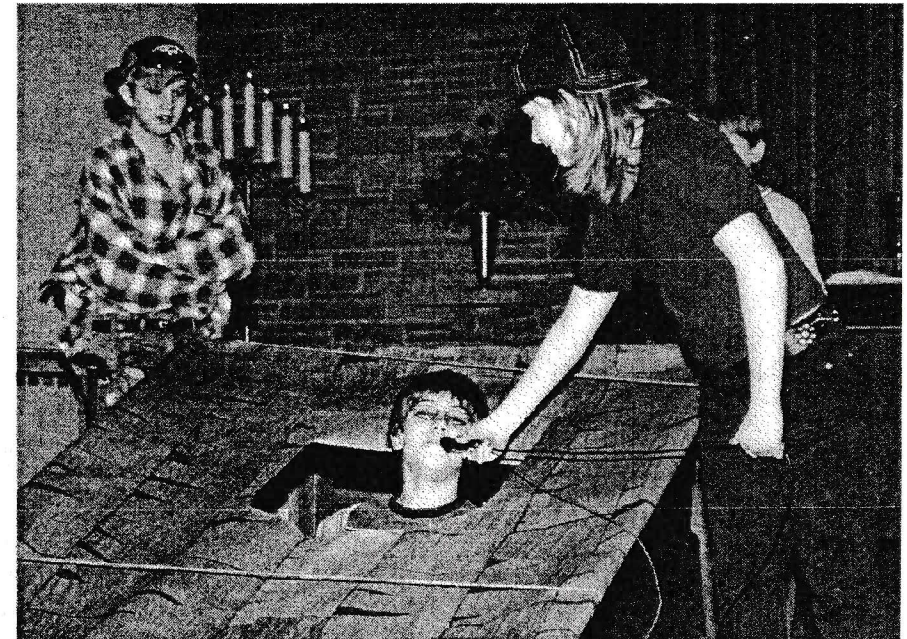
- "The Fix-It Show Presents: Roof Repair" - Thanks to Jennifer Haman, Abby Maranger, Mason Bagley, Ryan Lamberton and Cory Kwiatkowski who presented a modern day version of Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man during worship. It was a take-off of Tim Allen's hit show "Tool Time." Lines were memorized by all and the congregation participated with "oohs" and "aahs" and a little hand clapping. Great job by all!

- March to Highlight the Last Supper - Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." As we move into Lent the children will be focusing on how Jesus taught us to celebrate the Lord's Supper and wants us to do it to remember him. Celebrating Communion is one way we give thanks to God.



Making your roof handicap accessible

Mark 2:1-12



New Members Welcomed February 26

Emmaus welcomed 26 new and reactivated members into our church family on February 26. Del & Alice Burman
3055 Erie Street, 53402
884-4748

Chris Chan-A-Sue
904 William Street, 53402
639-3014

Gary & Kathy Christman
2920 St. Rita Road, 53402
681-1826

Rebecca Harcus, Benjamin Harcus,
Rachel Jarvis
6516 Spring Meadow Lane, 53406
886-4906

Rev. Walter Hermanns
226 Virginia Street, 53405
632-1257

Tim & Denise Johnson, Sydney
and Stephanie
1820 Mars Avenue, 53404
637-9928



Lori & Cory
Kwiatkowski
5328 Valley Trail, 53402
681-1688

Jim & Mary Larrabee
1924 Saturn Avenue,
53404
638-4657

Jeff & Pam Maranger,
Abby, Emily & Kaitlyn
1841 Polaris Avenue, 53404
632-1645

Theresa Olle
1725 Edgewood Ave. 53404
634-8737

Wayne & Carole Wildenberg
5030 Graceland Blvd. #116-C,
53406
633-3405

Olga Elaine Wilson
115 Westminster Square, 53402
681-9509

Emmaus Programs Garner LACE Grants

Bethania Lutheran Church's Love and Charity Endowment (LACE) was presented its 2006 grant awards at Bethania's February 26 worship service. Among grants presented are \$2,500 gifts to Emmaus After

School for Youth (EASY) and Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp.

The LACE fund makes gifts to a number of community programs on an annual basis.



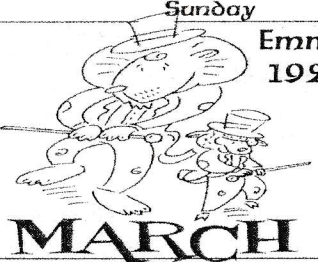


March Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Mar. 1 12:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Mar. 1 7:00 pm	Joy Lippmann	—	Team 4 J. Cook	Jennifer Haman Abby Maranger
Mar. 4 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Mar. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Valerie Crehan	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Mar. 11 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Mar. 12 9:15 pm	—	Randy Sanders	Team 1 H. Miller	Zach Robinson Patrick Jansen
Mar. 18 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Mar. 19 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Carol Yust	Team 2 R. Christensen	Shai'ela Mosley Ryan Lamberton
Mar. 25 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Mar. 26 9:15 am	—	Al Svendsen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Jennifer Haman Abby Maranger
Apr. 1 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Apr. 2 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Lyle Christensen	Team 4 J. Cook	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan

Candle Care in March: Boots LeRoux. April: Marge Jensen.

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
Mar. 1	--	--	--	Nancy Brown
Mar. 5	Velzka	Yorgans	Al & June Beck	Carol Eschmann
Mar. 12	Tepley	TBA	Marge & Howard Jensen	—
Mar. 19	Lippmann	TBA	Betty & Stan Breiwick	Karen Sedgwick
Mar. 26	Briere	TBA	Bea Helling & Al Svendsen	—
Apr. 2	H&M Jensen	Yorgans	Oscar & Ginny Haugsby	Caren Lamberton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>EMMAUS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 http://www.emmaus-racine.org Phone 262 634-5515</p> <p>MARCH</p>			1 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:00 noon Worship service with Holy Communion 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 ESL classes 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	4 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
5 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	6 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee mtg. 6:45 pm Education committee mtg.	7 10:00 am Keenagers 12:15 pm Worship service 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	8 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:15 pm Table talk, including grade 7-9 Confirmation class 6:30 pm Film for kids 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten service	9 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	10	11 8:30 am Council retreat at Siena Center, to 2:30 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Script Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		



MAKE HUNGER HISTORY

TEN-to-ONE

A Campaign of the Greater Milwaukee Synod



*"It is our duty and delight to feed the hungry. I hope that **every one** of the 95,000 members of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will contribute at least \$10 to 'Make Hunger History.'"*

– Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers

Ten-to-One funds will be collected from members for hunger relief as follows:

- ❖ 50% to ELCA hunger relief (LWR, ELCA World Hunger Appeal)
- ❖ 30% to companion synods in El Salvador and Tanzania
- ❖ 20% through local congregations/agencies

With \$10 from each ELCA member in the synod, we'll raise \$950,000 to fight hunger!

Checks should be made out to your congregation, placed in this envelope and collected by your congregation. **On June 1**, at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, each congregation will present the money it has collected in our celebration to **Make Hunger History**.

Krug Poem Commemorates Glenn Olson

To Emmaus,

We were sorry to hear Glenn Olson died and I decided to send you a poem out of my heart about him! Tell all of the Senior Citizens hi for me. I was his helper in the kitchen many years before we had to move to Owen. I miss that whole group so much!

Poem

When my husband and I picked up the "Star News"
We got a big shock today!
That was when he and I discovered
That Glenn Olson had passed away!

He was a man well remembered for his greatness,
Up north here by Owen and Medford too!
He was a great teacher and conductor
Up here in the district too!

It was a miracle of God I got to be with his Senior Group
Those are days I'll never forget.
Like him, we should all try to help others
Making them feel welcome and never quit!

-- Gayle Krug

Project Linus Says Thank You

February 12, 2006

Dear Nancy and children,

I so enjoyed my visit to your church today. Thanks so much to all of you and to Pastor Mary for extending such a warm welcome.

Your blankets are beautiful and will certainly be a comfort to the children who receive them. I will be delivering them to Children's Hospital in about a week.

On behalf of Project Linus and all of the children who will find warmth and comfort from your blankets, I thank you.

Love,
Rebecca
Neuwirth



Smile Fund Helps Accident Victim

Pastor Mary received a request from Jim Schatzman of Racine Vocational Ministries asking for help for a woman who had all her teeth broken out and damaged in a car accident. Following that accident and having all of her teeth pulled, Barbara became homeless and unemployed.

Generosity of Emmaus members, together with gifts from a number of Racine churches to the "Smile Fund" made it possible for the woman to be fitted with a full set of upper and lower plates.

In a January 19 letter from Jim Schatzman, he wrote:

"Dear friends at Emmaus Lutheran Church:

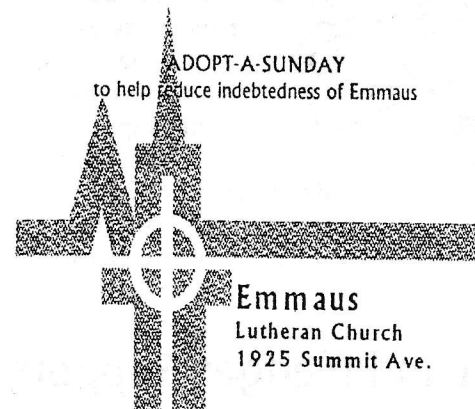
"I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your generous contribution to this unique and important need.

"Due to your overwhelming generosity, she is going to be able to upgrade to better materials and get the best set of teeth this dentist can provide. The upgrade runs \$950 and we have raised \$920 to date.

"When I told Barbara of how you had come through for her, she cried for twenty minutes trying to think of how she could thank all of you. She goes in for her dental work on January 24 at 7:30 a.m. and because this dentist has his own lab at this location, she will walk out of the office with a complete set of dentures by 3:30 p.m. She said to me today, 'I am so excited I can hardly sleep.'

"She has requested an opportunity to thank you all and I have said that I would forward any written thanks she gives me. Please look for a thank you and a photograph from Barbara to come in the mail.

God bless you all,
James A. Schatzman,
Executive Director, Racine Vocational Ministry Inc."



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

\$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Valentines Warm St. Monicans' Hearts

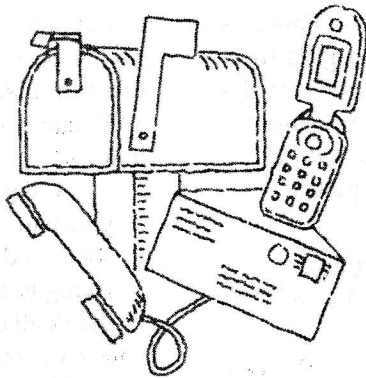
February 16, 2006

Dear Reverend Mary and Nancy

Such a pleasure to see you both down in our lower atrium with the afternoon bowlers. It could be said that you were cupids bringing Valentine's greetings.

The valentines and valentine treat bags were well received by all that evening at supper. All the cards were hung on the dining room walls for everyone to enjoy and each treat bag was placed at the resident's place setting.

Thanks to the children's colorful and creative art work the room was adorned with reds, purples and pinks making it a perfect setting for the following day's



valentines celebration. When the residents walked into the dining room Monday evening they were very surprised because up until then, the room was quite devoid of decorations. All of our valentine decorations were hung down in the party room.

A very big thanks goes out to all who contributed to making our Valentine's Day one we will long remember. We hope you know how very happy you have made us!

One again, thank you for your friendship.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Schoeffel,
Director of Activities, St.

Monica's Senior Citizens Home

Outreach for Hope Fund Pledges Support

The Synod Outreach Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Synod has been renamed Outreach for Hope. The fund supports Word and Sacrament ministries with and for the poor of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Two major recipients of support in 2006 will be the Emmaus Outreach Ministry (\$20,000) and the Racine ELCA

Neighborhood Camp (\$15,000). The 2006 Neighborhood Camp will be hosted by eight Racine ELCA congregations, with Emmaus service as the headquarters for the administration of the camps.

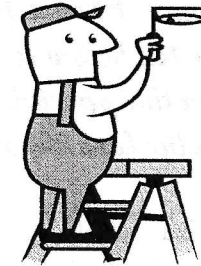
The five-week Emmaus Neighborhood Camp begins June 19. There will be no camp the week of July 4.

Church Replaces Smoke Alarm System

Following numerous attempts to clean and maintain our aging smoke alarm system, our Buildings and Grounds crew has determined that it would be necessary to replace Emmaus' smoke alarm system.

Installed 21 years ago, the smoke alarms are wired into an overall system that also controls closing of fire doors throughout the church when the alarms are activated. False alarms have become frequent, which is not only a nuisance, but could result in a real fire being ignored.

The new smoke alarm system was installed in February. The unanticipated expense for this important project is \$3,000.



It is hoped that a number of members might consider a \$50 gift to the project. With 60 households responding, the unbudgeted expense could be covered. Gifts of any amount are welcome.

To make a gift toward the new smoke alarm system, please indicate "Smoke Alarm" on the memo section of your check or on the upper right blank of your offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this necessary expenditure!

**First Monday
Education Dream Team
Meets 6:45 p.m.
Workshop Rotation Model
Vision and Planning
Input Welcome**

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, January:	2004: 132	2005: 111	2006: 117
Average weekend attendance, February	2004: 124	2005: 117	2006: 122 *
Average weekend attendance, March:	2004: 121	2005: 153	

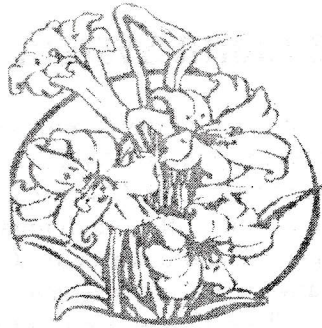
*Average calculated as of February 19, 2006.

Financial Figures

2006 General fund offerings received in '05:..	\$4,971.43
General fund offerings received. in Jan:.....	\$15,140.10..... Year to date: \$20,111.53
'06 Mortgage retirem't offerings received in '05:..	\$500.00
Mortgage retirem't offerings received in Jan:.....	\$985.00... Campaign to date: \$39,447.62

Mortgage payments in Jan. 2006:	Principal \$7,143.32
	Interest \$1,106.38
	Total \$8,249.70
Principal balance as of February 14, 2005	\$101,899.60





Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We offer a wide variety to choose from again this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants

will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by April 2.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" azalea	\$12.75
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$9.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$12.75
	Total enclosed	_____

Your name(s): _____ Phone _____

Given in memory honor of: _____

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

Counters mark if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

LSS Welcomes State Audit Report

by Rev. David Larsen,
Lutheran Social Services

As you may have seen or heard, Lutheran Social Services was highlighted among others in the Wisconsin State Legislative Audit Bureau's audit of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW). First Choice for Children, a program of LSS, is responsible for the recruitment, training, licensing and monitoring of foster families in Milwaukee County. This LSS program works with other partners within the BMCW to keep children safe.

The 160-page audit examined both program and fiscal practices of all of the partners including LSS. We, like the other partners, welcomed the audit as a tool to help us in our continuing efforts to improve the delivery of high quality services to children and foster families. While the audit had many positives, the headlines in the newspapers tended to focus on the controversial.

LSS received a duplicate payment of \$541,604 from the State of Wisconsin. When the overpayment was identified, a plan was implemented with the State to recoup those funds. This was a highly unusual event and is being addressed by the State and LSS in a review of applicable policies and procedures.

LSS spent government monies on premiums and wearables for staff.

LSS staff are our greatest asset. Based on our interpretation of the State's Allowable Cost Policies, the purchase of t-shirts, mugs, pens, etc. with our logo is an acceptable use of government monies. We use these low cost items to build employee morale, recognize milestone anniversaries and thank staff for a job well done. Simply put, we believe premiums and wearables play an important role in our staff retention efforts.

LSS spent government monies on church relations activities.

LSS utilizes church relations staff to uplift the agency and its many programs. Some of our church relations activities include communicating the needs of programs to congregations and recruiting volunteers. We also, from time to time, express our gratitude to clergy for their support by hosting events. Once again, we feel these activities provide a real benefit to various LSS programs including First Choice for Children.

If any of the above-named expenditures are deemed inappropriate, LSS will repay the funds to the State. Above all, we want to continue to live out our mission to help people improve the quality of their lives.

Singer Performs in Milwaukee

Andy Rivers will be performing at the Milwaukee Theatre on Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Andy is an outstanding, warm-hearted, multi-dimensional musician, storyteller and entertainer whose career has a mission statement, grounded in his faith. The essence of his mission is "To ignite a flame of hope for a great tomorrow." His concerts do exactly that, exceedingly well, for listeners all over the world.

Andy reaches out affectionately to people with his shows, whether they are churchgoers or not. In concert, he delivers an experience of "pure country." He yodels, fiddles and croons, with storytelling and surprises to boot. Anchored in the classics of traditional country, western, gospel and Irish balladry, his mesmerizing performances have been receiving rave reviews.

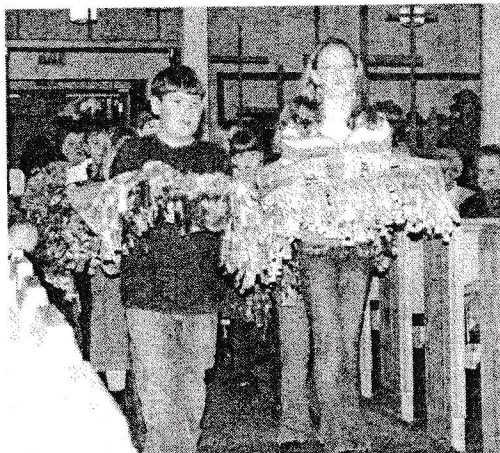
Andy says, "I like the oldies. Those were the songs left over from my grandparents' time. Those words and melodies are too good to forget." He honors the vintage songcraft of days past, by transitioning smoothly from an old Eddie Arnold or Gene Autrey classic to a ballad or Irish melody,

delivering each treasure in a pure, clear voice.

Andy's shows come straight from his heart. He says, "I belong to the people. Where there are hearts to cheer and despair to lift, I'll be there for them. I love singing to audiences large and small."

Lutherdale Holds Annual Meeting March 5

Lutherdale Bible Camp will hold its annual meeting at Lutherdale at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5. The agenda includes presentation of the 2006 budget and election of a board.



Sunday School students present blankets for Project Linus

Xtreme Makeover — Jesus Edition

Wouldn't it be great to be chosen for one of those "makeover" TV shows? Professionals swoop in and transform your house, car, wardrobe, even your face into something you have only seen in your dreams.

But what about your insides? What about your relationship with God, your hopes, your fears, your plans?

This Lent I would like to invite you to begin a transformation unlike anything you see on TV. We're calling it Xtreme Makeover — Jesus Edition, and it's about changes for the inside out. You can see the schedule on the front cover of the *Visitor*.

Any such transformation must of course begin with God. Only God can give us the willingness to change and the power to proceed. In Jesus, we have both a companion to be with

us, and a model of what we move toward.

The theme text will be an ancient hymn found in Paul's letter

to the Philippians, which begins:

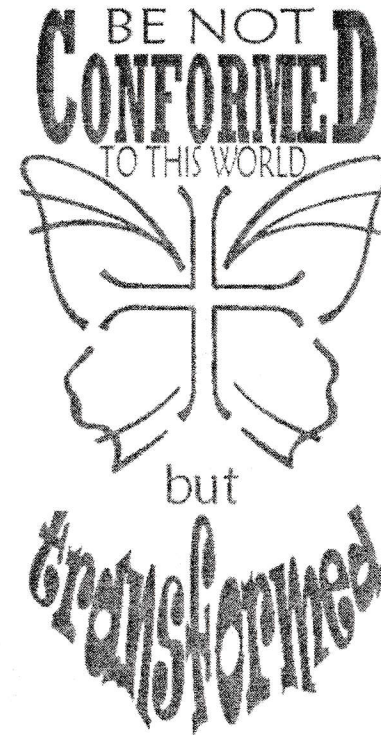
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself... (Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV)

Each week, we will use clips from popular movies, activities, discussion, prayer and worship to begin on Xtreme Makeover. Add the ingredient of fellowship and food,

and Wednesday midweek services might very well change your life. I hope you will join me for Xtreme Makeover — Jesus Edition!

Peace,

Pastor Walter

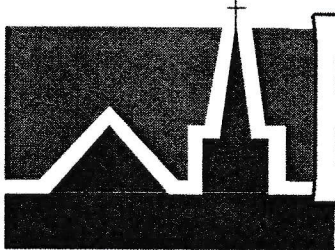


**In the
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- + 2006 Council Elected
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Jesus Edition
- + Synod Ten-to-One
Campaign
- + Share Your Gifts
- + Sunday School Fix-it
Show
- + New Members Received
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- ...and plenty more

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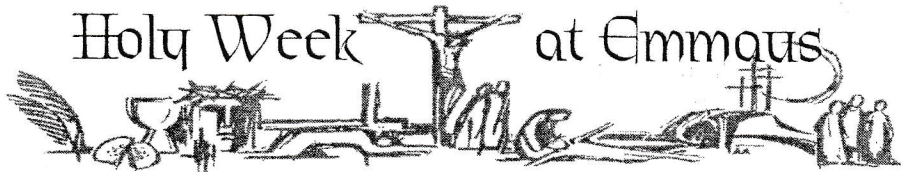
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Emmaus Visitor

April, 2006

Holy Week at Emmaus



Passion of Our Lord Sunday, April 9

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation" + 9:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13

Reflection of Jesus' last Passover Meal + 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14

Service of Word and Song + 12:00 noon

Tenebrae "Service of Darkness" + 7:00 p.m.

No Saturday worship service

Easter Sunday, April 16

Sunrise Communion Service with Brass Nickel, 7:00 a.m.

Breakfast served in Fireside & Sunset Rooms, 8:15 a.m.

Festival Communion Service with Brass Nickel, 9:15 a.m.

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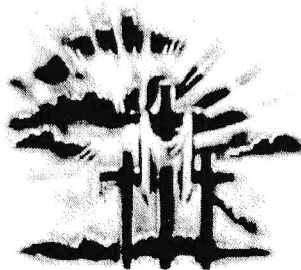
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Journey to the Cross and Beyond

The worship service on Passion Sunday, April 9, will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms. Worshipers will become a part of the passion story as we participate in the reading of "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Dr. Walter Wangerin Jr.

Emmaus members Suzanne Landis, Dave Christensen, Chris Chan-A-Sue, Jim Larrabee and Ron Jensen will portray some of the principals in this dramatic recreation of the story of Holy Week.



Maunder Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maunder Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. April 13. The Last Supper is the focal point of this worship service, which concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday

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

The Adult choir will sing at the evening service.

There will be no Saturday worship service on April 15.

Easter Morning

We celebrate the empty tomb at the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16 with festive floral decorations, music by the Adult Choir and the Brass Nickel, and the proclamation of the Easter message.

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion as well.

The choir and the Brass Nickel will join us for a Festival Service of Holy Communion at 9:15 a.m.

We hope you will join us on this journey from the palms and hosannas of Passion Sunday to the Good News of the resurrection on Easter.

Join Us for Easter Breakfast

A breakfast of fruit, pastries, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms between worship services on Easter Sunday, April 16. A free-will offering will be taken to support our youth going to San Antonio this summer.

Professor Profiles 12th Century Abbess

Lake Park Lutheran Church at 2647 N. Stowell Ave, Milwaukee announces a lecture on Hildegard van Bingen's Theology of the Body, Sunday, April 2 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hildegard believed that the human person was a cohesive whole comprised of soul, spirit, and body. Shirking the Gnostic hatred of the body of some of her contemporaries, Hildegard believed that the flesh was a part of the essential self. One's gender, social status, health, sexual conduct, and diet determined much about who one was and, thus, were of spiritual interest. The lecture will be followed by a guided discussion period that includes topics concerning stewardship to the poor, to the earth, and to our own bodies.

The lecture is presented by Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth Associate Professor Mt. Mary College, Milwaukee, WI. Public parking is available at the corner of Park Place and Downer Ave.

Walk for Multiple Sclerosis April 30

The Racine and Kenosha Chapters of the Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold their combined MS Walk on Sunday, April 30 at U.W. Parkside. Check-in time is 9:00 a.m.



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

Lincoln Lutheran Introduces House Call Service

LincMD brings back an old fashioned medical service. Dr. Bonnie Wirfs is available to make house calls to those seniors who have difficulty getting to their personal physician's office.

LincMD will communicate and confer with the primary care physician on a regular basis. LincMD service is billable to Medicare most commercial insurance and private pay.

Call Debbie Waldron-Smith at 898-2732 for more information.

A Foretaste of the Feast to Come

It all began on a trial basis. Some of us asked, "What if we served a meal one Wednesday night a month and invited our EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) participants and their families?"

Pizza, pasta, study and prayer became regular fare for six months of "Second Wednesdays." Granted, it has been work ... meals for 60 to 80 people don't happen with the snap of a finger. There is shopping and schlepping of bags and cases of food and drink. There is planning and preparation. There is set-up and serving, clean-up and dish washing. There is communication and hospitality.

And then what happens? Over a meal, conversation begins to flow and connections are made or deepened. Our community expands as we learn names, share life stories and grapple with the Word.

During Lent, the Simple Soup Suppers have been a blessing to many of us. Each week as we have savored a variety of homemade soups, breads and cookies, we have also had a taste of something else. Each week, the

children have shared God's love with us through music or skits.

We have discussed topics that relate to our lives - good vs. evil, humility, priorities - all against the backdrop of the text of Philippians 2:5-11. (Look it up - it's worth reading!)

We've even had a Spanish speaking table, including some adults who might otherwise have been left out. The evening ends with longtime Emmaus members, together with our neighborhood families, sitting side by side in the sanctuary, sharing music, prayers and the word of God together.

A special meal, the Last Supper, has been the focus for our Sunday School children this past month. Who was around the table? What were the events leading up to that Passover meal in the Upper Room? How was Jesus both servant and host at that Last Supper? What would happen following that special meal?

As the Sunday School children are invited April 9 to a Seder (Passover) celebration in Fellowship Hall, they learn and experience the significance of that meal together. They will see how

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Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We offer a wide variety to choose from again this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants

will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by April 2. Some flowers may not be available after that date.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" azalea	\$12.75
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6 1/2" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$9.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$12.75

Total enclosed _____

Your name(s): _____ Phone _____

Given in memory honor of: _____

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

Counters mark if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

North Cape Women Host Craft Fair

The Women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event of Saturday, May 6. The craft and bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m.

Crafters from North Cape and elsewhere will feature a display of nativities, including the work of Tom Hunt.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., with chicken salad, shrimp salad, and fruit and vegetable salads.

The price of the luncheon is \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for ages 4-12) and includes a beverage and a large selection of homemade desserts.

Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance or at the door. Call the church office at 262-835-2206. North Cape Lutheran is on Highway 45 just north of Highway K.

St. Cloud Choir Comes to Greenfield

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4330 S. 84th Street, Greenfield announces a free concert featuring the St. Cloud State University Concert Choir on Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

This 65 voice choir is the University's premiere large choral ensemble committed to the exploration and performance of the finest choral repertoire from the 15th century to the present. Under the direction of Dr. Lee Nelson, the choir has produced recordings, made tours both nationally and internationally including Sweden and Norway, Bermuda, Mexico, the Czech Republic, and various countries in Europe.

For more information contact King of Glory at 414-543-8180.

Panelists Discuss Cancer

The Jane Cremer Foundation, Inc. will sponsor "Empowering Women in the Fight Against Cancer" on Tuesday, April 25 at St. Lucy's Congregation, 3101 Drexel Avenue. A panel of three local experts will present early detection strategies, and detail the latest cancer research and treatment.

The program runs from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and includes a dessert buffet. The program is free of charge, although reservations are required. To make your reservation, call 1-800-428-2424.

The Lutheran Magazine Highlights Racine Green Team

The Green Teams of four Racine congregations including ours at Emmaus are featured in an article in the April issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

"It's Not Easy Being Green" by Karl E. Sevig includes a description of our shopping bag sale and the Emmaus Green Team's showing of the film "Affluenza" shortly before Christmas.

The article also outlines last year's "Season of Creation" observed at each of the Green Team congregations, and the current sale of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Emmaus Green Team captain Julie Hansen is quoted on the topic of plastic shopping bags: "The plastic bags at the grocery

store are pure evil. There's nothing good about them at all. They're made from bad things and they create bad emissions and take a million years to go away."



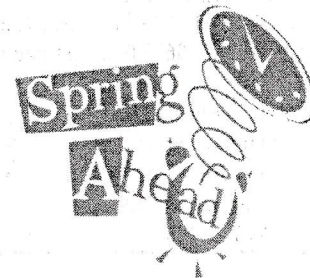
The other three Racine area congregations profiled in the article are Saint Andrew, Holy Communion, and Mount Pleasant

Lutheran Churches.

The Lutheran's on-line edition at www.thelutheran.org includes a forum for discussion of the article with local Green Congregation coordinator Rev. David Rhoads taking place April 18-25.

Give Up an Hour for Lent

Are you still trying to decide what to give up for Lent? Why not join fellow procrastinators all up and down the ca's Central Time Zone of the United States by giving up an hour on April Fools' Day?



All you have to do is set your clock ahead 60 minutes before going to bed on Saturday, April 1. It's easy and almost painless -- well, that first Sunday morning can be a little rough. But before long, you'll be waking up an hour early every morning without a second thought.

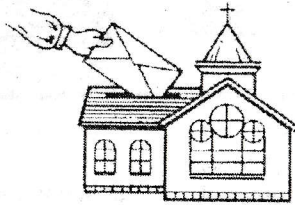
Gifts Continue for Smoke Alarm System

At press time, approximately 35% of the cost of the new installed smoke alarm system has been covered by special gifts. Thank you to all who have contributed toward the total cost of \$2,250 (\$750 less than originally anticipated!).

A \$100 check even arrived from some out-of-state friends who are not members of Emmaus but who had learned of the need and wanted to be of help! Gifts of any amount are still being welcomed.

First Quarter Statements Available Soon

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



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

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, January:	2004: 132	2005: 111	2006: 117
Average weekend attendance, February	2004: 124	2005: 117	2006: 123
Ash Wednesday attendance	2004: 87	2005: 85	2006: 81
Average weekend attendance, March:	2004: 121	2005: 153	2006: 124
Average weekend attendance, April:	2004: 169	2005: 133	

Financial Figures

General fund offerings received in February:.....\$12,033.31..... Year to date: \$32,144.84
Mortgage retirem't offerings received in Feb.: \$675.00... Campaign to date: \$40,122.62 *

*Includes memorials

Mortgage payments in March.:Principal \$503.74
.....Extra principal: \$1,000.00
.....Interest \$488.26
.....Total \$1,992.00
Principal balance as of March 14, 2006 \$101,395.86



Attendance and Offering Report

Letters

Smile Fund Helps Accident Victim, Part II

February 23, 2006

To All of our Friends Who Contributed to the Smile Fund

When I saw Barbara following her appointment with the dentist, it was the first time I had seen her smile without putting her hand in front of her mouth. She was beaming! Today, when she came in to drop off letters of thanks to all of you she was still filled with joy and thanksgiving. She made one trip back to the dentist to get an alignment to put the lowers in perfect sync with the top plate. She looks great! She feels great!

This week, Barbara began working for the first time in close to a year. She is doing a temporary assignment through Express Personnel Services. The agency is thrilled with her work ethic and her joy and happiness at moving back into the world of work with this renewed confidence. This is the first of many opportunities that will lead her back to a life of independence.

Barbara is on her way back to full participation in the local economy. None of this would have been possible without your help!

I want to personally thank all of you who supported her in thought, word or deed. It was all greatly appreciated.

James A. Schatzman, Executive Director, Racine Vocational Ministry Inc."

Dearest Friends of Emmaus Evangelical,

When you wish upon a star, your dreams come true.

Words cannot express all the gratitude my heart holds for your loving donation!

You have blessed my life so deeply with the gift to smile once again. My heart is simply beaming with joy!

I pray someday we shall meet to share a hug or two along with a smile! Until then, my prayers are forever yours.

With love,
Barb

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interdependent cycle of violence-jobs-educational achievement-schools-and-family can seem overwhelming. Where do we even start? The answer is that we each start somewhere, wherever we can,

wherever we have influence or opportunity.

We have all been moved and impressed by the global campaign to make poverty history. Can we do it here?.

Green Team Says Thank You

Thanks to everyone who purchased compact fluorescent light bulbs during our Bright Idea Fundraiser. We sold a total of 267 light bulbs.

By replacing 267 incandescent bulbs with these CFL's we will save \$157.53 in energy costs in just one month! Our profit from this fundraiser will be \$400.

Emmaus has also received a \$300 grant from the Green Congregation Program. Both of these amounts will go toward improvements to make our church building more green friendly.

An extra special thank-you goes to Kathy Christensen for coordinating and organizing this

entire fund raiser. We all appreciate the time, legwork and overall commitment you've given this important mission.

Thanks also go to Cathy Meyer and the confirmation kids for helping to sell bulbs. Everyone's work is most appreciated, and we can all be proud that we're making our ecological footprint on the earth just a little greener!

The next Green Team meeting will be on Monday, April 24, at 7:00. Any interested persons are welcome to attend. If you have ideas you would like to share, please come to our meeting or contact Julie Hansen at 884-6529.

Congratulations Emmaus Lutheran Church

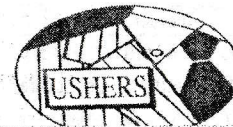
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Bright Idea Fundraiser

Congratulations! You sold 267 compact fluorescent light bulbs through KEEP's Bright Idea Fundraiser which will provide approximately \$15,320.00 in energy savings and reduce 487,008 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions over the lifetime of the CFLs.

Carrie Ziolkowski 3-20-06
Carrie Ziolkowski, KEEP Program Specialist Date

Margie Rychlock 3-20-06
Margie Rychlock, KEEP Fundraiser Assistant Date

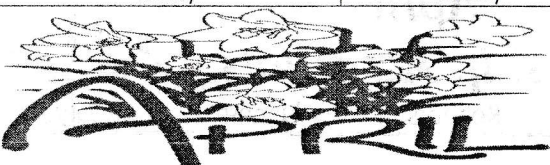
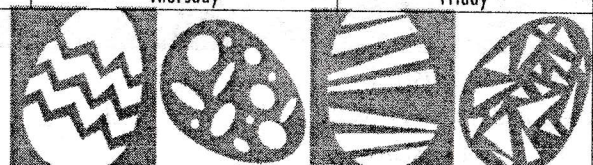




April Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 1 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Apr. 2 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Lyle Christensen	Team 4 J. Cook	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Apr. 8 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Apr. 9 9:15 am	—	Ruth Copeland	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Patrick Jansen Shai'ela Mosley
Apr. 13 7:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	Team 1 H. Miller	Ryan Lamberton
Apr. 14 12:00 pm	—	—	—	—
Apr. 14 7:00 pm	—	Amy Haman Marion Keller Lee Woodward Karen Sedgwick Chris Chan-A-Sue Ruth Copeland Karen Christiansen	Team 2 R. Christensen	Patrick Jansen Zach Robinson
Apr. 16 7:00 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Julie Hansen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Jennifer Haman Ryan Lamberton Emily Maranger Abby Maranger Caroline Crehan Patrick Jansen
Apr. 16 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Chris Lamberton	Team 4 J. Cook	Abby Maranger Caroline Crehan Patrick Jansen
Apr. 22 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Apr. 23 9:15 am	—	Kelsey Albright	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Shai'ela Mosley Jennifer Haman
Apr. 29 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Apr. 30 9:15 am	—	Cindi Larsen	Team 1 H. Miller	Zach Robinson Emily Maranger
May 6 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
May 7 9:15 am	June Beck Valerie Crehan	Amy Haman	Team 2 R. Christensen	Abby Maranger Ryan Lamberton

Candle Care in April: Marge Jensen. May: Denise Keller Continued on page 16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net Updates are posted at http://www.emmaus-racine.org					1 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time begins
		2 5 th SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	3 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:45 pm Education Dream Team mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee meeting	4 ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Neighborhood Camp site coordinator mtg.	5 1:30 pm Lydia circle 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:15 pm Table Talk 6:15 pm Film for kids 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten service	6 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	
<i>Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.</i>							
9 PASSION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday school gathers 9:15 am Worship service: "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" 10:30 am Sunday School Seder 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	10 10:15 am Knit 1 Purl 1 5:30 pm ESL classes	11 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	12 	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	14 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 noon Worship service 7:00 pm Tenebrae service of Shadows	15 9:30 AM Easter garden arrangement <i>No Saturday worship service</i>	
<i>Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.</i>							
16 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY 7:00 am Sunrise service with Holy Communion 8:15 am Continental breakfast 9:15 am Festival service with Holy Communion <i>No Sunday School this week</i>	17 <i>Office closed</i> 5:30 pm ESL classes	18 May Visitor Articles needed in church office 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes	21 6:00 pm Dahlke- rehearsal	22 EARTH DAY 2:00 pm Dahlke-Geiger wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
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Store name	Emmas earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
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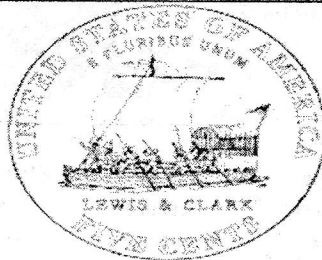
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Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

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Keenagers

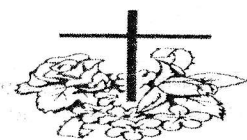
The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers. We will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Apr. 4 Lewis & Clark
Apr. 18 Pat Jensen hosts



March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Apr. 14	Mavis Agerholm	2332 Arlington Drive	53403
Apr. 18	Alfred Hermann	1926 Prospect Avenue	53404
Apr. 19	Lloyd LeRoux	3418 St. Clair Street	53402
Apr. 21	Celia Weber	5737 Erie Street #311	53402
Apr. 26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	53402
Apr. 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Avenue #204	53402



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	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Ass'ts.
Apr. 2	H&M Jensen	Breiwicks	Haugsbys	Caren Lambertson
Apr. 9	J&C Clinton	Christmans	Becks	--
Apr. 13	--	--	--	Gregg Albright
Apr. 16	Easter garden	Breakfast	H & M Jensen	Cindi Larsen K. Christensen Nancy Brown
			TBA	Joy Lippmann Ron & Pat Jensen
Apr. 23	M&G Falaschi	B. French	Breiwicks	--
Apr. 30	Kellers	TBA	Bea Holding & Al Svendsen	--
May 7	G Dykstra	TBA	TBA	Suzanne Landis



Emmaus Serves April St. Patrick's Community Meal

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 6. 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 if you did

not pick them up at the Ministry Fair.

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.

If you would like more information, please call Betty Breiwick or Marge Zielke.

Can We Do It Here?

by Marcus White
Executive Director, Interfaith
Conference of Greater Milwaukee

The U.S. Census Bureau tells us that Milwaukee is now the seventh poorest city in America. Two years ago we ranked 12th, four years ago it was 19th. We are losing ground. And at what cost? Milwaukee now has a higher poverty rate than New Orleans.

In terms of children, there are only three cities with a higher percentage of their children in poverty. 41% of children in Milwaukee live in poverty.

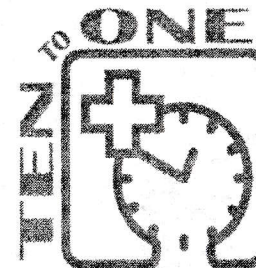
Just as there has been a tremendous campaign to hold world leaders accountable and prod them to act to end poverty in

developing nations, so too must there be an effort to hold Milwaukee's leaders accountable.

Business leaders who make hiring decisions, stockholders and business leaders who move companies out of town, elected officials who ignore Milwaukee's poverty or pretend that it is someone else's problem, and community leaders whose organizations do not really meet the needs of the people they pretend to serve. All of us are accountable.

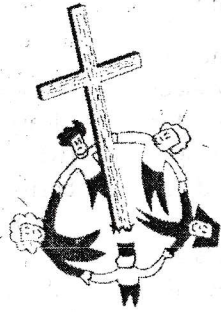
This is hard stuff. All of us need to ask ourselves what we and our congregations can do to raise awareness and take action to get serious about ending poverty. The

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Neighborhood Camp Is Accepting Teen Intern Applications

Applications for teenagers interested in interning with this summer's Neighborhood Camp are now available in the church office. You must be 16 years old to apply and camp season runs from June 12 to July 28.



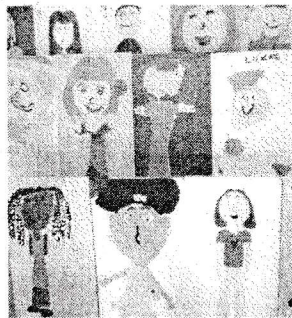
Positions are available for 2, 4, or 5 weeks. If you are energetic, have a positive attitude, like kids, and are willing to get involved, please apply. We have a few positions still open. You must return your application to the church office or to Valerie by April 30.

Outreach for Hope Awards Grant to Neighborhood Camp

by Valerie Crehan

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach for Hope Fund has featured the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps in their spring 2006 newsletter. The Outreach for Hope Fund has granted Neighborhood Camp \$15,000 for summer 2006, and \$20,000 for the outreach work here at Emmaus.

This article states: "Children of the 'working poor' in urban neighborhoods need structure, supervision, enrichment, religious education and mental stimulation during the summer months. Led by Pastor [name] and Program



Coordinator Valerie Crehan, Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp provides Christian outreach to nearly 200 under-served elementary school age children in Racine at eight ELCA churches throughout the community.

"This ministry offers education programming, health meals, daily prayers and worship through 'God Time,' and a church pastor and staff available for support to the children and their families all at no cost to the participants."

Outreach for Hope has launched its new web site, www.outreachforhope.org. Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp will be highlighted on this web site along with other ministries funded by Outreach for Hope.

Kids Dig Deeper into the Last Supper

by Nancy Smith

Through the use of art, video, computer, games and drama the kids have experienced the Last Supper from the perspective of Jesus and the disciples.

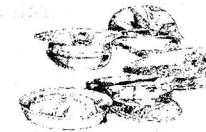
Kris Smith led the Holy Wood & Vine workshop in which the kids learned through film and flash cards the events leading up to and following the Last Supper. Jamie Toslek in the How Great Thou Art workshop helped the kids make chalices which will be part of the Seder. They discussed Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper.

Natasha and Chris Chan-A-Sue put the kids through their paces in The Computer Mouse workshop as they listened to the story of the Last Supper and answered related questions. They also got to explore a map of Jerusalem and locate the events that took place during Holy Week.

Father Abraham's Arcade gave the kids an opportunity to answer questions in a TV quiz setting. (We got to use our new push button light system. Thank you to Dennis Eschmann.) The Last Supper Bingo and the creation of a Holy Week time line kept them on their toes.

Eric Larsen Is Redeployed to Iraq

Eric Larsen is again deployed to Iraq. His address, should you want to write to him, is:



1stLt Eric Larsen USMC
9th Comm BN A Co (WAN)
Unit 42575
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Where Do We Go From Here?

At this year's annual meeting, Rev. Sue Ruehle led a brainstorming session on the future of Emmaus. Dividing into small groups, congregation members listed what we are presently doing well and how the church is serving the needs of others. She then asked us to identify priorities for 2006 involvement by Emmaus. The

following list will be discussed further by the council:
Outreach: Youth and promoting youth participation;
Neighborhood.
Member Care:
Trained program; Reaching out
Mission to Men. Bible Study
New Members: Increase attendance
Care of Creation

Get Your Tickets for Fiesta Mexicana

by Gregg Albright

The 7th annual Fiesta Mexicana will be held on Sunday, May 7 this year. Just like in years past, there will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction. Each year the Fiesta raises money for our youth trips and a portion is donated back to the church to support our Neighborhood Camp outreach program during the summer.

This year, a group of high school youths is traveling to San Antonio, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. They will be accompanied by Gregg and Kylee Albright.

Thrivent Financial will provide matching funds for Fiesta Mexicana again this year. Thrivent has graciously donated about \$800 in matching funds in years past.

The menu for the evening includes tacos, enchiladas, non-

alcoholic margaritas, chips and salsa, dessert and beverages.

Raffle tickets are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

At the time of this printing, silent auction items have yet to be finalized; however, the youth are working on a digital camera and printer, iPod Nano, six months of gas, sports and concert tickets and many more items! We'll keep you posted as the weeks progress!



Youth Birthdays

Chris Krug	April 1	4
Sarah Albright	April 4	6
Jessica Bose	April 8	17
Diane Lasko	April 9	6
Brian Field	April 12	16
Natalie Longrie	April 14	11
Kelsey Albright	April 15	17
Alysa Bohn	April 17	5
Michaela Keller	April 18	8

April Confirmation Class Schedule

April 5, midweek Lenten service

Holy Week (worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday)

Easter morning, serving Easter breakfast, clean-up

There is no confirmation class April 12 or 19.

Wednesday night classes resume April 26

Choir Solicits New Robes

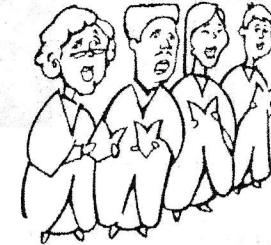
by Kathy Christensen

The choir's robes have not been replaced for many years and are beginning to show signs of age and wear. A fund is being established for the purpose of

purchasing new robes at a cost of around \$100 per robe. Donations are welcome or a gift in honor or memory of a special person or event can be directed to this fund as well.

What Are You Gonna Do When the Spirit Says Sing?

The Adult Choir is in need of extra singers for the Easter season. If you have considered joining the choir but aren't sure you can make a long-term commitment, perhaps you would like to try joining us for a shorter time.

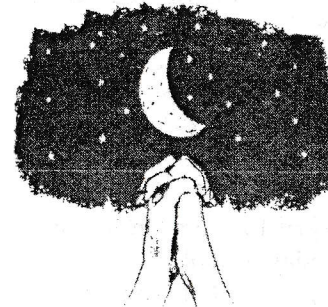


but we will rehearse the Easter music at 8:30. You will be warmly welcomed into the fellowship of a great group of people who have fun while singing

Choir rehearsals begin at 8:00 to 9:00 each Sunday morning, God's praises.

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Cindi Larsen upon the death of her brother, Howie Jurgensen, in February.



Memorials & Honoraria:

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Dolly Wiley: \$10.00

In memory of Glenn Olson: \$25.00

Designated for Green Team program:

In memory of Arlyn Olson: \$175.00

Designated for Yarn for Shawl

In honor of Bev Hansen: \$55.00

Heifer Project to Benefit from Sunday School Offering

by Nancy Smith

Sunday School elected to donate their weekly offering from last year to Heifer International. This organization helps alleviate hunger and encourages people to become self sustaining. Their donation will buy:

- A Goat for \$120 - provides a family with several quarts of milk per day as well as cheese, butter and yogurt which can be marketed
- A Flock of Hope for \$60 - includes chicks, goslings and ducklings - the eggs will provide

food for families and as the flocks grow income for education

- A Trio of Rabbits for \$60 - provides a family with protein and manure which is sold for fertilizer
- Honey Bees for \$60 - families earn income through the sale of honey, beeswax and pollen.

Reminder: Education Dream Team Meeting Monday, April 3, 6:45 p.m., Sunset Room

Sunday School Turns to Acts of Apostles

by Nancy Smith

• April 2: The Book of Acts - John Knuteson, Randy Sanders and Dave Smith will take on the roles of Andrew, Matthew and Simon the Zealot when they present "Am I the One?" to the Sunday School kids. The disciples are upset that Jesus has told them that one of them will betray him and another will deny him. Each disciple wonders if he is the one and tells how they came to follow Jesus. Following this presentation, the kids will recreate the Last Supper in a frozen picture mode (complete with costumes) and give



a short monologue of their character.

• April 9: All children report to the Sunset Room by 8:45 a.m. They will warm-up for the hymn and palms will be distributed for the processional. At 10:30 a.m. children and parents report to Fellowship Hall

where all will participate in a Seder (Passover Meal)

- April 16: Come and worship - no Sunday School
- April 23: Doubting Thomas
- April 30 - May 21: Pentecost

Help Sponsor Easter Brass

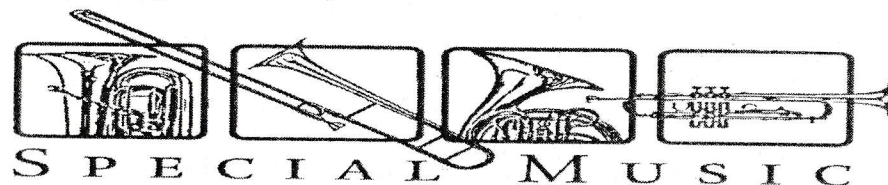
The Brass Nickel will provide special music for our Festival Easter services at both services on Easter Sunday. Donations to help defray the cost can be earmarked "Easter Music" on your offering envelope.

Just note the amount on the blank on the right side of your offering envelope and note "Easter music" above it, or include that notation on your check if you do

not use your offering envelope.

Palm Sunday Rehearsal Set

There will be a run-through of "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" for readers and musicians on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.



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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Lenten midweek services continue with 12:15 p.m. services on April 4 and 7:00 p.m. services on Wednesday, April 5. Maundy Thursday worship is offered at 7:00 p.m. April 13. Good Friday services are at noon and 7:00 p.m. April 14. Easter services are at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m. April 16; there will not be a Saturday service on April 15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m., except Easter Sunday.

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Easter Floral Arrangement Help

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

would like to help Saturday morning, April 15 at 9:30. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

WELCA Briefs

Racine Cluster Schedules WELCA Brunch on April Fools' Day

by Ruthie Bratcher, coordinator,
WELCA Racine Mission Cluster

As the new coordinator of the Racine Cluster, I would personally like to invite women of all ages to the Women's Spring Brunch, which will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street.

The brunch will be served at 9:00 a.m., with the registration table available at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level. An elevator is located near the main entrance doors.

This season's program is all about spring and its possibilities with the plants and flora as seen from a master designer. Mark Trinklein will give us demonstrations on the "Elements for Spring Design."

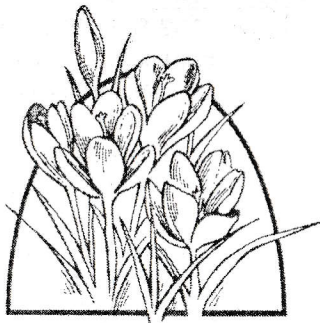
Mark is a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran and free lances

in designing botanical arrangements when not teaching at the Milwaukee School of Design and managing his own catering business here in Racine. I know Mark personally, from our time last fall as fellow tour guides at the Swan Pumpkin Farm. His great artistic and creative talents were shown to us as he painted pumpkins for the farm and then on Fridays, made us fabulous soups and desserts to end our daily schedules.

It will be great to see this wonderful person again, not in our Halloween garb!

Please join Mark, your cluster committee and other ELCA women at this women's event starting the spring season.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 1, for this great way to renew friendships and make new ones at our Spring Cluster Brunch. I look forward to meeting and seeing you there.



Pastor Mary's Column

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Jesus offers the cup even to the one who is about to betray him. The words "for the forgiveness of sins" and "for the remembrance of me" ring out each time the Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered.

I invite you to allow Jesus to host a special meal for you *twice* during Holy Week and Easter. The first opportunity is Maundy Thursday as we celebrate the Last Supper and as we enter the darkness that comes with the Crucifixion on Friday.

"On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

"And after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed *for you* and for *all* people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

Jesus invites all to the table - all of us who have denied him, betrayed him, sinned against him. We come to the table confessing the sins that would take Jesus to

the cross.

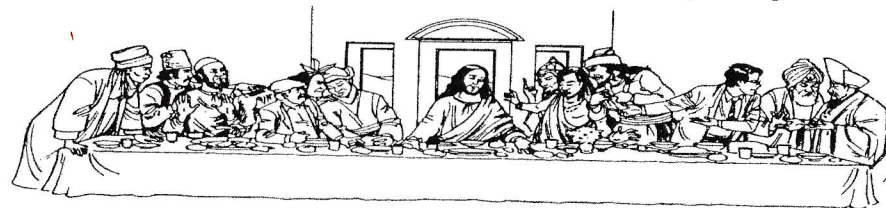
But that's not the final meal we share together. We join together again on Easter morning for the biggest celebration of the church year. We celebrate Christ's resurrection with the music of voices and organ and a brass ensemble. We celebrate with flowers and fanfare. And most of all, we share the Good News of victory over death in the Words and in the Resurrection meal.

There we not only receive forgiveness, but we experience life and promise and a foretaste of the feast to come.

The most important meal you will share on Easter Sunday is the bread and the wine. That is where we get a glimpse of God's joy when *everyone* comes to the table together to be fed with unconditional love and acceptance. May our table continue to expand, making room for all God's children!

In the expectation of being filled with hope and new life,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



to the April Visitor:

Sing to the Lord in New
Robes

Sunday School Studies Acts
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Mexicana May 7

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Pastoral Acts

<p>Marriage: Rachel Dahlke and Ryan Alan Geiger April 22, 2006</p>	<p>Rachel is the granddaughter of Ella Nielsen. Rachel and Ryan live in Tomahawk where she teaches high school business and he is a recruiter for the Marines.</p>
<p>Tina Yust and Melecio Carothers April 28, 2006</p>	<p>Tina is the daughter of Carol Yust. Tina works at All Saints, and Melecio works at R&S Meats.</p>
<p>Funeral: Lillian Kueker Karcher April 19, 2006</p>	<p>Lillian Karcher was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1912. She is survived by her children, Elizabeth (Gordon) Johnson and Richard Karcher of Racine.</p>

Meeting Charts Invigoration of Member Care

by Cathy Meyer

During the congregational meeting in February, Rev. Sue Ruehle led a brainstorming session to identify Emmaus' priorities for 2006. One of the priorities listed by those present was Member Care.

We will have a meeting for all of you who may be interested in

getting involved in this area of concern on Thursday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Joannie Williams, Parish Nurse at Atonement Lutheran, will join us to describe how her church has developed an active program in member care. After her brief presentation, we will discuss what possibilities may be used at Emmaus.

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Sunday School Bulletins

Sunday School Wraps Up May 21

by Nancy Smith

Doubting Thomas will be highlighted during these last weeks of the year. On May 21 the kids will celebrate the end of the year with a wrap up in Father Abraham's Arcade. If the weather cooperates, we'll celebrate Pentecost with the flying of kites in the field. All kids are encouraged to bring their kites.



Appreciation goes out to all who have responded over the year as teacher and shepherd. Special thanks to: Denise Johnson who has led our preschool/kindergarten group, to Cindi and Loren Larsen who have been there each week to lead the kids in music and Temple time, and to Celia Bagley and Amy Haman who have coordinated and led the middle school kids.

Kids Celebrate Earth Day

The Sunday School kids recognized Earth Day with some hands-on projects. We talked about the creation story in Genesis and what it means to have dominion over God's world. As caretakers they went forth and

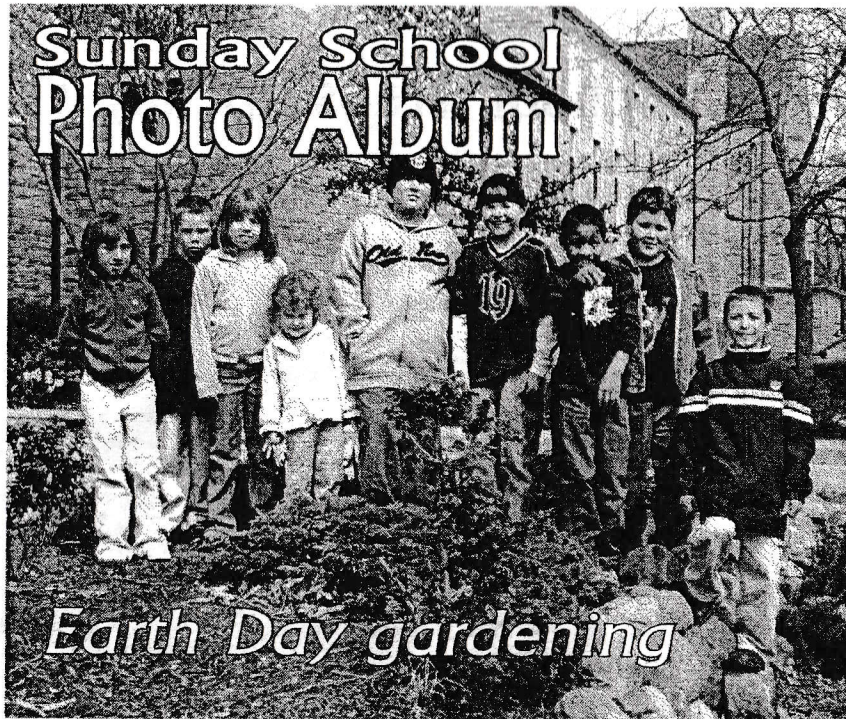
planted pansies in the circle bed while taking delight in the juicy worms they unearthed. They also planted wheatberry seeds, which if taken care of properly will sprout in days.

Soccer Balls Sent to Iraq

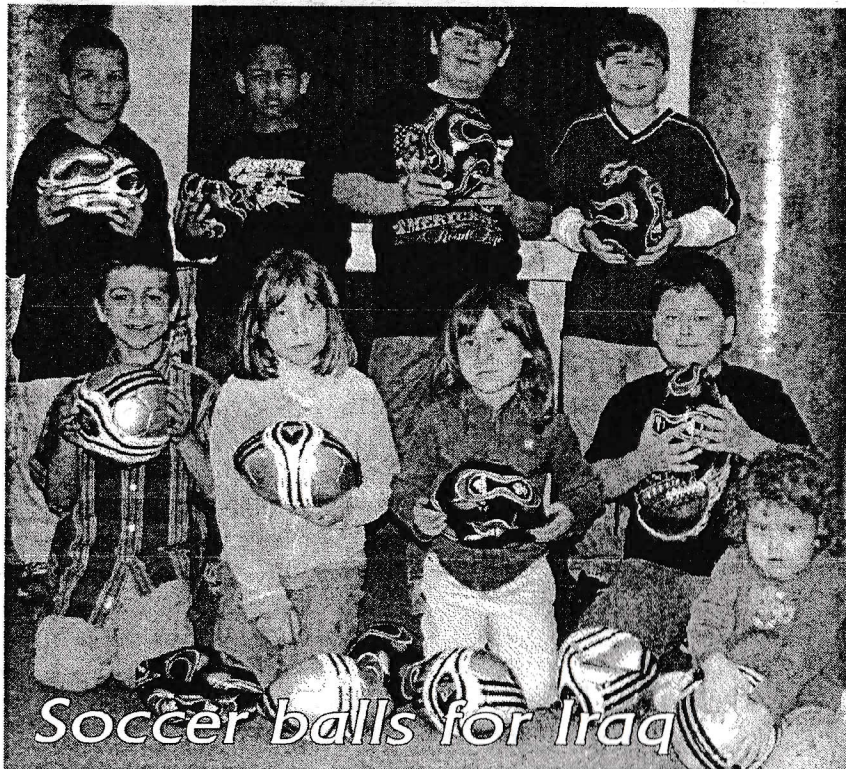
A portion of the Lenten offering collected by the Sunday School kids went for the purchase of a baker's dozen soccer balls. Cindi and Loren Larsen have shipped them off to their son Eric who is stationed in Iraq.

The balls will be distributed to the children our military meet while patrolling in the countryside. The kids are sharing their love of God with those whose lives are not as safe as theirs.

Sunday School Photo Album



Earth Day gardening



Soccer balls for Iraq

Sunday School Coordinator Sought

The search is on for a coordinator to lead a team of teachers and shepherds for preschool through grade 5.

The position is salaried for ten hours per week for ten months.

The curriculum is the workshop rotation model. Children study a Bible story through interactive workshops, music, drama, cooking, puppetry, computer, games, art and music.

There is a five year plan under construction.

Requirements are a love of children, education background, strong organizational and relational skills, comfortable in recruiting volunteers, a sense of humor, and a Christian role model.

The position begins August 1.

Contact Nancy Smith in person or call the church office at 634-5515 or home, 633-3059.

Communion Instruction Offered in May

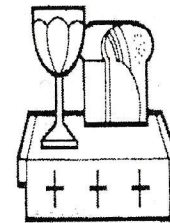
All fourth graders, their parents and anyone who is above the fourth grade level are invited to attend two sessions of instruction regarding the sacrament of Holy Communion.

These sessions are for both those who already receive the sacrament and those preparing for their First Communion. Please call the church office (634-5515) to register.

The classes will be held in the Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m. on two consecutive Wednesdays, May 17 and 24. For those parents desiring preparation for Holy Communion for their children younger than the fourth grade, please contact Pastor

Mary for an appointment for individual instruction.

Should there be any children who have completed their First Communion preparation by the end of May, they will celebrate their First Communion at the special Pentecost festival service on Sunday, June 4.



Youth Birthdays in May

- May 2 Lauren Longrie, 9
- May 4 Nate Robinson, 6
- May 4 Erin Keller, 6
- May 10 Celina Rodriguez, 11
- May 11 Alexis Christensen, 8
- May 17 Austin Barker, 11
- May 19 Justin Haman, 16
- May 24 Ashley Villalobos, 7
- May 29 Courtney Jansen, 16

Neighborhood Camp Gets Ready

by Nancy Smith

April showers bring May flowers, and June is about to burst with the sound of campers in and about the church as they wind their way through days filled with fun and enrichment. The themes at Emmaus this year include;

- Art-a-Palooza
- Animals Mild and Wild
- Musical Mayhem
- American Heroes
- Little Hands, Big Hearts.

Camp will kick off the week of June 19 and conclude the week of July 27. There will be no camp the week of July 4.

Linda Jaskulske will come on board to assist Nancy Smith. We anticipate enrolling 45-50 children. Applications will be available in the narthex. Campers will be taken on a first come, first served

basis. Campers from the previous year will have the opportunity to pre-register by May 15.

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Lyle and Marge Zielke and Denise Keller will assume their on-going role as breakfast servers.

We need folks to step up and take a week at a time to plan and prepare lunches. A coordinator is also needed for the closing program on July 27. This picnic/program has become an event which is attended by all the campers and their families. Those who have

helped in the past know how much the kids and Nancy appreciated all you have done to help this vital ministry to our neighborhood kids. Check with Nancy.



Neighborhood Camp Calls for Balls

by Nancy Smith

Neighborhood Camp is looking for balls of all sizes. There will be an opportunity for kids to hone their intellectual development with a program that will require them to bounce balls

of varying sizes for 100 times in a row. Michael Jordan did this and so have other people not so famous. There is a direct correlation between the ability to bounce a ball and intellectual development.



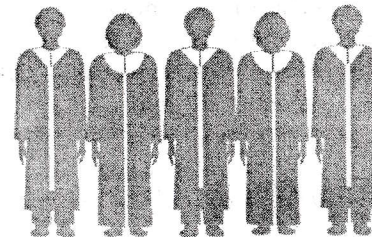
Register for Neighborhood Camp

Registration forms for this summer's Neighborhood Camp are available at the church. The camp has a capacity for 45-50 campers and openings are filling fast.

If you want to send your child to camp this summer, please fill out an application and drop it off at the church office as soon as possible. Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.

The camp at Emmaus runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from June 19 to July 27 for children ages 6-11. There will be no camp the week of July 4.

Donations of time and goods are appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Valerie at 634-5515, or e-mail her at neighborhoodcamp@sbcglobal.net



Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Jim Winch: \$25.00

Designated for Choir Robes:

In memory of Shirley Psiones: \$25.00

¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra Fiesta Mexicana!

Our youth will host the 7th annual Fiesta Mexicana from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 7. There will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Each year the Fiesta raises money for our youth trips and a portion is donated back to the church to support our Neighborhood Camp outreach program during the summer. We have applied for matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



The menu for the evening includes tacos, enchiladas, chips and salsa, dessert and beverages. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 11 and under. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00. Super Raffle tickets will be \$10.00. This year's big raffle prize is six months worth of gas (or however far you can stretch 26 gas cards for \$20 each)!

Thank You to Community Meal Helpers

On April 6 Emmaus once again prepared and served the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you to all who helped out. The response this month was outstanding! It is good to see so many willing to help out those who are in need.

Our next scheduled date at St. Pat's is Thursday, June 1. Watch for a new sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Confirmation students can earn points by preparing food or helping in other ways.

Letters

Ethan's Family Thanks Sunday School Kids

Dear children at Emmaus,

Ethan loves his new blanket and takes it to bed with him every night. It is so bright and cheery. He was just in the hospital and his blanket went with him. Thanks again.

--The Taleck family

Ed. note: The Sunday School made a special fleece blanket for Ethan Taleck, a 4-year-old boy undergoing cancer treatments. The Talecks have connections with Cheryl Dexter's family and Steve and Debby Wyna.

EASY Seeks Educator for Staff Position

Plans are already underway for the Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) program for next fall. As Valerie Crehan assumes more administrative responsibilities for EASY, Neighborhood Camp and grant writing and reporting, she will no longer be the curriculum planner and master teacher for the EASY program.

A master teacher is being sought to lead the Monday-Thursday afternoon program for approximately twenty Wadewitz elementary children. The hours are from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. four days per week in addition to flexible preparation time.

For more details, e-mail Valerie at yout@sbcglobal.net or call the church office, 634-5515.

Second Wednesday Culminates EASY, Confirmation Programs

Join Emmaus and neighborhood families for pizza and pasta supper on Wednesday May 10 at 5:30 p.m. Suggested donation for the meal is \$2.00.

The second week in May marks the end of the confirmation



and EASY programs for the spring. A big thank-you to all who

have contributed to making Second Wednesdays a success!

Emmaus to Fete Wadewitz Teachers

by Nancy Smith

Help Wanted. In honor of National Teacher's Week Emmaus will recognize the staff at Wadewitz on Thursday, May 11. The menu consists of six foot subs from the Sausage Kitchen, chips and drinks. Food is paid for by the Outreach Fund. Emmaus hosts the lunch in the teacher's lounge.

Yes, several hosts are needed to help keep the food flowing. Desserts are provided by the generosity of Emmaus' bakers. Let's show our appreciation and shower them with some sweet treats. Bring the treats (bars and cookies) to Emmaus by Wednesday, May 10.

Questions: contact Nancy Smith: 633-3059. Thank you.

Green Team Thanks Spring Cleaning Crew

by Kathy Christensen

Earth Day brought a fresh, new look to the grounds at Emmaus thanks to a crew of folks who spend a few hours cleaning up the area outside of the church. The Green Team sponsored the clean-up event and we were very happy to have an energetic group show up on a beautiful spring day to rake away the accumulation of dead leaves and debris, trim bushes and trees, and even plant some flowers.

Thanks go to Richard Marciniak, Al and June Beck, Olga Wilson, Cheryl Dexter, Cathy Meyer, Cathy Knuteson, Al Svendsen, Nancy Smith, Ruth

Copeland, Pat and Ron Jensen, Rich and Kathy Christensen and Julie Hansen.

Pat Jensen prepared a delicious lunch for everyone to enjoy when the work was completed. Thanks, Pat.

Appreciation and thanks go to Kerry Hunter and Shawn Douglas, who provided and arranged the new plants and flowers near the stairway inside the front entrance of the church.

Kudos go to the crew who scraped and painted the entrance walls in the church. Volunteers included Gil Toslek, Ron Jensen, and Rick, Kathy and Dave Christensen.



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
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(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

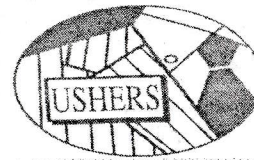
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Contributor: _____




May Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 29 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Apr. 30 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Cindi Larsen	Team 1 H. Miller	Zach Robinson Emily Maranger
May 6 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
May 7 9:15 am	June Beck Valerie Crehan	Amy Haman	Team 2 R. Christensen	Abby Maranger Ryan Lamberton
May 13 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
May 14 9:15 am	—	Kylee Albright	Team 3 H. Jensen	Caroline Crehan Patrick Jansen
May 20 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
May 21 5:00 pm	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Lee Woodward	Team 4 John Cook	Jennifer Haman Shai'ela Mosley
May 27 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
May 28 9:15 am	—	Caroline Crehan	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard	Zach Robinson Emily Maranger
June 3 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
June 4 9:15 am	TBA	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 H. Miller	TBA

Candle Care in May: Denise Keller; in June: Pat LeRoux Sodke

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
Apr. 30	Kellers	Linda Jaskulske	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	--
May 7	Gerry Dykstra	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen	Haugsbys	Suzanne Landis
May 14	Julie Field	TBA	Becks	--
May 21	J & L Clinton	TBA	H&M Jensen	Chris Lamberton
May 28	Lambertons	TBA	Breiwicks	--
June 4	Rommelfaengers	TBA	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Nancy Smith

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 Fax 634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org	1 ST. PHILLIP & ST. JAMES 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:45 pm Education Dream Team mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	2 8:30 am Lighted Schoolhouse Review Board mtg. 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	3 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm Grade 7-9 confirmation class	4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	5 CINCO DE MAYO 	6 9:00 am Fiesta set-up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
7 4 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana	8 10:15 am Knit 1 Purl 1 5:30 pm ESL classes 	9 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	10 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm Pizza & pasta supper 6:30 pm Grade 7-9 confirmation class	11 10:30 am Teacher appreciation at Wadewitz 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	12	13 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Keenagers

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. The group will meet May and May 16.



Seniors' Gathering

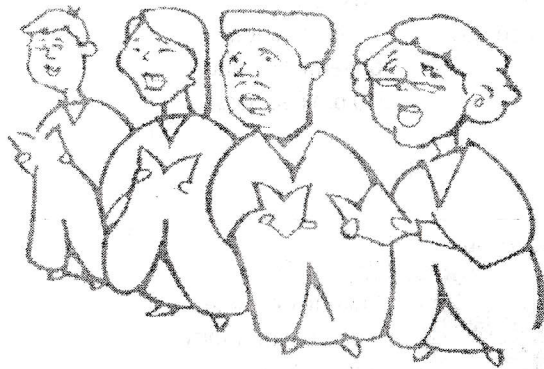
May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

May 1	Ruth Hlavka	1237 Isabelle Avenue	53402
May 2	Bill Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
May 13	Chester Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406
May 13	Bernice Munch	3900 N. Main Street #305	53402
May 15	Don French	2301 Summit Avenue	53404
May 17	Janet Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd. Woodlawn TN	37191
May 20	Lydia Jensen	3601 S. Chicago Av., S. Mke	53172
May 20	Marge Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
May 23	John Psiones	Villa St. Anna, 5737 Erie St.	53402
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406
May 27	John Cook	5733 Alburg Avenue	53406

Fund Established for New Choir Robes

The Adult Choir's robes have not been replaced for several years and are beginning to show signs of age and wear. A fund has been established for the purpose of purchasing new robes at a cost of around \$100 per robe.

Donations toward the purchase of new choir robes are most welcome, including memorials and honoraria



celebrating a special person or event.

Racine Family Literacy to Become Emmaus Ministry

Once known as the EvenStart program, the Racine Family Literacy Program has undergone a number of changes in its ten year history. Under the direction of Richard Marciniak, the program was originally offered at Janes School as part of the Racine Literacy Council.

Two years ago, after the YWCA Teen Parenting Program relocated from Emmaus to the former Manpower building, the Family Literacy Program made its move to Emmaus.

The Family Literacy Program meets every Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Included in the program are the following components:

- Two adult classes of ELS (English as a Second Language) – 30 adults enrolled
- Children's groups and classes for infants through elementary age children. The classes provide age appropriate instruction for approximately thirty children.
- Holistic instruction for the entire family including special sessions on health, nutrition and safety. Resource people from Gateway Tech College and from the community offer

their expertise for these special sessions.

The Family Literacy program is funded entirely by grants and special gifts. The program contributes monthly to Emmaus to help defray some of the on-going expenses for utilities.

Richard Marciniak is the grant writer for the program, making grant proposals to Racine United Way, the Racine Dominicans and the 21st Century Fund administered by RUSD among others.

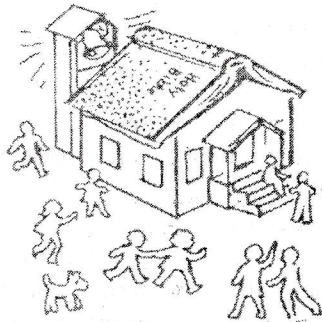
In a mutual agreement made in April, the Racine Family Literacy Program and Emmaus will now be formal partners. The major administrative change will be the establishment of a separate checking account for the operation of the program. The account will be administered by Marciniak with all checks co-signed by a representative of Emmaus.

Emmaus will continue to provide space for the program, and the program will continue to help defray some of the custodial and utility expenses of the church.

Welcome to the Racine Family Literacy Program as our newest official ministry! We celebrate the expansion of our mission of outreach to the neighborhood and to the community!

Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School in August

Pre-school
Vacation Bible
School will be held
the week of August
7. Nancy Smith will
lead the daily
sessions for the pre-
schoolers from 9:00
a.m. to noon each
day.



We are seeking
volunteers to help with
everything from snacks
to crafts to activities and
play time. Call or e-mail
(nnsdaisy@aol.com) the
church office to offer an
hour, a day or a week of
your time.

June Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

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

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

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, March	2004: 121	2005: 153	2006: 124
Average weekend attendance, April	2004: 169	2005: 133	2006*: 156
Lenten midweek services average	2004: 18	2005: NA	2006: 55
Maundy Thursday attendance:	2004: 45	2005: 42	2006: 34
Good Friday attendance:	2004: 118	2005: 97	2006: 84
Easter Sunday attendance:	2004: 241	2005: 228	2006: 268
Average weekend attendance, May	2004: 133	2005: 119	

* 2006 average through April 22-23.

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Mar.	\$13,839.50	\$45,984.34
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Mar.	\$885.00	\$40,997.62

Mortgage payments in April: Extra principal.....	\$7,000.00
Total.....	\$7,000.00
Principal balance as of April 13, 2006:	\$99,919.29



Synod Assembly Meets June 1-3

The 2006 Greater Milwaukee
Synod Assembly will gather at the
Country Springs Hotel in
Waukesha under the theme "More
than Enough: Living in God's
Amazing Grace."

This assembly will
focus on conversation
among God's people as
we discern what it
means to live in God's
amazing grace, to live
with "more than
enough." Voting
members will have
opportunities to
experience abundance
and learn how we as a
church are working
with partners like
Lutheran World Relief
to alleviate poverty in
the world.

Table talks will
allow time for voting members to
listen to and learn from one
another on the following topics
facing the church: The Challenge

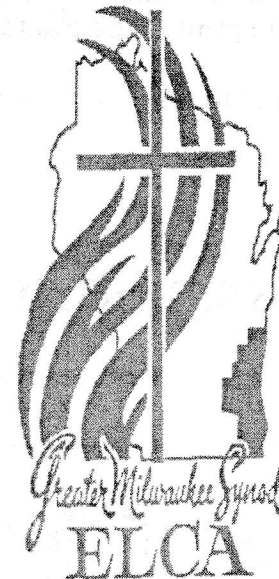
of Poverty: Ten-to-ONE;
Wisconsin's Marriage Amendment.

Delegations from El Salvador
and Tanzania will be visiting
during the assembly. Coffee from
Tanzania will be supplied by the
Mt. Meru Coffee
Project.

Preachers: Bishop
Linda Lee (Wisc.
Conference, United
Methodist Church),
Bishop Paul Stumme-
Diers, the Rev. Gladys
Moore and the Rev. Jeff
Barrow. The keynote
speaker is Kathryn
Wolford, president of
Lutheran World Relief
(LWR).

Pastor Mary and
Cathy Meyer will
attend this year's
assembly. An

additional person is being sought
to serve as a delegate. If interested
in attending, please contact the
church office.





Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 4. These geraniums from Milaegers will be blooming in 4½" pots and can be purchased for \$4.00 each or \$44.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 9:15 service on June 4.

Please pass this order form along to your family and friends.

Geranium Order Form

Name

Address

PhoneNumber of geraniums

- I will take my geranium(s) home after the Sunday worship service
- I would like to donate plants to be planted on church grounds

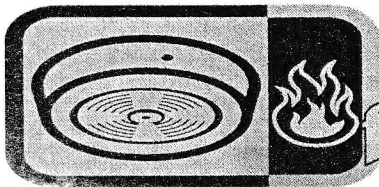
Please have your order in to the church office by May 23.

Office use: Pmt. Order list

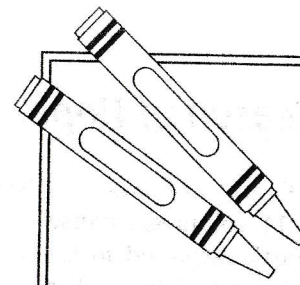
Fellowship Hosts Needed

Fellowship hosts are needed for this spring! Can you volunteer to provide treats for the Sunday morning coffee hour? Please check

the sign-up sheet on the Sunset Room door and sign up for a Sunday convenient for you!



Smoke Alarm Fund so far: \$876



Just for KIDS

Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers - not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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2# 1Q 3Q 3#

1+ 4Y 1+

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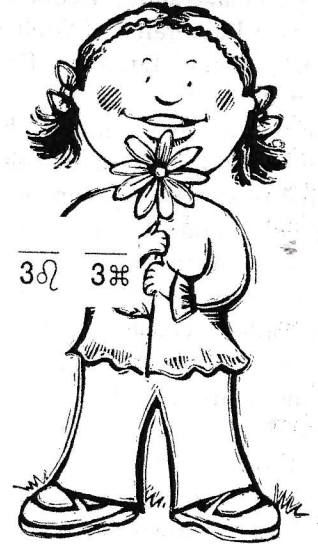
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3	Z	B	S	H	T
4	D	N	V	K	G



ANSWERS: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

Amid Devastation, Easter Is Season of Hope

by Rev. Kathy Hauelsen,
TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Disaster
Relief Coordinator

The devastation of the two hurricanes remains visible all along I-10 and I-12 throughout Louisiana and eastern Texas. Blue tarps still cover roofs throughout the region. Blue--the color of hope for a better tomorrow.

Fallen trees still dot the landscape in many places. Plywood covers many a window. But just as visible are the people from all across the United States who work side by side to restore not only buildings, utilities, services, and systems--but more significantly-- hope.

At a make-shift RV community at Peace Lutheran in Slidell Katie Houck, a new Lutheran Disaster Relief staff person, proudly gives a tour of a combination shower house/laundry mat on wheels. The owner of an RV park converted an old RV unit to accommodate several showers and a washer and dryer for the volunteers who come week after week to help with the recovery process. Upstairs in one of the bunk bed bedrooms is a dresser neatly lined with small notebooks. Each notebook bears the name of one of the youth from California in town this week doing recovery work. One of the notebooks bears the name "Katrina" neatly written on the cover.

At Grace Lutheran in New Orleans 14 volunteers pause for a lunch break delivered to them by other volunteers. The day's project is to plant the shrubs and flowers outside the church in time for Easter services there this Sunday. They will worship on a bare concrete floor with only studs for walls and a newly delivered console organ for accompaniment. But they will worship together at their own facility instead of the usual funeral home that has become their temporary church.

At Chalmette the people of God at Gethsemane are looking for Easter services at their gutted out church building. Pastor Jim Shears reports that on Palm Sunday the more than 100 people who gathered flowed outside into the yard.

Over in Orange, Texas another Disaster Coordinator, Bernard Scrogin, is putting out a plea for help with roofing and housing for volunteers. They're currently using the facilities of a nearby Methodist camp, but that won't be available during the summer youth camping season.

And so the story of this massive effort to rebuild, restore, and renew unfolds day by day, small step by small step, and dollar by dollar.

It's Easter in Southern Louisiana. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Open House

Lincoln Lutheran's Community Outreach programs invite you to an open house and their new location, Tuesday, May 2 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. 2000 Domanik Drive. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Learn about Lincoln Lutheran's adult day services, HomeLinc, LincMD, respite services and skill bank.

The Meals On Wheels/ Nutrition program remains at 5820 Lincoln Village Drive.

Menomonee Falls Congregations Sponsor Concert

Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls would like to invite all to their Annual LARCUM Choir Concert, "God Is Glorified," Sunday May 21, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

This concert will include sacred music in a variety of styles, performed by a combined choir of over 100 voices giving glory to our God. Refreshments and fellowship

will follow the concert. There is no admission charge.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at W156 N8131 Pilgrim Road in Menomonee Falls. This event is sponsored and performed by the Menomonee Falls area LARCUM congregations.

St. Mesrob Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

Support Habitat for Humanity International at an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner at St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church, 4605 Erie Street, Saturday, May 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child under 12. There will also be a silent auction.

For tickets or more information, call 880-1277.

Citizens Gather to Pray

Racine residents will observe this year's National Day of Prayer at Racine City Hall at 12:00 noon Thursday, May 4. This year's theme is "Those Who Honor Me, I Will Honor."

Cheryl McCrary and HeirBorn Praise Band will lead a worship service. Various city officials and military personnel are expected.

LSS Hosts Birthparents Support Group

Lutheran Social Services is pleased to offer an on-going support group for birthmothers and birthfathers who have made adoption plans or are considering adoption as an option. This support group is free-of-charge and provides a safe, non-judgmental, and confidential outlet for sharing with others who have gone through similar experiences. This group will provide the opportunity to explore emotions and develop new support relationships.

Group Facilitators: Tracy Strachota, MSSW, APSW and Rebecca Simon, M.A.

When: The first Monday of every month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, excluding July and September due to holidays.



Adoption

Location:
Lutheran Social Services, Sacred Heart Center, Rm. 615, 1545 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215. Phone: (414) 671-5929

Pre-registration is appreciated.

For more information about Lutheran Social Service's Birthparent Counseling program or Family Matters program, visit www.lsswis.org

Country Crafts



'n Cook'n

North Cape Lutheran Church
Highway 45 & 5 Mile Rd. (2 miles north of Highway 20 in Racine County)

Saturday, May 6, 2006

All-You-Can-Eat Salad Buffet Luncheon
Served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale ~ Craft Fair

Display of Unique Nativities with the Artwork of Tom Hunt

Open 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Men are welcome too!
Luncheon Tickets: \$8.00 (\$4.00 Age 4-12)
Call 835-2206 for ticket information.
Advanced Ticket Sales Preferred

Pastor Mary's Column

That No Child Go Hungry

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." - Matthew 25:35

Images of starving children, whether they be from the heart of Africa or the heart of the cities of America, haunt me. I am also haunted by those images of mothers who hold those children in their arms, giving the little that they have so that their young might survive.

Juxtaposed over those images are the images of "super sizing," excess food being thrown away and the concern over obese children. "Where is the balance?" we ask.

Eradicating hunger, whether it be in Racine or in the Sahara, is a vision that is lifted up in the Lutheran church. Facing the root causes of the hunger can be a daunting challenge that will take a concerted community effort by people with a heart for justice. As issues for the causes of hunger are faced, we are also called to feed the hungry.

The opportunity to make a significant impact is before us as members of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod. Our bishop has challenged us to give from the heart as a part of the "Ten to ONE" campaign against hunger. The

month of May is the final month of this campaign.

I would like to make a renewed challenge. Will you join me in going the extra mile? Will you be a part of creating images of mothers and others having food sufficient to feed the children?

In addition to my initial gift to the "Ten to ONE" campaign, I plan to give an additional gift in honor of my mother. Is there someone you would like to honor on Mother's Day or at another time in May by making a gift on their behalf to feed the hungry?

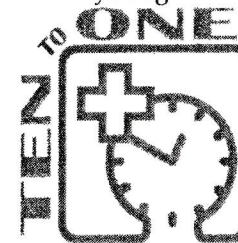
I hope you will join me and the thousands who are sharing of their resources that the hungry may be fed. Let's be generous as we share God's abundance in the form of food for the hungry.

Celebrating God's abundant love,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Note: Be sure to pick up a card in the church office or a pew rack stating "A gift has been given in your honor to help feed the hungry of Racine, the nation and the world." Send that with a special note or enclose in a card to those persons you are honoring.

(Checks made payable to Emmaus should include "Hunger" or "Ten to ONE" on the memo line.)



In the May Visitor:

Member Care Meeting
Sunday School Meets Thru
May 21
First Communion Classes
Second Wednesday Pizza
and Pasta
Neighborhood Camp
Registration Opens
Emmaus Partners with
Racine Family Literacy
Synod Assembly Celebrates
Abundance
Geranium order form
See You at Fiesta Mexicana
...and plenty more!

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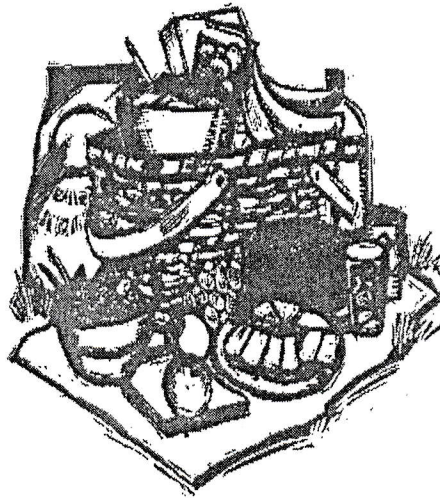
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Christensens Host Congregational Picnic June 25

Unpack your summer clothes! The Emmaus congregational picnic will be held Sunday, June 25 at the home of Rich and Kathy Christensen, 1019 Highway V.

We'll have grilled pork chops, games and fun; hot dogs are also available. Bring a dish to pass. The picnic starts at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are available now: \$7.00 for adults, \$2.00 for kids age 12 and under. See Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen, or Julie Field.



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Pastoral Acts

<p>Baptism: Rachael Elizabeth Cox May 28, 2006</p>	<p>Rachael is the daughter of Phillip and Jennifer Cox and granddaughter of Jim and Mary Larrabee. Her sponsors are Sherry Brown, Earl Francart and Sharon Larsen.</p>
<p>Funeral: John Olav Haanstad May 18, 2006</p>	<p>John was concert master of the Racine Symphony Orchestra for 30 years, also playing in the Racine String Quartet and other groups. He was a veteran of the infantry World War II, later employed for 35 years with the Wisconsin Industrial Commission Unemployment Compensation Department. He is survived by his wife, Meta, and their children, John Jr., Edith Tanniru, and Miles.</p>
<p>Catherine Ruggeri Aquini May 23, 2006</p>	<p>Catherine Aquini passed away May 19 at the age of 99. Active until a fall four years ago and alert to the end, she will be remembered for her sly wit, strength and determination. Survivors include daughter Tracy (Woody) Roth, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.</p>

What Are Your Favorite Hymns?

by Kathy Christensen

Do you have a favorite hymn you wish we could sing more often? During the months of July and August, we will have a Sunday designated as "Favorite Hymn Sunday."

Let us know what your favorite hymns are by putting the information in the offering plate or e-mailing the church office at emmausracine@sbcglobal.net. We will do our best to use as many of your favorites as possible.

Is Emmaus In Your Vacation Plans?

Many of you will spend some time away on vacation this summer. Some churches experience a "summer slump" which makes it difficult to keep up

with the bills which don't take a summer vacation. Please remember to send in your offering envelope before you go!

Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School in August

Pre-school Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 7-11. Nancy Smith will lead the daily sessions for the pre-schoolers from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

We are seeking volunteers to help with everything from snacks to crafts to activities and play time. Call the church office or e-mail nnsdaisy@aol.com to offer an hour, a day or a week of your time.

Neighborhood Camp Begins June 19

At press time, all 50 spaces for this summer's Emmaus Neighborhood Camp are filled. Those interested in being on the waiting list may call the church office for a registration form.

The themes at Emmaus this year include: Art-a-Palooza; Animals Mild and Wild; Musical Mayhem; American Heroes; Little Hands, Big Hearts.

Camp will kick off the week of June 19 and conclude the week of July 27. There will be no camp the week of July 4.

Linda Jaskulske will come on board to assist Nancy Smith. Lyle and Marge Zielke and Denise Keller are on board as breakfast servers. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

We need folks to step up and take a week at a time to plan and prepare lunches. A coordinator is also needed for the closing

program on July 27. This picnic/program has become an event which is attended by all the campers and their families. Those who have helped in the past know how much the kids and Nancy appreciated all you have done to help this vital ministry to our neighborhood kids. Check with Nancy at 634-5515 or e-mail her at nnsdaisy@aol.com.

Donations of goods are also appreciated.

We have received word that \$20,000 from the Siebert Foundation and \$15,000 from the Synod Outreach for Hope Fund have been granted to support the cost of the eight Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps. Thank you to the Siebert Foundation and to Outreach for Hope, for your support of our mission to the children of Racine!

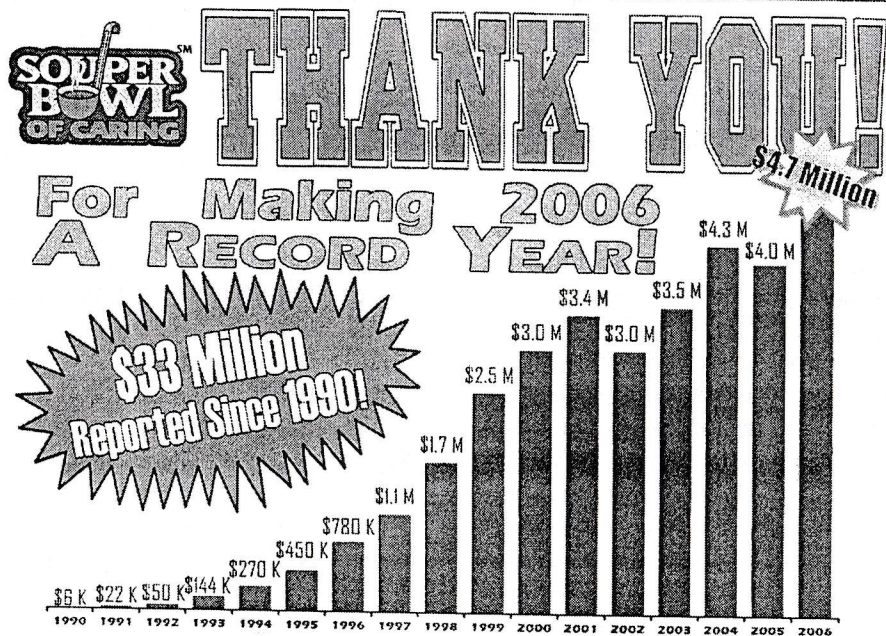
Have a Fun Summer

Thank You to everyone that was involved in a successful and fun-filled Sunday School Year. Especially thanks to Jamie Toslek, Denise Johnson, Kris Smith, Cindi and Loren Larsen and Celia Bagley for their dedication each week. Thank you to parents who shared their children with us and

provided tasty treats. Have a fun summer and see you in September.

Mark Your Calendars

The Sunday School will resume on Rally Day September 10. Watch for details for how you can be involved in our great Sunday School program.



Youth Birthdays in June

June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 17
 June 8 Katelyn Harris-Lange, 17
 June 9 Zachary Smith, 8
 June 10 Mason Bagley, 12
 June 16 Ciara Williams, 9

June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 13
 June 20 Caroline Crehan, 15
 June 23 Ken Krug II, 6
 June 30 Ariyah Brooks, 4

Mentors Meet in June for Dessert

By Nancy Smith

On Wednesday June 7 at 6:30 p.m., the mentors who have served the students at Wadewitz this year will gather for dessert and debriefing.

Thanks to all who have served weekly. The word is out that many a mentor wants to repeat again next year with their same student.

The following mentors have made a difference in the lives of a child: Kylee and Gregg Albright, Judy Berndt, Nancy Brown, Linda Clinton, Kathy Christensen, Valerie Crehan, Melissa Genich, Mary Janz, Traci Jensen, Cathy

Knuteson, Joy Lippmann, Emily Papara, Randy Sanders, Nancy Smith, Al Svendsen, Beth Tepley, Carolyn Wooster, and Judy Yorgan; and thanks to June Beck and Barb Fogarty who willingly subbed when needed.

Committee Meetings

Dream Team meets June 5 - 6:45 p.m., Sunset Room

Member Care team meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6.

The Worship and Music Committee will not meet in June. The next committee meeting will be July 10.

Neighborhood Camp to Build Playhouse

By Nancy Smith

During the week of June 19, the campers will witness the delivery of a huge "package" which is being shipped from Toronto, Canada. As part of doing for others, the campers with help from members of Emmaus will construct a 5x7 playhouse. The playhouse comes in a pre-cut format. Rich Christensen has offered to help with this project.

Additional help will be needed. If interested, please contact Nancy Smith. It is hoped that in partnership with Habitat for Humanity this playhouse will be donated to an organization within the Racine community.

Pastor Mary Will Be Away

PASTOR MARY WILL BE ON VACATION JULY 3-5, NOT JUNE 3-5.

Two Celebrate Their First Communions

On Saturday, June 3, Alexis Austin will receive her First Communion. Andrew Jaskulske

will take his First Communion on Sunday, June 4.

Stamping Club Meets June 3

Have you been bitten by the stamping bug? You are invited to join Maren Burnett and Karen Sedgwick at a Stamp Camp at Emmaus on Saturday afternoon, June 3 from 1:00 to 3:00.

seasonal cards and two projects. Whether you are a beginner or a veteran stamper, we guarantee you'll love what you create.

The cost is \$20, payable on the day of the camp. For further information, call Maren at 681-6540 or Karen at 681-3188.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of John Haanstad: \$345.00

Designated for choir robes:

In memory of Carolyn Lakvold: \$100.00

In memory of Laurier Durand: \$100.00

Designated for choir:

In memory of John Haanstad: \$10.00

Designated for basement kitchen:

In memory of John Haanstad: \$50.00

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Interim Sun. School Coordinator: Nancy Smith

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Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis

Secretary: Paul Berge

Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, Bob Larsen

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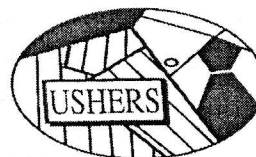
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June Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
June 3 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
June 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 H. Miller	Adult Choir
June 10 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
June 11 9:15 am	—	Suzanne Landis	Team 2 R. Christensen	Cheryl Dexter
June 17 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
June 18 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Ron Jensen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Jill Lomasney
June 24 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
June 25 9:15 am	—	Nancy Smith	Team 4 John Cook	Gary Wee
July 1 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
July 2 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Ruth Hlavka	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard	TBA

Candle Care in June: Pat LeRoux Sodke; in July: Evelyn Larsen

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
June 4	Rommelfaengers	TBA	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Nancy Smith
June 11	Eschmanns	C. Eschmann M. Keller	Haugsbys	—
June 18	C. Dexter	Suzanne Landis	Becks	Shirley Velzka
June 25	Robinsons	TBA	H&M Jensen	—
July 2	S. Velzka	TBA	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Karen Sedgwick

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 Fax 262 634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org <h1>June, 2006</h1>				1 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	2	3 VIGIL OF PENTECOST <i>Pastor Mary on vacation June 3-5</i> 1:00 pm Stamping Camp 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
----- Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, Waukesha, June 1-3 -----						
4 PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>Pastor Mary on vacation June 3-5</i> 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service <i>LBW</i> setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Youth meeting 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	5 6:45 pm Education Dream Team <i>No Worship & Music committee mtg.</i>	6 9:45 am Keenagers 5:15 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Member Care meeting	7 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline	8	9	10 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
11 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:15 am Worship service <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	12 ST. BARNABAS 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp counselor training	13 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp counselor training 5:15 pm TOPS	14 FLAG DAY 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp counselor training 3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline	15 <i>July-August Visitor articles needed in church office</i> 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp counselor training	16	17 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
18 2 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS' DAY 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	19 JUNETEENTH DAY	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 10:30 am Keenagers 5:15 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Camp	21 SUMMER BEGINS 12:00 noon Racine Clergy mtg. at All Saints	22 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	23	24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
25 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 3:00 pm Congregational picnic	26	27 5:15 pm TOPS	28	29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, APOSTLES 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	30	July 1 CANADA DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Camp

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Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
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K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
TOTAL:				

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Keenagers

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. The group will meet June 6 and June 20.



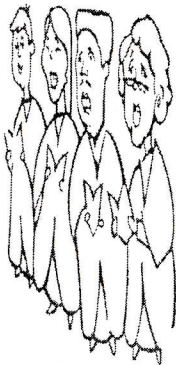
Seniors' Gathering

June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

June 1	Marcella Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	1450 Westridge Court #103	53406
June 12	Lyle Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
June 16	Doris Jensen	6101 16 th Street #4-B	53406
June 17	Mildred Schrott	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402
June 18	Nancy Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 22	June Johns	5527 Marboro Drive	53406
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405

Fund Established for New Choir Robes

The Adult Choir's robes have not been replaced for several years and are beginning to show signs of age and wear. A fund has been established for the purpose of purchasing new robes at a cost of around \$100 per robe.



Donations toward the purchase of new choir robes are most welcome, including memorials and honoraria

celebrating a special person or event.

Fellowship Hosts Needed

Fellowship hosts are needed on several Sundays this summer! Please check the sign-up sheet on the Sunset Room door for a morning when you could bring treats to share.

Youth Meet to Write Thankyou Messages

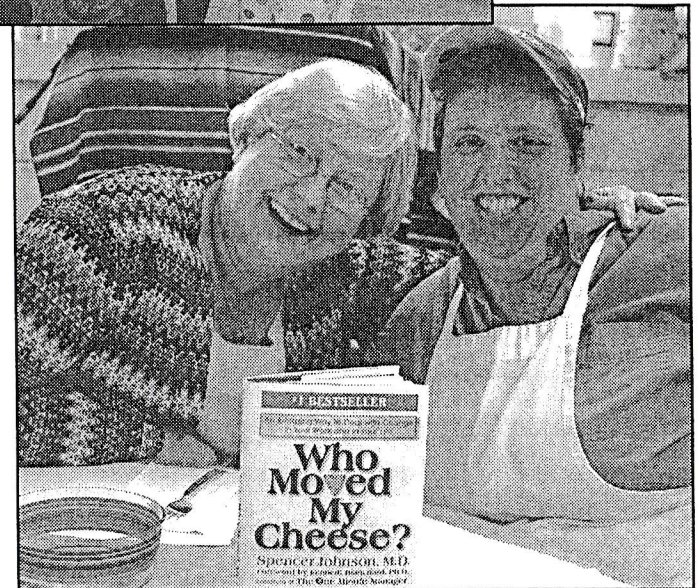
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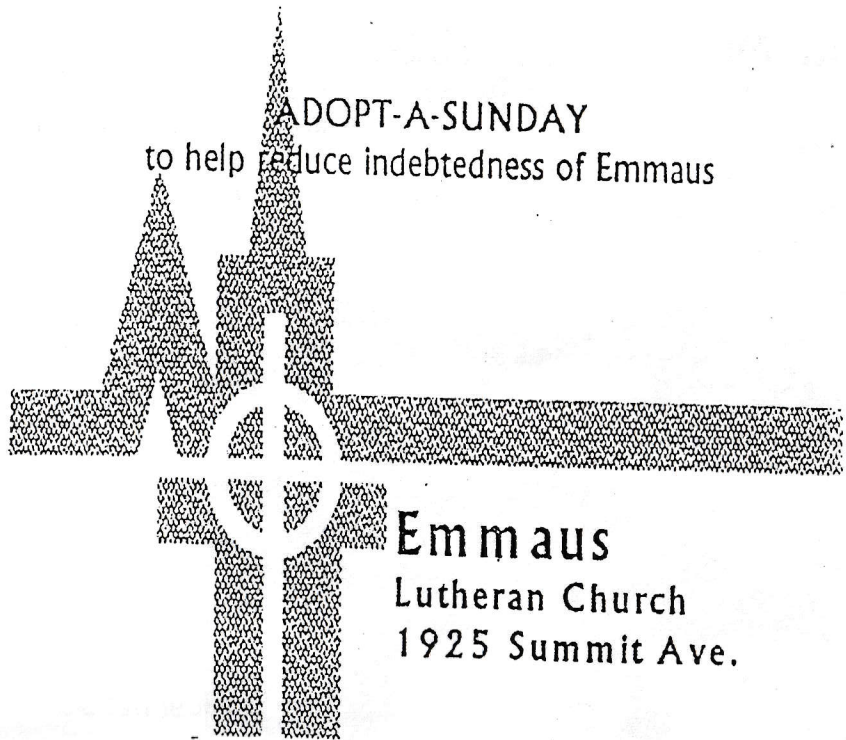
All youth involved with the Fiesta are meeting at church on Sunday morning, June 4 at 10:15 to

write thank you notes for the Fiesta Mexicana. This is a mandatory activity. We will have treats available! Thanks.



Fun at Fiesta Mexicana 2006





ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus

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Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

\$300 \$100 \$ _____

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Letter

Thanks for Your MS Walk Support

Thank you to all who contributed to the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 30. Your gifts are so appreciated!

--Julie Field

Synod Assembly Meets June 1-3

Pastor Mary and Cathy Meyer and Randy Sanders will represent Emmaus at the Greater Milwaukee Synod annual assembly June 2-4. This year's assembly meets at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha under the theme "More Than Enough: Living in God's Amazing Grace."

The keynote speaker is Kathryn Wolford, president of

Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Working through partners and global relief and development networks, LWR responds to emergencies and disasters in 50 countries. When Wolford spoke at the 2005 ELCA churchwide assembly, she said that LWR provides "much needed help and hope not only in high profile places," but "places far from the headlines."

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, April:	2004: 169	2005: 133	2006: 146
Average weekend attendance, May:	2004: 133	2005: 119	2006: 119
Average weekend attendance, June:	2004: 135	2005: 107	
Average weekend attendance, July:	2004: 105	2005: 115	

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Apr., '06	\$19,521.91	\$65,506.25

Mortgage retirement offerings received in Apr., '06...	\$1,605.00; campaign to date: \$42,602.62
Mortgage payments in May, 2006: Principal	\$998.77
Interest.....	\$985.23
Extra principal.....	\$700.00
Total.....	\$2,684.00
Principal balance as of May 12, 2006:	\$92,420.65

Siena Center Offers Spiritual Guidance

Spiritual guidance is an age-old process of listening to the heart of another as he or she seeks the intention of the Spirit within the deep recesses of the self. At the core of this two-year program is belief in God's unconditional love for and presence in creation. Based in the Christian tradition, the

program embraces the diversity of various faith perspectives, feminist theology, the New Cosmology, and a holistic approach to life. The program is offered January through November. Contact S. Rita Lui at 262.639.4100 x1230 or rlui@racinedominicans.org

Polka Band Plays at Grace Lutheran Kenosha

Grace Lutheran in Kenosha is hosting a Polka Festival and Salad Luncheon on Saturday, June 3. Lunch will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with polka music and dancing from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. with the Meitner Polka Band from Osage, Iowa as musical guests.

Tickets are on sale now: \$8 for adults (\$9 at the door), \$5 for kids

ages four to 12, and free for kids under three years old.

Pentecost Sunday, June 4, the polka band will lead music at both the 8:30 and 10:00 services. All are invited to take part in a weekend of great fun and unique worship.

Please call the church for more information at 262/654-9143. Grace's address is: 2006 60th Street Kenosha, WI 53140.

Church World Service Needs Your Help

Needs stemming from the earthquake in Southern Asia in October, 2005 and the hurricanes that affected the Gulf States last fall are prompting Church World Service (CWS) to urgently ask its member denominations to help replenish CWS's supply of "Gift of the Heart" Baby and School Kits

and CWS Emergency Clean-up Buckets.

Donations through congregational giving and the Tools of Hope & Blanket Program are appreciated. Visit the CWS website at www.churchworldservice.org or call the Wisconsin Regional office at 1-888-297-2767.

Gather 'Round the Table

By Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers

For as long as I can remember, our family had a round table in our dining room. Although it was hard in those days to find a table cloth that fit, the shape of the table mirrored our family dynamics.

As it was a round table, everyone could see everyone else. Its shape allowed for more elbow room for growing boys, and its theology echoed the priesthood of all believers. With neither head nor foot, all were welcomed. And as a family we wondered, "How many people can we fit around our table?"

The answer to this question seemed limited only by the willingness of those gathered around to make room for more. I cannot remember the record number of people that ate at one time at our table, but it seems to me it was fifteen.

This table allowed for a spirit of hospitality to permeate our dinner hour, where we would often welcome friends and family, students and international guests, visiting pastors and even dignitaries who spoke at the college. It was a table of abundance, to be sure, but moreover a table of sharing that abundance, of true hospitality.

The round table is also an image of the church. I can envision a round table in the upper room, around which Jesus gathered his disciples. It speaks of hospitality, accessibility, expansion, sharing, communication, friendship — the same attributes we require in our church gatherings.

Fittingly, "banquet rounds" are the configuration we use in our synod assemblies, fostering community and conversation. This year at the synod assembly, we will have significant time given to "table talk," where we can discuss in small groups topics of mission and ministry.

Round tables also are a symbol of the church in a world where the tables are bare for many, or where many feel uninvited. As the synod hunger team / Ten-to-ONE task force searches for a permanent name, one suggestion is the Hunger Round Table. This speaks to an expansiveness, of the ability to fit ever more around the table of grace. It conveys an egalitarian message that is not about charity and crumbs, but about common good and abundance. The round table suggests community, a community of "More than Enough."

In the June Visitor

**Congregational Picnic
Favorite Hymn Sundays
Neighborhood Camp Is Full
Preschool Vacation Bible
School Coming in August
First Communion
Souper Bowl of Caring
Results
Mentors' Dessert
Fellowship Hosts Needed
...and more!**

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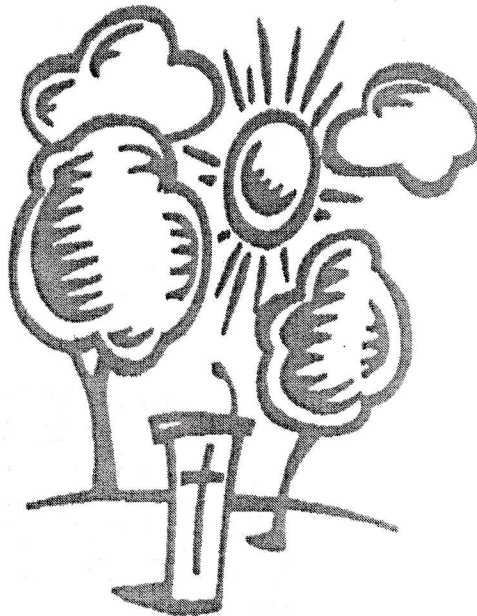
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Celebrate Mass on the Grass July 30

Emmaus will celebrate our annual "Mass on the Grass" Sunday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather for a special worship service with Holy Communion out on the lawn.

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

Dress casually. Bring a friend. Come for a time of worship and fellowship, fun and food with your Emmaus family and the families in our neighborhood.



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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:
Claire Madelynn Mianecki
June 25, 2006

Claire is the daughter of Garet and Kristin Mianecki and the granddaughter of Alfred and Judy Andersen. Her sponsors are Andrew Thurman and Kerry Perkins.

Funerals:
Chester H. Meyer
June 7, 2006

Chester Meyer passed away on June 3, his and Mabel's 64th wedding anniversary. He was a grain, dairy and poultry farmer for over 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking; his creations include our Viking ship table decorations and toys for kids with special needs. He is survived by his wife and their two daughters, Cathy Meyer and Carolyn Gibson.

Milestone Congratulations

Congratulations to Larry & Ruth Estep on their 60th anniversary July 13; and to Chris & Bev Hansen, whose 60th anniversary is August 17.

Congregational Picnic Was First C-FAF Event

C-FAF (Congregational Fun And Fellowship) is a newly formed group at Emmaus. Formerly known as Congregational Life, the group not only has a new name, but also new momentum.

Members of the C-FAF planning team are Julie Field, Celia Bagley, Denise Keller, Pat Jensen, and Michele Kreimer.

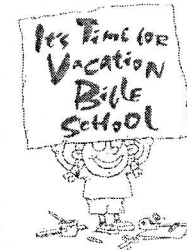
The C-FAF team planned the June 25 congregational picnic, which was hosted by Kathy and

Rich Christensen. Despite chilly weather, a hearty number of kids spent time in the pool. Several relays and games were played before everyone joined together in the pole barn for a very tasty meal including grilled pork chops and a bounty of homemade treats.

The C-FAF team is gathering ideas for a simple meal to follow "Mass on the Grass" on Sunday, July 30. If you have ideas or input, please contact one of the members of the group.

Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School August 7-11

Register now for pre-school Vacation Bible School, coming the week of August 7-11. Nancy Smith will lead the daily sessions for pre-schoolers age 3-5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.



We are seeking volunteers to help with everything from snacks to crafts to activities and play time. Call or e-mail the church office at emmausracine@sbcglobal.net to offer an hour, a day or a week of your time.

Sunday School Helps Katrina-Ravaged Mississippi

By Nancy Smith

Through a contact made in Lake Geneva by Pastor Mary and Nancy Smith, our Sunday School kids have decided to donate \$300 to buy children's books for the Pass Christian Library.

The library and all of its contents were lost during the hurricane. In May, the foundation for a new library was poured. The residents of this small town on the Gulf expressed they still need a lot of help and every little bit is so much appreciated.

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Emmaus Bustles with Neighborhood Camp

At press time, the second week of Neighborhood Camp is coming to an end. The fifty 6-11-year-old campers will have a break the week of July 3 and will return July 10 for three additional weeks of camp.

Enthusiastic campers and staff are busy each day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fifty children are enrolled.

2006 Camp highlights include Fleet Feet - the kids walk or run laps around the large block of Summit, English, Carlisle and Yout (two laps equal one kilometer). Kids have their brightly colored water bottles with them as they tally their daily laps.

Each morning, campers gather for God Time, led by Pastor Mary, in the sanctuary. During the first week, Bible stories were told using a variety of art pieces, and the second week focused on Bible stories involving animals.

Using the Emmaus children's library, campers are tallying the number of books they read this summer. They will be rewarded by Barnes & Noble at the final program with free books of their choice.

Each Thursday is field trip day. During the first week,

campers explored downtown Racine, visiting Hot Shop (glass blowing), Funky Hannah's, Pastiche Gallery, Avenue Frame and Gallery, and the Racine Art Museum. Campers spotted birds and birdbaths as they made their way to Kewpee's for lunch and to the Sugar Shack Sweet Shoppe for ice cream at the end of their day.

A visit of a working farm in Milwaukee County was the highlight of the field trip during week two.

Quiet time gives campers an opportunity to construct with Legos and other media as well as to try their hand at a board game or a jigsaw puzzle.

Campers have welcomed a quilter and a naturalist, among others who have shared their talents. Live snakes and other creatures brought some squeals from engaged campers.

During the first week of camp, campers helped unload materials trucked from Canada for Habitat Playhouse. The lumber will become a 5'x7' playhouse for the campers. After Neighborhood Camp is done, it will be donated to the HALO homeless shelter for the children's playground due to be constructed this year.

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Neighborhood Camp

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Young campers have planted flowers and the older campers are preparing a vegetable garden. Campers are also learning how to operate sewing machines as they create lap quilts for the residents of St. Monica's.

Creations galore are a part of camp - everything from face masks to murals to pictures with sidewalk chalk are a part of Art Time.

Campers have "Fun on the Field" with everything from a giant parachute to kickball to learning new games with their friends.

Themes for the five weeks of camp are Art-a-palooza, Animals Mild and Wild, Musical Mayhem, American Heroes, and Little Hands/Big Hearts.

Nancy Smith is the Emmaus camp coordinator. She is assisted by paid staff and many willing volunteers.

Thank you to all who have donated time, talents, food and resources to make this year's camp a reality. The camp is completely free to all children who attend.

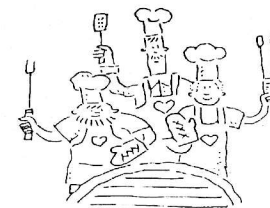
Youth Birthdays

July 7	Klerissa Kossack, 16
July 7	Stephanie Lopez, 18
July 12	Ella Fox, 2
July 13	Andrew Karbulka, 1
July 16	Catherine Yunker, 1
July 19	Vanessa Kossack, 18
July 20	Patrick Jansen, 14
July 24	Sydney Tepley, 12
July 26	Alexis Austin, 10
July 27	Amy Meteyard, 18
July 28	Ashley Wyma, 5
Aug. 2	Claire Miannecki, 1
Aug. 2	William Yunker, 3
Aug. 7	Alex Karbulka, 3
Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 7
Aug. 26	David Lopez, 17

Calling All Cooks and Bakers

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

Consider making a batch of cookies or some jello for the



in the church narthex.

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

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Campers to Present Final Neighborhood Camp Program

Thursday, July 27 is the final day of Neighborhood Camp for the summer. Campers, families, friends and members of Emmaus are invited to a closing picnic at 6:00 p.m. that day. Hot dogs, water, soda and ice cream will be provided. Salads and desserts are welcomed by those attending.

At 7:00 p.m., there will be a closing program in the sanctuary

of the church. Reading rewards, Feet Fleet awards and other recognitions will be given.

A key to the "Habitat Playhouse" will be presented to a representative of HALO. The campers will share an original presentation with those attending the final program.

Auxiliary Ice Cream Social Slated August 10

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary is hosting its 33rd annual Ice Cream Social, rain or shine, on Thursday, August 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln Villas, 5820 Lincoln Village Drive.

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 served separately.

Tickets may be purchased from your Auxiliary representatives: Virginia Haugsby, Pat Sovelenko and Ruth Copeland. Tickets are also available at the social.

The Belle Aire Combo will provide music for your listening

and dancing pleasure. This is an event the whole family can enjoy while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Proceeds will be used for the Auxiliary's current projects of providing two television sets and entertainment units for Lincoln Village, a new hardwood floor for the dining room at the Schmidt Home, and ten portable stove turn-off units to deactivate the stoves of apartment residents who should no longer be cooking.

Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Parking will be provided courtesy of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.



Racine Youth Travel to San Antonio Gathering

Gregg and Kylee Albright will lead a group of eleven Emmaus youth to the Lutheran Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas this month.

Frank Williams, Hailey Sommer, Michael Reid-Woods Jr., Emily Maranger, Ashley and Nate Lamberton, Katelyn Harris-Lange, Isaac Hargrove, Justin Haman, Brian Field, and Kelsey Albright will depart from Emmaus at 6:30 a.m. Monday, July 10 for five days of worship, fun and fellowship with Lutheran kids from around the country.

This Gathering is about young people following Jesus' lead and crossing boundaries that keep us alienated from each other and from God. It is about our need for each other and for God. It is about the dynamic of faith which is life lived in the tension of God's ways colliding with the ways of the world.

The theme of this year's gathering is "Cruzando" — a Spanish word meaning crossing. For now, cruzando is just a word. But through the ministry of the Gathering the young church just might shape it into a theology that informs their culture, their own articulation of the theology of the cross.

There is the potential for young people to return home profoundly changed by their encounter with God through Christ in the lives of people of faith that they will meet at the Gathering from across the country and around the world, their friends, neighbors, and strangers along the way. They may act differently, not because it is popular or hip, but because their eyes are open and their hearts changed.

The group is expected to return around 7:30 on Sunday, July 16.

Thrivent Matching Funds

Monies raised at the Mexican Fiesta dinner garnered a \$1,600 matching grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to be used for the youth of our church. This money is available through the fraternal division of Thrivent's Under the Care in Congregations program. Thrivent is proud to be able to share in an experience that can truly make a difference for our youth.

A portion of the money will be shared with the congregation to help defray operating expenses of the church. The youth have also shared a portion of what was raised to the summer Neighborhood Camp program.



Lead EASY Teacher Sought

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY), a program co-sponsored by Emmaus and the Lighted Schoolhouse Program of Racine Unified School District, is in search of a trained elementary teacher for this fall's program.

The Monday through Thursday program meets from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. during the school year. Students who are first through fifth graders at Wadewitz

may enroll in the program, which accommodates 20-25 children.

The program includes homework help, reading and enrichment activities.

The lead teacher will be assisted by two adults who have already been hired and are familiar with many of the children in the program. For further information on the position, please contact Valerie Crehan or Pastor Mary at 634-5515.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten on Hold for Emmaus Lutheran Church

Because registrations for four-year-old kindergarten are off to a slow start, it has not yet been determined if Racine Unified School District will need the additional space available at Emmaus.

Should there be a shortage of kindergarten space in this part of Racine, Emmaus will be an additional site. Dr. Ann Laing, Assistant Superintendent for RUSD, has indicated that a final assessment of needs will be made in July.

Help Fill Basket with School Supplies

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

Look for a basket in the narthex soon 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

Ten-to-ONE Offerings Presented at GMS Assembly

WAUKESHA— Nearly 450 members of the Greater Milwaukee Synod - ELCA gathered June 1-3, 2006, under the theme "More than Enough: Living in God's Amazing Grace."

The assembly theme "More than Enough" is tied to the synod's Ten-to-ONE campaign to make hunger history. Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers challenged every member of the synod to donate at least \$10 to the campaign, which would total nearly \$1 million. The Ten-to-ONE challenge is in conjunction with the national ONE campaign, an effort to rally Americans one by one to fight global AIDS and poverty.

The opening worship marked the first time that congregational gifts and pledges for Ten-to-ONE were collected. In addition to congregational contributions of more than \$102,620 in pledges and checks, individuals gave \$2,550 toward Ten-to-ONE. An additional \$1,600 was raised in the Tanzanian auction following the service, and \$1,237 was donated by Country Springs Hotel as proceeds from Friday's hunger meal, in which a simple meal of beans and rice took the place of a regular assembly

luncheon. The Ten-to-ONE Campaign has raised more than \$125,000 in gifts and pledges to date.

Emmaus' gift was in the amount of \$1,495.00.

Assembly keynote speaker Kathryn Wolford, president of Lutheran World Relief, spoke about the work LWR does globally and in ministry to its supporting congregations. She thanked Wisconsin congregations for their strong support of LWR and offered vignettes from individuals whose



lives have been changed by LWR's work. Wolford said, "Our mission is not only to work overseas with

those who are poor and afflicted but to bring their voice back to give us a deeper understanding of what it means to be disciples of the crucified and risen Lord."

Wolford told the assembly that if LWR receives the full \$250,000 (or 25 percent) in Ten-to-ONE funds promised, they will launch five life-saving projects:

- * stock 100 community cereal banks in Niger, a country racked with famine.



- * provide 350 rural farm families in Latin America with alpacas.

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Summer Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Sat. July 1 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. July 2 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Ruth Hlavka	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard	Suzanne Landis
Sat. July 8 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. July 9 9:15 am	—	David Christensen	Team 1 H. Miller	Kelsey Albright
Sat. July 15 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. July 16 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Beverly Hansen	Team 2 R. Christensen	Jim Yorgan
Sat. July 22 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. July 23 9:15 am	—	Celia Bagley	Team 3 H. Jensen	Hymn sing
Sat. July 29 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. July 30 10:00 am	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen	John Knuteson	Team 4 John Cook	Mass on the Grass
Sat. Aug. 5 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 6 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Brenda Gieszler	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard	Jennifer Haman
Sat. Aug. 12 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 13 9:15 am	—	Gregg Albright	Team 1 H. Miller	Hymn sing
Sat. Aug. 19 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 20 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Zach Robinson	Team 2 R. Christensen	Dave Schulz
Sat. Aug. 26 5:00 pm	Denise & Brian Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 27 9:15 am	—	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3 H. Jensen	C&L Larsen, S Velzka, J Knuteson
Sat. Sep. 2 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 3 9:15 am	Pat Jensen Doreen Sommer	Valerie Crehan	Team 4 John Cook	8-88 Choir

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9 	10 ST. LAURENCE 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	11	12 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
eschool, 9:00 a.m. to noon			
16	17 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	18	19 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
23	24 ST. BARTHOLEMEW 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 	25	26 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
Pastor Mary on vacation, July 23-31			
30	31 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	Sept. 1	2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion




Letters

Pass Christian Library Thanks Sunday School for Gift

Dear Nancy and children,

The Pass Christian Library staff would like to thank you for your generosity. Every donation is appreciated as we begin to rebuild our library. Your thoughtfulness at this very trying time has been a blessing for our patrons and us. Hopefully we will be able to return to our original location in the near future.

Thank you so much and may God bless you for your generosity.
Sally James, librarian, Pass Christian, Mississippi, Public Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>JULY, 2006</h1>					JULY 1 CANADA DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wis. Phone 262 634-5515 e-mail emmausracine@sbcglobal.net					
2⁴TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	3 <i>No Neighborhood Camp this week.</i> <i>No Education Dream Team</i>	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Office closed.</i> <i>No Keenagers.</i> 	5 <i>No Lydia Circle</i>	6 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	7 8 9:00 am Stamping Up Camp open event 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation, July 3-5</i>					
9⁵TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 1:00 pm Stamping Up camp invitation event	10 6:30 am San Antonio group leaves 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	11 5:00 pm TOPS	12	13 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 	14 BASTILLE DAY 15 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>					
16⁶TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 7:30 pm San Antonio group scheduled to return	17	18 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	21 22 MARY MAGDALENE 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>					
23⁷TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	24	25 ST. JAMES THE ELDER 5:00 pm TOPS	26	27 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Neighborhood Camp closing program	28 29 5:00 pm Worship service
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</i>					
30⁸TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 am Mass on the Grass 11:30 am Light Lunch on the Lawn 	31	August 1 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS	2 <i>No Lydia Circle</i>	3 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	4 5 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

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Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____



Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
			TOTAL:	

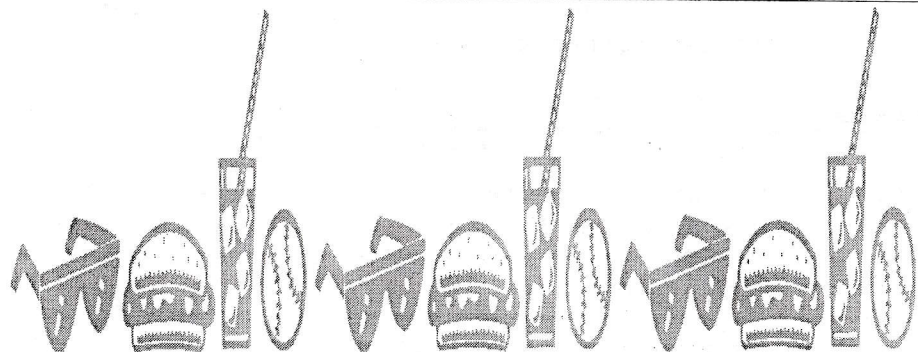
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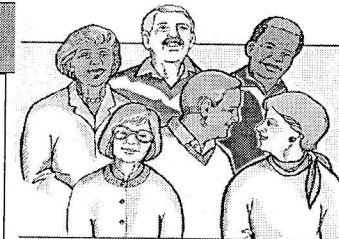
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Pastor Mary on vacation, July 23-31



Keenagers

The Keenagers group will not meet on July 4. Otherwise, the group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and a hearty lunch at noon.



Seniors' Gathering

Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 27	Joyce Toslek	3919 Ruby Avenue #316	53402
July 29	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 31	Edna Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Aug. 6	Shirley Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
Aug. 8	Norman Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Aug. 10	Margaret Christensen	5311 Douglas Ave #320	53402
Aug. 11	Betty Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Dr. #102	53406
Aug. 12	Al Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Aug. 12	Joyce Kaiser	14220 56 th Road, Sturtevant	53177
Aug. 14	Bob Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
Aug. 15	Rich Christensen	1019 Hwy. V, Sturtevant	53177
Aug. 28	Caroline Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405

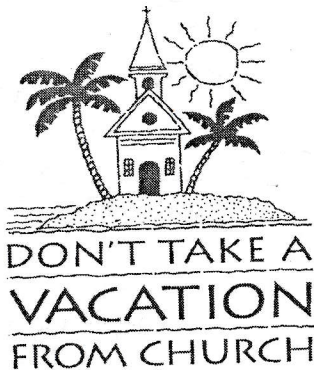
Summer Worship Assistants

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	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Greeters	Commun'n Assts.
July 2	S. Velzka	Jaskulske	Breiwick's	Karen Sedgwick
July 9	C. Bagley	K.Christensen	Bea H. & Al S.	--
July 16	C&W Wildenberg	C.Bagley	Haugsbys	Carol Eschmann
July 23	Toslek	Cathy Knuteson	Becks	--
July 30	A. Wyma	Mass on Grass	M&H Jensen	Karen Sedgwick
Aug. 6	Cathy Meyer	TBA	Breiwick's	Shirley Velzka
Aug. 13	L&M Zielke	TBA	Bea H. & Al S.	--
Aug. 20	Syslack; Sedgwick	TBA	Haugsbys	Kylee Albright
Aug. 27	D&M Kreimer	L & C Larsen	Becks	--
Sep. 2	J. Lippmann	TBA	M&H Jensen	Joy Lippmann

Summer Slump in Attendance and Offering Is Noted

As is typical every year at this time, Emmaus is experiencing a "summer slump." If you are planning to be away, please include Emmaus in your plans and send your offering by mail.



An opportunity will be given in July to "Adopt a Bill" to help address our current shortfall of approximately \$8,000.

Thank you to those of you who give a month or two in advance at this time of the year; it helps us stay current in our bill paying!

Thanks for Adopting Sundays

We thank Mabel and the late Chester Meyer, who adopted a Sunday last month in thanks for God's blessings.

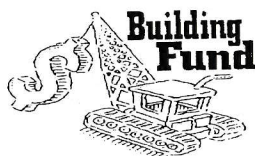
Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, May	2004: 133	2005: 119	2006: 119
Average weekend attendance, June	2004: 135	2005: 107	2006: 95
Average weekend attendance, July	2004: 105	2005: 115	
Average weekend attendance, August	2004: 106	2005: 102	

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in May:	\$13,076.75	\$78,448.00
Mortgage retirement offerings received in May.....	\$465.00	Campaign TD: \$43,562.62
Mortgage payments in June:		
Principal	\$528.52	
Interest.....	\$763.48	
Total.....	\$992.00	
Principal balance as of June 14, 2006:	\$91,198.45	



Give to Northside Food Pantry

By Cindi Larsen

The Northside Food Pantry is in need of the following items to assist in its ministry. These items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the church narthex. Monetary donations also are welcomed. Checks can be made out to Emmaus Lutheran



Church with the Northside Food Pantry noted on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of the important ministry within our community.

bars of soap toilet paper
dish detergent sanitary products
canned salmon canned beef
canned hash canned or boxed dinners

Emmaus Serves August 3 Community Meal

The next meal that we will serve at St. Patrick's is on Thursday, August 3. Watch for the

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

Emmaus Hosts Stampin' Up July 9

By Karen Sedgwick

You are invited to join the new Stampin' Up catalog year. You will stamp some great projects using new stamp sets from the 2006-2007 Idea Book and Catalog. Catalogs will be available for purchase, or you can get one of your very own absolutely free when you book a date to host a party.

When: Saturday,



July 8, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Emmaus Fellowship Hall.

The cost is \$20; the fee covers all supplies except adhesive. Please bring along your favorite adhesive. Some will be available for purchase if you forget to bring yours.

Please call or e-mail Karen Sedgwick ASAP to register: 681-3188, or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com. We want to be sure we have enough materials for everyone. We look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Paul Accepts Call to Michigan

Dear friends,

It's official! The Nuechterleins will be heading back east to Kalamazoo this summer! The congregation at Prince of Peace in Portage, Michigan, voted on June 18 to extend the call of Senior

Pastor to Paul -- and looks like an August 1 start date for him there.

Thanks to all for your kind words, helping us be patient, and most of all prayers.

God is good!
Pastor Paul and Ellen Nuechterlein

Soccer Balls Reach Goal in Iraq

Pastor Mary and Nancy,

Lt Richardson's Marine unit was in Husaybah, Iraq when they ran across a family that needed some medical help. The toddler in the arms of his father had been badly burned by some boiling milk. The Marine Medic was able to provide some relief with medications for the toddler. His father spoke English. You will

notice towards the bottom of the photo, the box containing the soccer balls that we had mailed out. We can share at least one story of the soccer balls arrival with our Sunday school kids as well as how the Marine Corps is assisting families in Iraq.

Take care,
Cindi Larsen



ELCA Plans to Introduce New Hymnal

In response to a growing need for a new generation of worship resources, a new primary worship book for the ELCA has been developed, called *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. With help from thousands of people through the Renewing Worship project, this new family of resources focuses on supporting all congregations and worshipping communities. The motivation was, and continues to be, the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Begun in the year 2000, The Renewing Worship project was built around a series of provisional resources that congregations everywhere were encouraged to use and evaluate. Feedback from thousands of Lutheran congregations has guided every aspect of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The 2005 ELCA and



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Synod Assembly

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- * give a year of care and support for 250 AIDS orphans in Africa.
- * plant 135,000 trees in Indonesia, and
- * launch a major new malaria-prevention initiative in Africa that will save countless lives.

At closing worship, Spirit Alive was received as the newest congregation of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The Pleasant Prairie-based congregation led worship and pledged to give more than \$9,000 (or 20%) of their offerings back to the synod for mission in the broader church. As he presented the check to Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, Spirit Alive member Dave Jordan said, "We at Spirit Alive present this check as a sign of our commitment to be

mission-minded and to reach outside ourselves."

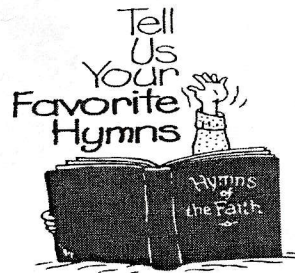
Resolutions

The assembly passed three resolutions:

- * Celebrating and supporting 100 years of campus ministry
- * Encouraging each congregation to have a wheelchair
- * Opposing the reinstatement of the death penalty in Wisconsin. (On November 7, 2006, Wisconsin voters will respond to this question: "Should the death penalty be enacted in the state of Wisconsin for cases involving a person who is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, if the conviction is supported by DNA evidence?")

Worship & Music Committee Plans 'Favorite Hymn Sundays'

Do you have a favorite hymn you wish we could sing more often? We have designated July 23 and August 13 as "Favorite Hymn Sundays." Let us know what your favorite hymns are by putting the information in the offering plate or e-mailing the



church office at emmausracine@sbcglobal.net. We will do our best to use as many of your favorites as possible.

New Hymnal

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ELCIC national gatherings strongly affirmed moving forward with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* as a faithful next step for worship in our church.

Borrowing from resources like *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico* and *This Far By Faith*, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* seeks to reflect a cultural diversity that reflects congregational life across the church.

Differences within particular communities of faith—cultural, ethnic, generational, economic, and theological—contribute to the diversity of worship practices. Differences from place to place bring even more riches to our church. The content of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* was developed collaboratively with the participation of people and

congregations across North America. It draws on the various perspectives, experiences, and pieties that reflect the breadth of the church today.

The variety of hymns, songs, and liturgical settings will engage communities of faith in every corner of the church, contributing to a deeper sense of connection. Offering great flexibility for planning, this worship book enables assemblies in a wide variety of contexts to gather around the means of grace using a richly diverse yet common repertoire of prayer and song.

In Racine, Holy Communion Lutheran Church will host an introductory workshop on the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 4.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Swedish Choristers Sing at Atonement

Canticum, a 55-voice choir from Sweden, will appear in concert at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, on Sunday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Canticum, which means "sing praise" in Latin, is a gospel choir made up of high school students and young adults from the southern province of Skane. The choir comes from a Lutheran-based organization, which, translated into English, is called Bible Friends.

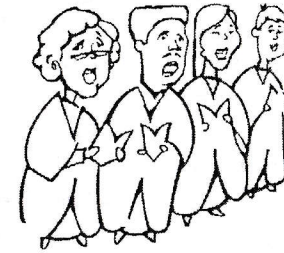
The choir's first ever U.S. tour includes seventeen host churches

in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Midwest. The Atonement concert is Canticum's final appearance in the United States tour.

The concert, sung mostly in English, will include traditional and contemporary sacred music, gospel and folk tunes. The Choir is directed by Thomas Suki, who was born in

Ethiopia and adopted as a child by a Swedish couple.

A free-will offering will be received. For more information, please call Atonement at 637-5671.



African Children's Choir Sings in Milwaukee

Join Our Savior's Lutheran, 3022 W. Wisconsin, Milwaukee, for a concert by the African Children's Choir Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The African Children's Choir is an ambassador for all children in Africa who have become orphans because of the AIDS pandemic. They are their voice to the rest of the world.

The African Children's Choir is comprised of children ages seven to eleven. Each child in the Choir has lost one or both parents to poverty or disease.

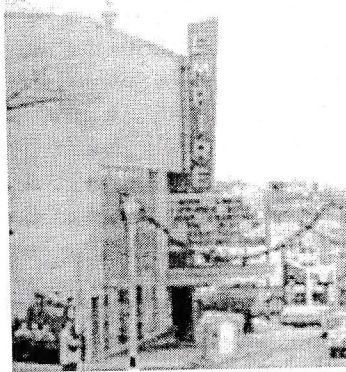
Your financial gifts to the African Children's Choir™ help support the ongoing delivery of Choir programs thereby allowing new Choirs to tour each year and past Choir members to enter into care and education programs. The entire free will offering from the Our Savior's concert will benefit the Children's Choir which is currently providing support for over 6700 children in Africa. Matching funds have been requested from Thrivent.

For further information, visit www.oslcmilw.org

Building for Tomorrow

When I was a high school student, I remember worshipping at the local movie theater. In fact, it was at the Empire Theater in Minot, North Dakota, where I preached my first sermon! It was in the early '60's and it was Youth Sunday.

Why the movie theater? Zion Lutheran Church, just a couple of blocks away, was under construction. The church building of my childhood had been torn down and a new structure was replacing it. To this day, when I return to Minot to worship, it still seems like a new church.



I have to admit that I had trouble "getting it" when I heard that Zion Lutheran Church was yet again building a new building. What was once a downtown church will soon be located at the edge of town. The existing church has been sold to Trinity Hospital... for another parking lot or possibly an office building?

The "old timers" of Zion don't, for the most part, "get it," either. Some are leaving the church because they are so opposed to the move.

What does encourage me is that there are enough new and young families at Zion to make such a bold decision. Crazy? Maybe. But then, fifty years ago, so did a number of folks at the Mound Avenue Emmaus Lutheran Church say the same thing when Victor Andersen and others put down \$50 each on the land on Summit Avenue.

What were they thinking, anyway? Tearing down the old church to make way for a parking lot for Western Publishing? (Isn't it ironic that while Western Publishing is no more, Emmaus is still a place of life?)

Changes at Emmaus

Or, what about the controversial addition to Emmaus that was approved by a single vote or two? Crazy? To some it may have seemed so. What couldn't be envisioned over twenty years ago has come to be - a place filled year 'round - especially during the week - with children and seniors and community organizations. It is a place of life!

If allowed, the Holy Spirit moves in surprising ways into those empty spaces, those crazy

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Pastor Mary's Column

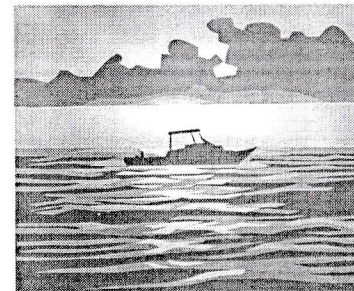
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spaces, those unlikely spaces. What will that look like in the years ahead for Emmaus and the other ELCA churches of Racine? Staying the same for nostalgia's sake doesn't seem to be the way the Holy Spirit works.

Twenty Years from Now

What will the church look like twenty years from now? Will some of the current after school participants and their parents be among the leadership? Will the Emmaus parsonage be a coffee house or a retreat center or a neighborhood clinic? Will the first Neighborhood Campers and volunteers be a part of the Camp board of directors?

Will bequests from you who are reading this, together will partnerships, make this possible? Will there be a richness of diversity, ethnically and economically, in the ELCA congregations two decades from now? Will our neighbors see this as a place to be fed both spiritually and physically? That's my prayer.



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At the end of August, I will travel to Minot, my hometown. I will be choked up as my Mom and I worship one last time at the Old New Downtown Church, a place of my formative years.

And we will go together, with a whole group of people - many whom I won't even know - to the new place. And the Holy Spirit will not only be processing with us, but will already be there to meet us.

Crazy? Maybe. Promising? Absolutely!

Changing ... risking ... letting go ... building and rebuilding for tomorrow ... walking with the Spirit ... celebrating the promise of hope and life - that's who we are as people of God.

I can't wait to see where God's Spirit will blow and guide and lead us next!

In the Spirit,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of John Haanstad: \$10.00

In memory of Chester Meyer: \$1,145.00

Designated for Choir:

In memory of John Haanstad: \$50.00

Designated for Choir music:

In memory of Chester Meyer: \$50.00

**In the Summer
Visitor:**

Mass on the Grass July 30
Preschool Vacation Bible
School Coming in August
Youth Gathering in San
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Emmaus Visitor

September, 2006

Fall Schedule Announced for Worship and Education

Worship Opportunities

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. in Sunset Room

Sunday - 9:15 a.m. in Sanctuary

Wednesday - 7:00- 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary (begins Sept. 20)

Education Opportunities

Sunday School for preschool-grade 6 - 10:30- 11:30 (begins
Sept. 10)

Adult Forum - Second Sundays - 10:30 a.m. (Sept. 10)

Adult Study/Discussion - Wednesdays - 6:15-7:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 20)

Wednesday Camp for Kids - 6:15-7:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 20)

Confirmation - grades 7 & 8 - Sundays 10:40-11:30 (begins Sept. 17)

Bible Study for Women - First Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (Sept. 6)

Emmaus After School for Youth - Monday-Thursday - 2:30-5:00 p.m. (begins
Sept. 11)

Child care is available Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
Paggers are provided for parents.



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Pastoral Acts



<p>Baptisms: Trista Lynn Meteyard July 22, 2006</p>	<p>Trista is the daughter of Kevin and Terri Meteyard and granddaughter of Bill and Linda Meteyard. Her sponsors are Kelly Schweitzer and Jason Meteyard.</p>
<p>Bryan Christian Rannow July 22, 2006</p>	<p>Named for his late uncle, Bryan is the son of Kyle Rannow and Nichelle Slawson, the grandson of Joyce Slawson and great-grandson of Floyd and Helen Mickelson. His sponsors are Ellie Sura and Kevin Meteyard.</p>
<p>Tayshaun Kenyon Carothers August 20, 2006</p>	<p>Tayshaun is the infant son of Tina and Melecio Carothers and the grandson of Carol Yust. His sponsors are Jenny Howser, Andrew Palmgren, Amanda Riekema and Carey Goodwin.</p>
<p>Brooke Lynn Rediske August 20, 2006</p>	<p>Brooke is the daughter of Jodi Vash and Russell Rediske. Her sponsors are Tina and Melecio Carothers, Nicolle Crisci and Joseph Vash.</p>
<p>Funeral: Lyle E. Zielke July 5, 2006</p>	<p>Lyle passed away on June 30 at the age of 78. A member of the church choir and a volunteer for the REST homeless shelter and the Community Meals program, Lyle was director of the Curative Workshop prior to his retirement in 1995. He had also served on the Board of Directors for Lincoln Lutheran Homes as well as that of the Curative Workshop. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and their daughters Laura Wamboldt, Melissa Porcaro and Amy Zielke, and nine grandchildren.</p>

Wednesday Night Schedule Begins September 20

Our Wednesday night format will include time for fun, fellowship, food, learning and worship for people of all ages.

The time will be scheduled as follows:

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Gather in Fellowship Hall for games. Do you play Uno, Farkle, Blokus, Slamwich, checkers, or would you like to learn something new? The possibilities are endless. Come and see!

5:30-6:15 p.m. - Enjoy buffet supper prepared especially for you. The menu will vary each week. The cost? Free-will donation - contribute as you are able.

6:15-7:00 p.m. - Child care is provided for the little ones while adults spend time studying and

discussing the parables of Jesus. Kids from grades 1-6 will participate in hands-on learning during Wednesday Camp for Kids. 7:00-7:30 p.m. - Everyone gathers in the sanctuary for closing worship/vespers led by Pastor Walter and Pastor Mary.

Now We Join in Celebration

Congratulations to Chris and Bev Hansen, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 17.

Congratulations also to Lee and Betty Woodward, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 8.

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 10.

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

Monday through Friday. (closed Labor Day)

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EMMAUS VISITOR

HALO Kicks Off Second Sunday Forums

By Nancy Smith

Something new is coming this Fall. Beginning September 10 and each succeeding second Sunday of the month, Emmaus is offering Second Sunday Forum following worship.

Second Sunday Forums will address Issues of local, national and global significance. On September 10, Cheryl Buckley



will update us on the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO): Status and Concerns.

Greg Schutz will lead a discussion of "Death Penalty, The November Referendum" on Sunday, October 8.

Your input is welcome. See Nancy Smith (nnsdaisy@aol.com).

Emmaus Visitors Group to Meet

By Kathy Christensen

Several members of our Emmaus Family are confined to their homes and would appreciate an occasional visitor or phone call. There are some who are living alone and need assistance getting to appointments or having prescriptions picked up. As a caring community, our ministry includes caring for the sick and elderly when they need it most. The Emmaus Visitors Group is hoping to find people who are willing to share a bit of their time with such a person.

An informational gathering is planned for Saturday, September 16, at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Carol Eschmann, Emmaus' Parish Nurse, will provide information about awareness of health and

safety issues as well as suggestions for making visits a positive experience. Pastor Mary will be available to offer instruction for bringing Holy Communion to the shut-in for those who would be comfortable doing so. Each volunteer will be given an assignment based on their availability and what type of help they want to offer.



Shut-in Visitation

If you have an interest in being a part of this ministry in any capacity, we invite you to join us on September 16 to share ideas, get answers to any questions or concerns you have, and enjoy refreshments. You may call Kathy Christensen at 886-2151 or Michelle Kreimer at 637-1169 for more information.

Education for Kids Has a New Look

By Nancy Smith

Educating our children is moving in several different directions this fall.

Sunday School

Due to declining enrollment, and a shrinking population from which to draw staff for the Workshop Rotation Model of teaching, we are moving to a new curriculum. It was suggested during one of the Education Task Force meetings that we go back to the "way things used to be" - self-contained.

The "One Room Sunday School" curriculum offers lesson plans for working with children of many ages in a single classroom. The units for fall will be Out of Egypt, In the Wilderness, and Into the Promised Land. The material includes a Bible story and activities for a variety of age levels. The lesson plan is divided into four sections:

1. Introduce the Bible Theme - Arrival activities help the student begin thinking about what they will be learning.
2. Hear the Bible Message - Group activities for hearing and understanding the Bible story.
3. Explore the Bible Message - Activities that allow each student to creatively interact with the Bible message at his or her own skill level.

4. Respond to the Bible Message - Group activities that encourage the students to review learnings, talk about living as Christians, and worship together.

Activity sheets related to the lessons are available for five groups: non-readers, all readers, beginning readers, skilled readers and everyone. Jamie Toslek, Denise Johnson and Denise Keller have agreed to team teach.

Wednesday Camp

An extension of Neighborhood Camp will be offered to children aged 6-11 years. The schedule for Wednesday will be: Games: 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.; Supper: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.; Godly Play: 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.; Closing Worship: 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The curricula we will use are Come Join the Circle and Power Xpress. The units will include God Makes a World, Joseph, and Jesus Is Born.

This curriculum offers flexibility. God Time - the telling of Bible stories can be used in a variety of settings: workshop/rotation settings, one-room or multi-age settings, or intergenerational learning.

Wednesday Camp is for everyone; those who attended Neighborhood Camp and their friends and Emmaus members. The curriculum will not repeat what has been taught on Sundays.

Christmas Program to Combine Sunday School, Wednesday Classes

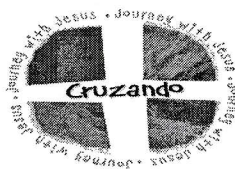
By Nancy Smith

The Christmas Program will be a combined effort of the children from both the Sunday and Wednesday classes. We ask your

patience and prayers as we transition to programs that we hope will meet the needs of our changing neighborhood and families.

Racine Youth Join 24,000 in Texas

Kelsey Albright, Brian Field, Justin Haman, Isaac Hargrove, Katelyn Harris-Lange, Nate and Ashley Lamberton, Emily Maranger, Michael Reid-Woods Jr., Hailey Sommer, and Frank Williams went to the 2006 Youth Gathering in San Antonio. Gregg & Kylee Albright accompanied the youth on their July 10-16 trip.



The 2006 Youth Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) offered about 40,000 Lutheran youth and adults the opportunity to participate in a variety of stewardship programs. The gathering took place in two back-to-back events in San Antonio, Texas. Some 15,000 young people, chaperones and volunteers participated July 5-9; more than 24,000 people participated July 12-16.

As of July 17, more than \$530,000 had been raised for "Hamiltons for Hunger." Under

the "Hamiltons for Hunger" effort, every participant was asked to bring \$30, or "three Hamiltons," to raise \$1 million for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Donations are still being collected.

Worship offerings from both weeks were about \$580,000 and will benefit domestic and international ministries that support children, youth and families. About \$100,000 in gift cards was collected during the gathering as an "in-kind" offering to benefit six San Antonio organizations.

Youth Birthdays

Sept. 2	Kyle Jansen, 12
Sept. 10	Brian Liesch, 15
Sept. 14	Brittany Lasko, 10
Sept. 15	Cody Andersen, 9
Sept. 15	Amy Jaskulske, 14
Sept. 16	Cloey Briere, 1
Sept. 16	Emily Maranger, 16
Sept. 23	Lucas Steffensen, 17
Sept. 25	Ryan Lamberton, 14

Confirmation Instruction Moves to Sunday Mornings

Study of the New Testament and the life and teachings of Jesus will be offered to seventh and eighth graders as a portion of this year's confirmation instruction.

Confirmation Class



In addition to class attendance, worship attendance and participation in service projects are requirements for the confirmands.

Taught by Pastor Mary, who will be assisted by Carol Yust, classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings from 10:40 to 11:30 a.m.

Parents and students should attend the September 17 orientation to be held in Fellowship Hall at 10:40 a.m.

Tenth Graders Make Final Preparations for October 29 Confirmation

As the final phase prior to affirming their Baptism on October 29, the tenth graders will need to complete any unfulfilled requirements for worship and service points before the end of October.

All tenth grade confirmands are expected to meet with Pastor Mary Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. regarding final preparation for their Affirmation of Faith on October 29.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is teaming up with Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteers can make a set schedule (e.g., every Tuesday, first and third Thursday, etc.) or pick specific dates. Plan to work from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring work gloves, basic tools and a lunch (a refrigerator is available at the warehouse).

Painting of the house begins on Saturday, September 23, wrapping up on September 30. October 7, volunteers will install the floor underlayment and begin the interior trim.

Contact Eric Nelson at 884-9448 for details and locations. Volunteers are asked to call at least ten days before the date they are available.

Help Fight Hunger with CROP Walk

By Marilynn L. Pelky

As a community of faith, you are already involved in helping to alleviate hunger, locally and globally – spiritually and physically. CROP Walk offers you another opportunity for you to join hands in the fight against local and global hunger.

On Sunday, October 15, the Volunteer Center of Racine is sponsoring the 27th annual CROP Walk for Hunger. This is the Hunger appeal of the ecumenical Church World Services, which last year raised \$1,660 for Racine County's Food Bank, feeding hungry people



in Racine County. An additional \$6,589 was raised for Church World Services emergency needs for Hurricane Katrina and Rita in the U.S., and floods, massive drought and famine around the world.

You are invited to join this year's walk, with registration at 1:00 p.m. and the walk beginning at 1:30 p.m. The starting point for the walk

is First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, Racine.

Solicit pledges and make the 5K or 10K walk, collect pledges and send them to the Volunteer Center of Racine.

please sign the form in the church narthex.

A pager system will be in place should a parent need to be notified during worship, fellowship or education time. The lower level (directly below the Sunset Room) will be used for both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening child care.

Questions? Contact Nancy Smith (633-3059) or Linda Jaskulske (634-1200).

Emmaus After School for Youth

Plans Made for EASY

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) has been designated as one of the official sites for the Lighted Schoolhouse program this year.

The program, held Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m., draws from students at Wadewitz School. The Emmaus program is designed to accommodate 25 first through fifth graders.

This year's coordinator/lead teacher will be Cynthia Doss. She will be assisted by Linda Jaskulske

and Maribel Velazquez. Valerie Crehan will handle the administrative details for the program.

The daily program provides the children a safe, nurturing place where they receive homework help and participate in a wide variety of enrichment activities. Games, play and a snack are also part of the late afternoon routine for the children.

Programming will begin September 11 for this fall's program.



Racine Family Literacy Program Prepares for Fall

Under the direction of Richard Marciniak and assisted by Maribel Velazquez, programming for the new classes for the Family Literacy Program are underway. Children of the families served have picked up school supplies, and space is being readied for the September 11 beginning of the fall program.

The program, funded entirely by grants and special donations, offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for adults and simultaneous age-appropriate classes and activities for the children of those studying English. It is estimated that there will be 30

adults and more than 30 children enrolled in the program pending the ability of Gateway to provide two ESL teachers by September 11.

Classes are held each Monday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

A separate board is being formed for the program. Lighted Schoolhouse program director Kathy Dunkerson is president of the board. Pastor Mary also serves on the board. Expanded funding is being sought to enable offering even more class opportunities.

Education Task Force Initiates 'Sponsor-A-Child' Campaign

By MaryAlice Petersen

As a result of the Racine Mission Cluster meeting which took place earlier this year, the Education Task Force, an offshoot of the Outreach Team, has learned of an urgent need for students of Racine Unified School District.

This year, it has become necessary for Unified to charge a minimum of \$75.00 for children to participate in the Lighted Schoolhouse program, a 400% increase over last year's fee.

Many of the families who need the Lighted Schoolhouse program most are unable to pay the increased tuitions for their children. We are asking you to consider providing tuition for a student to participate. If \$75.00 is too much, even a third (\$25.00) will get a child started for one term.

Lighted Schoolhouse sites provide a safe place and a variety of activities for students during after-school hours on Mondays through Thursdays. Homework help is always available and enrichment activities in art, social studies, science, 4-H, computers, reading and mathematics are planned for the many interests of the students.

A dedicated staff along with community agency participation and a host of volunteers helps to

ensure the continued success of this valuable program.

All ELCA churches in Racine have been encouraged to participate in the "Sponsor-A-Child" campaign.

Gifts may be designated for a particular site or given to be used where the need is greatest. The site coordinators are aware of the needs of the families at their schools.

Your gifts may be made out to Emmaus Outreach Fund. Emmaus has agreed to handle monies for the citywide campaign and will send all sponsorships on to the Unified School District Lighted Schoolhouse program. An acknowledgement will be sent to all donors.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal October 5

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's is coming up Thursday, October 5. We need people to bake the casserole (a recipe is available from the church office), to make jello and desserts, and to help serve. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Neighborhood Camp Ends on a High Note

By Nancy Smith

"Thank you for letting me be a part of a memorable moment. The program was awesome and the kids were dynamite!" said Denise Miller, Special Events Project Assistant for Children's Hospital in a letter of appreciation to Emmaus Neighborhood Camp.

She was expressing thanks for the generous gift of \$300 that the campers presented during their closing program. The campers selected Children's Hospital from a long list of community organizations to be the recipient of their effort to raise money from recycling aluminum and bringing in loose change.

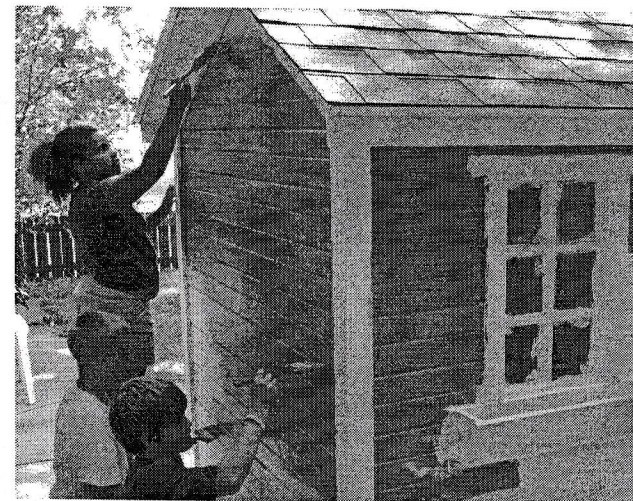
The campers' generosity overflowed into many areas this summer. For several weeks one could hear the sound of hammers as the kids, with the help of Rich Christensen, Ron Jensen and Dennis Eschmann, built a playhouse from a kit.

Some of the campers were heard to exclaim, "I can't believe we built this playhouse!"

Cheryl Buckley, the director of HALO, was present to receive the key to the playhouse. The campers

donated the playhouse for the children of homeless families. HALO is presently constructing a playground. Nora Grosse, the director of Habitat for Humanity, was also present to give her seal of approval.

While visiting St. Monica's the



last week of camp, our younger campers distributed beadwork they had created (butterflies, stars, hearts, and crosses) to the residents during the noon meal. They also serenaded the diners with the special songs they sang for the closing program.

One of our youngest campers was overheard to ask one of the residents, "Are you having a good day today?"

Another highlight of the closing program was the parade of lap quilts. The campers presented these hand made quilts to Barb

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Hansens Adopt Sunday

We give our thanks to Chris and Beverly Hansen, for adopting a Sunday in August to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Fall Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should receive their offering envelopes for October, November, December and January in the mail sometime

this month. Please watch for your set of envelopes, and if they have not arrived by September 19, please contact the church office.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, June	2004: 135	2005: 107	2006: 95
Average weekly attendance, July:	2004: 131	2005: 115	2006: 97
Average weekly attendance, August:	2004: 106	2005: 102	2006: 89
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2004: 120	2005: 98	

Financial Figures

Genl. Fund offerings received in June:	\$13,231.08		
Genl. Fund offerings received in July:	\$16,039.34	YTD \$107,718.42	
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June:	\$380.00		
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July:	\$625.00	YTD \$44,567.62	
Unified budget receipts for June-July, '06	\$30,275.42	YTD \$152,286.04	
	July 31	Aug. 24	Total
Mortgage payments: Sched. principal	\$531.09	\$ 533.79	\$1,064.88
Extra principal	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$460.91	\$ 458.21	\$ 919.12
Total	\$992.00	\$2,992.00	\$3,984.00

Principal balance as of August 14, 2006: \$90,138.84



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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

David Rhoads Leads Workshop on 'Being Green'

By Julie Hansen

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is sponsoring a Green Congregation Event, "It Is Easy Being Green." This workshop will be on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8:00 to noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 3617 North 48th Street, Milwaukee. The workshop will be led by David Rhoads, teacher at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Director of the Green Congregation Program, along with representatives of the Racine Green Congregation Program -- including Emmaus!

The purpose of the workshop is to offer practical, hands-on

guidance and (free) resources for introducing and expanding care for creation into the life of all congregations -- through worship, education, property, discipleship at home and work, and public ministry. Anyone interested in learning how to further green our congregation, and sharing what we already know with other congregations, should attend. Please put this on your calendar now and let Pastor Mary, Julie Hansen or Ruth Copeland know you're interested. Don't miss it!



Plot Adopters Beautify Emmaus Grounds

By Julie Hansen

Have you seen the beautiful flowers and plantings around Emmaus this summer? If you haven't, take a different route into the church building or a walk around the grounds to enjoy them.

These lovely displays of color, fragrance and natural beauty didn't happen by accident, though. They're the results of hard work and the personal time given by our own members and friends through Emmaus' Adopt-A-Plot program. Cathy Knuteson, Brenda Gieszler

and Dave Huber, Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen, Nancy Smith, Cheryl Dexter, Cathy Meyer and Olga Wilson have all adopted plots on Emmaus' grounds to beautify as they wish -- and what a job they've done!

So, make a mental note to give them the thanks they deserve for making our church more attractive and earth-friendly for everyone who sees it. And it's never too late to adopt a plot of your own. You are welcome to beautify any area that still needs help! Thanks!

Knit One Purl One Picks Up Stitches September 11

By Nancy Smith

The word is out - people have been clicking their needles over the summer. Caps and mittens for Wadewitz and prayer shawls for Emmaus members have been completed.



"Knit One, Purl One" will gather on Monday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room to visit and pick up where we left off. All are welcome to come and see.

We meet the second and fourth Monday of the month. Instructions are available. Questions: Call Nancy Smith or Bev Hansen.

WELCA Bulletins

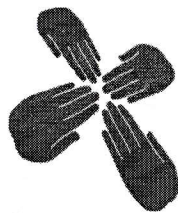
Synod Women's Organization Convenes October 6-7

Cross of Life Lutheran Church of Brookfield will host the 19th annual convention of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7. Keynote speaker Linda Post Bushkofsky will address the theme, "Act Boldly - Share the Faith." Bushkofsky is Executive Director of WELCA.

Every congregation in the Greater Milwaukee Synod is challenged to send at least one person to the SWO convention to conduct the business of the Women of the ELCA.

Contact any of the following for registration and cost

information: SWO President Betty Warber (886-8918), SWO VP Carol Gillmore (262-654-8986), or SWO



Act boldly.

Convention Chair Carole Ropel (262-523-4130).

Lydia Circle

Women's Bible study meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning September 6.



September Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Sat. Sept. 2 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Sept. 3 9:15 am	Pat Jensen Doreen Sommer	Valerie Crehan	Team 4 John Cook	—
Sat. Sept. 9 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Sept. 10 9:15 am	—	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Zach Robinson Ryan Lamberton
Sat. Sept. 16 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. Sept. 17 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Marion Keller	Team 1 H. Miller	Abby Maranger Jennifer Haman
Sat. Sept. 23 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Sept. 24 9:15 am	—	Cindi Larsen	Team 2 R. Christensen	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Sat. Sept. 30 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 1 10:00 am	Marge Jensen Hoy Lippmann	Al Svendsen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Shai'ela Mosley Patrick Jansen

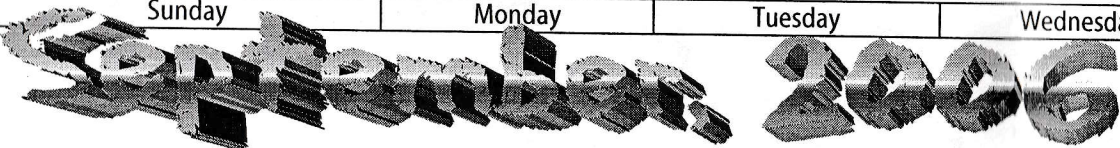

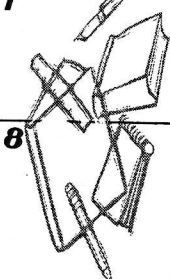


Candle Care in September: Kylee Albright; in October: Evelyn Larsen

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Greeters	Communion Assts.
Sep. 3	Joy Lippmann	Yorgans	M&H Jensen	Joy Lippmann
Sep. 10	L & B Woodward	TBA	B&S Breiwick	—
Sep. 17	Tosleks	Bonnie French	B Holding A Svendsen	Pat Jensen
Sep. 24	Wyma; Haman	TBA	O&V Haugsby	—
Oct. 1	Gerry Dykstra	TBA	A&J Beck	Caren Lamberton

Food Pantry Volunteers:

September 28: Al and June Beck, Karen Christiansen, James & Mary Larrabee, and Boots LeRoux

October 26: Vern Peterson, Kathy Christensen, James & Mary Larrabee, and Pat Jensen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine 634-5515 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net		
3 13 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	4 LABOR DAY <i>Office closed</i> 	5 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS	6 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	7 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm Choir picnic 7:00 pm Stamp Club	8 	2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
10 14 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GRANDPARENTS' DAY; RALLY DAY 8:00 am Adult Choir 9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School begins 10:30 am Adult Forum	11 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	12 ELECTION DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	13 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm Confirmation class for October confirmands	14 HOLY CROSS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	15 October <i>Visitor</i> articles due	16 CITIZENSHIP DAY 9:30 am Emmaus Visitors meeting 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
----- Racine Vocational Workshop, Sept. 11-15 -----						
17 15 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Adult Choir 9:15 am Worship Service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Confirmation class	18 2:30 pm EASY 	19 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST ECOM review 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	21 ST. MATTHEW 10:00 am Book Club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm "Stories to Tell" at Redeemer	22 ROSH HASHANAH 	23 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
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Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
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K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
TOTAL:				

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Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

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Keenagers

The Keenagers group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and a hearty lunch at noon.
 Sept. 5: On the Road to Japan with Al & June



Senior Adult Fellowship

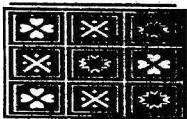
Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Bob Christensen	5311 Douglas Ave. #320	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 7	Betty Woodward	2333 Arlington Ave.	53403
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	5311 Douglas Ave. #113	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Blvd.	53403
Sept. 11	Howard Jensen	1935 Jupiter Ave.	53404
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Ave.	53404
Sept. 16	Ray Olesen	333 Lake Ave. #608	50403
Sept. 25	Robert Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Ave.	53402
Sept. 30	Victor Johnson	7131 Fieldview Dr. #3	53406
Sept. 30	Carole Wildenberg	5030 Graceland Bl. #116C	53406

Come enjoy the beauty of the quilts 20th Annual Lutherdale Fest and Quilt Auction FREE ADMISSION BOTH DAYS!

Pre-fest Friday, September 8, 2006
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You can make a silent bid, however, no quilts will be sold on Friday. If you enter a winning bid, you will be notified following the auction to come and pick up your quilt when you pay. The bakery, craft and odds-n-end booths will be open. There will be snacks and light lunch available for sale.



FEST AND AUCTION Saturday, September 9, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-viewing of quilts and registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The auction begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues until all quilts are sold. Over 200 quilts, table runners, wall hangings and baby quilts will be auctioned. This is a fun filled and lively auction that you won't want to miss!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- > Silent Auction Theme Baskets
- > Mini day camp for children
- > Pontoon Boat rides
- > Bakery, salsa, jelly
- > Roast pork sandwiches
- > Beautiful mum plants for sale

What Is \$2 Worth?

By Valerie Crehan

What's \$2 worth these days? Well, at Emmaus on the first and third Tuesday of each month, \$2 is worth: a social hour with coffee and kringle, an interesting program, and a delicious home-cooked meal served to you in the elegantly appointed Sunset Room! The conversation, and laughs, and fellowship are priceless.

This past Tuesday, twelve people gathered for conversation and games and had a great home-cooked lunch. Tuesday, September 5 will be our next get-together. Al and June Beck will show slides and discuss their adventures in Japan. Pat Jensen will serve us a delicious meal.



We have new activities planned and new cooks have stepped forward to offer their culinary talents. It really is a great place to get to know each other and have some fun.

Please come join us on the fifth. If you can't make that date, circle Tuesday, September 19 on

your calendar for yet another opportunity for a great program, lunch, and fellowship.

Please contact Valerie Crehan at the church (634-5515) if

you have any programming ideas or if you would be willing to prepare lunch for this delightful group.

Offer Hope; Be a Friend; Be a Mentor

By Nancy Smith

Consider sharing an hour a week with a child who may be struggling with learning because of a disability or an unsettled home life. Befriending a child at Wadewitz, whose student population is over 50% poverty level, can be encouraging to those who do not get the attention they need to learn.

Helping with homework, reading books, playing games, creating an art project, working a

jig-saw puzzle, quiet conversation; there are so many ways to reach a child.

At our debriefing meeting in June, mentors exclaimed how much they were fed by their experience. Many were honored that their student asked if they would be their mentor again in September. Offer your time - be there. Sign up on the mentor poster in the narthex. Questions: see Nancy Smith.

Zielkes Thank All for Support

Dear friends,

Thank you to all who have carried us in prayer and kind deeds at the time of Lyle's death. Each of you has a special place in our hearts.

The Zielke family

Marine in Iraq Thanks Sunday School Students

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church Sunday School,

I wanted to write really quick to say thank you for the support you have given me and my men. I am glad that you recognized one of your soccer balls in a picture.

Now you can see how happy the kids are to get them. It is very fun to go around town and see kids playing with soccer balls and

toys that we gave them, or actually, you gave them.

We are currently working to build two or three soccer fields for them to play, so that will be very fun to see.

Things are going well here, thank God, and we are making great progress with the Iraqi Army and Police. The schools are full of children, which is incredible to see.

You would be very proud of the Marines and soldiers out here. They work very hard, but it is the support and prayers that you send us that give us strength every day. I truly appreciate all the support, and hope that you all are having a great summer.

God Bless all of you!

Semper Fidelis,

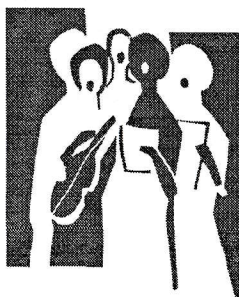
Jim

(1stLt James Richardson, 1/7 B
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FPO AP 96426-1525)

Christensens Host Choir Picnic

Rich and Kathy Christensen will host a kick-off picnic for the Adult Choir and anyone curious about joining the choir 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7.

Choir rehearsals



begin Sunday, September 10 at 8:00 a.-m.

The Christensens live at 1019 Highway V in Mount Pleasant, just north of Highway 20. For more information, call Suzanne Landis (884-4231) or the Christensens, 886-2151.

Betty Rossing Ends Battle with ALS

We extend our condolences to Rev. Lyle Rossing and his family upon the death of his wife, Betty Rossing, on July

3. Betty had lived with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for 2½ years.



In addition to her husband, she is survived by their sons, Christopher (& Tracy) Rossing and their children, Erik and Elise, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Theodore (& Stephanie) Rossing and their children, Emily and Kiersten, of

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; and her parents, Carleton and Amy Hanson of Golden Valley, Minnesota.

The Rossings have invited memorials to be made to: ALS Association Minnesota Chapter, SMDC Hospice Itasca, and Lutheran World Relief.

In a message to friends, Pastor Rossing said, "Her last words to me last night were, 'Thank you for everything.' With me she thanks all of you for your prayers, care and support. God bless and keep us all in the same faith in which Betty found such comfort, hope and joy."

Pastor Wild Article Printed in *The Lutheran*

A column by former Emmaus Pastor Jeffrey Wild was printed on page 3 of the August issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. The article was occasioned by a parishioner's

medical emergency during a worship service at Pastor Wild's current congregation, Advent Lutheran Church in Madison.

Vigil Marks Mental Illness Awareness Week

First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, will host a candle light vigil to mark Mental Illness Awareness Week at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 1.

The theme for this year's vigil is "The Light in Your Eyes," a call to action for mental health consumers, families and friends, community leaders, providers and

legislators to increasingly declare the disparities, stigma and discrimination that surround mental illness.

Rev. Brad VanFossen of First United Methodist will give the homily. At the conclusion of the non-denominational service, participants process to the courthouse.

Supersize Bulletins Available on Sundays

For the benefit of Sunday morning worshipers who have difficulty reading the text in our Sunday worship bulletins, we have begun offering large print worship bulletins in addition to the large print hymnals.

The larger print bulletins are printed in 16-point type on white 11"x17" paper, folded so that each page is the size of a regular sheet of typing paper. Please ask an usher for a copy.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Chester H. Meyer: \$85.00

In memory of Betty Rossing: \$20.00

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$315.00

Designated for Choir music:

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$10.00

Designated for Choir robes:

In memory of Betty Rossing: \$50.00

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$1,300.00

Designated for Emmaus After School for Youth:

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$185.00

Designated for Seniors' Kitchen:

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$25.00

Memorials and honoraria given directly to Neighborhood Camp, thru July:

In memory of Glenn Olson: \$25.00

In honor of Bev Hansen: \$25.00

In honor of Ruby Leih: \$50.00

In memory of Judy Dykstra: \$110.00

In memory of Jean Keiser: \$25.00

In honor of Eric & Ken Larsen: \$100.00

In honor of Amy Ruehle: \$50.00

In honor of Sue Walter's grandsons: \$10.00

In honor of Nancy Smith: \$175.00

In honor of Art & Nancy Smith: \$210.00

In memory of Al Metzger: \$10.00

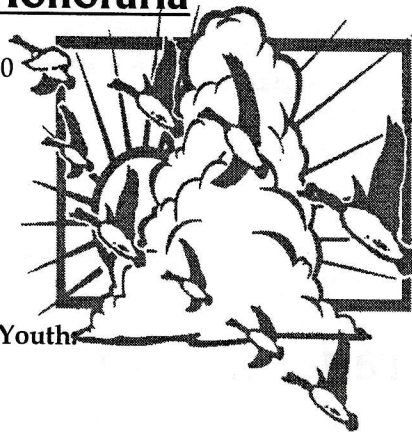
In honor of Bernard Kaplan: \$25.00

In memory of John Haanstad & Chester Meyer: \$100.00

In honor of Nancy Smith & Rev. Mary Janz: \$200.00

In memory of John Haanstad, Lyle Zielke, Chester Meyer, Betty Rossing & ___ Swanson: \$100.00

In memory of Lyle Zielke: \$100.00



Camp Hits High Note

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Schoeffel, who is the Director of Activities for St. Monica's. The campers also expressed their appreciation to Carol Eschmann, Kathy Christensen and Pat Jensen for their diligence in working with them on the sewing machines.

The kids created a total of 20 quilts from material that was donated by a local quilting group. Several campers were very excited

received a book for every eight that they had read.

Several people in attendance said they were moved to tears on more than one occasion during the closing program. The outpouring of generosity and service to others in the community was a testament by the campers to the presence of God's mandate to love our neighbors.

Thank You, Thank You

We couldn't have done it without you!

Neighborhood Camp continues to be the highlight of the summer for many of our neighbors! The success of Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus is the willingness of our members to step up to the plate when needed. Providing breakfast and lunch for 48 campers and 15 staff is no small feat.

Carol Yust, Barb Fogarty, Marion Keller, Michelle Kreimer, Linda

Peterson, Mary Larrabee, Ginny Haugsby, Alice Burman, Denise Keller, Shirley Velzka, Carol Eschmann, Kathy Christensen, Sandy Strini, Pat Jensen, Cindi Larsen, Linda Clinton, Willine Svendsen, Marge Jensen, Kathy Denneau, Marge Zielke, Kyle Jensen, and Ashley Lambertson -

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to make a quilt for themselves.

In return, many of our campers were the recipient of free books. Each year, Neighborhood Camp partners with the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program. Midge Green, Community Relations director, presented over forty books to campers who

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thank you!

What is it like to prepare picnic lunches for our field trips? How many coolers does it take to feed campers and staff? Kathy Christman, Denise Keller, Marge Zielke and Olga Wilson - thanks!

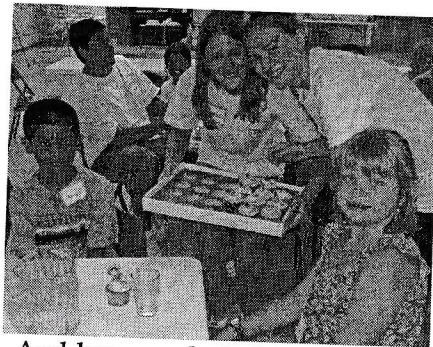
We added something new this year - cookies and jell-o for lunch and snacks. Bev Hansen, Kathy Christman, Marge Jensen, Shirley Velzka, Linda Peterson, Judy Yorgan, Pat Jensen, Sandy Strini, Celia Bagley, Denise Keller, Cathy Knuteson, Cathy Meyer, Alice Berman, and Amy Haman - thank you!

The closing picnic was under the leadership of Carol Yust, Lisa Ziehlke, Melecio Carothers and friends. Fellowship Hall was packed with campers and families!

Special projects happen only when there is volunteer help. This year we undertook two major endeavors. Thanks to Sanders Paint; to our carpenters - Ron Jensen, Rich Christensen, and Dennis Eschmann and to our quilters - Carol Eschmann, Pat Jensen and Kathy Christensen!

Special thanks to Marion Keller who was instrumental in creating a unique surprise - a patchwork quilt from the campers practice pieces which is now on my bed. You are an awesome group of folks!! Emmaus is blessed and so are our campers.

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And how much do I appreciate all your help-- LOTS!

Neighborhood Camp

By Kara Hamilton, camper, age 11

The Lord made this day
For us to love and share,
And to let us know that He cares.

We made . . .
Quilts for our wiser friends,
To keep them warmer in their beds.

A playhouse for the shelter,
To help fill the children with laughter.

We did . . .
For Children's Hospital we filled a jar,
For our friends who feel under the weather.
We collected cans to make it even better!

With our helping hands and hearts,
Forgotten not, are the people who
Live in a world apart.

Carthage Hosts Hearing on ELCA Social Statement on Education

The ELCA is preparing a social statement on education as directed by the 2001 Churchwide Assembly. This statement is to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly in 2007. "Our Calling in Education" is the first draft of the proposed statement.

When the ELCA drafts a social statement, it holds hearings on the first draft in order to listen to the responses of members and other interested groups to the text of the draft statement. We take what people say in response to first drafts seriously. The task force uses the information gathered at these hearings when it works on the final draft.

A hearing on the education social statement will be held in Siebert Chapel at Carthage College

on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. Since this takes place on a weekday evening, participants are also encouraged to come early and enjoy a meal in the Carthage Dining Commons. (Contact Deborah Clark for dinner reservations: 262-551-5810 or dclark@carthage.edu.)

The draft statement is online in English and in Spanish with a link at: <http://www.elca.org/socialstatements/education/>.

If you have further questions about this social statement, please contact call Ron Duty, 773-380-2716, or e-mail: Ronald.Duty@elca.org. For further questions about the hearing at Carthage, call Harvard Stephens, 262-551-5812 or e-mail: hstephens@carthage.edu.

LSS Seeks Donations for Refugees

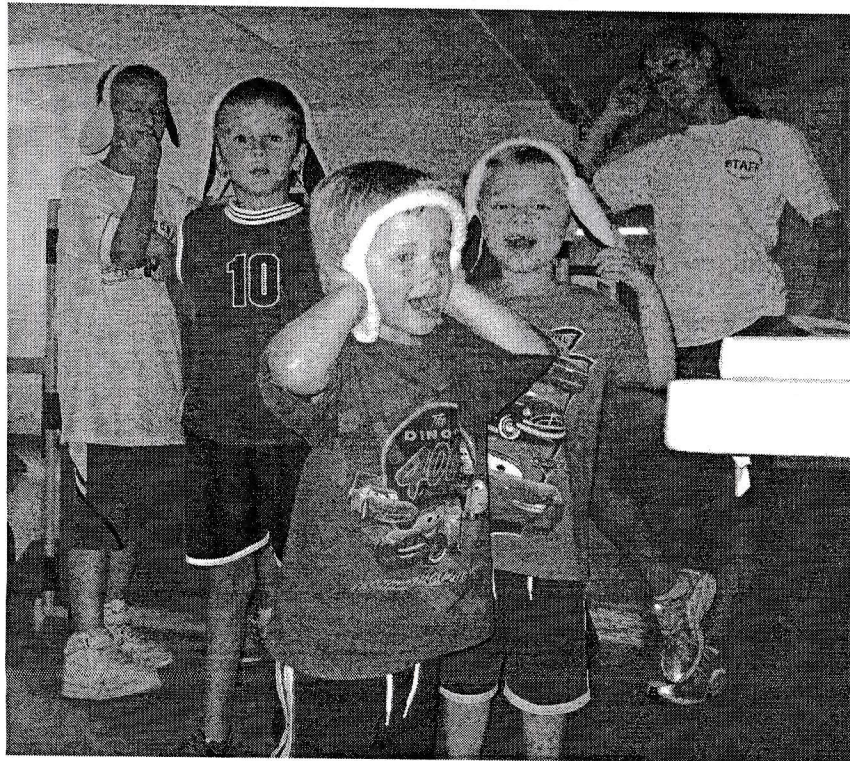
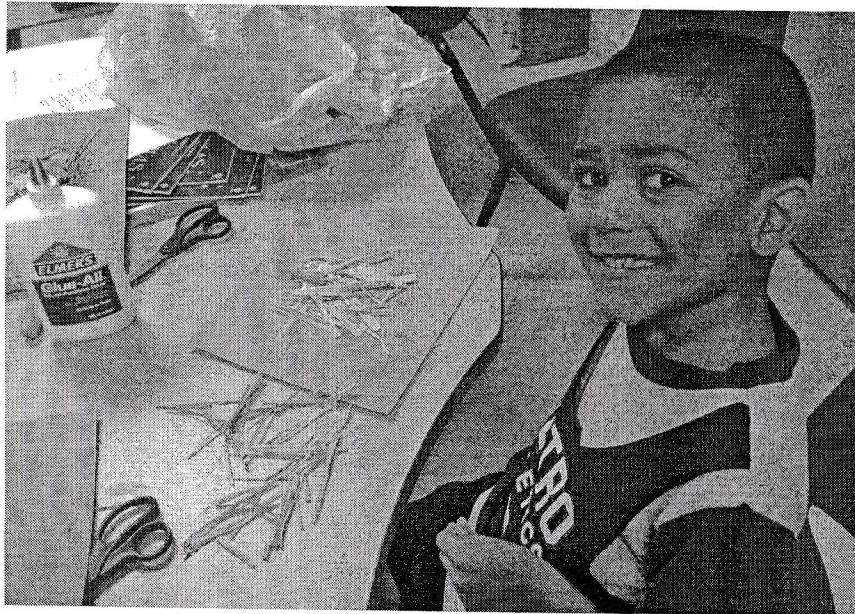
By Briena Romanshek

The Refugee and Immigrant Services Program at Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is collecting donations for newly arriving refugees who fled persecution in their home countries. LSS currently resettles refugees from Somalia, Burma, Georgia (Meskhetian Turks) and Laos (Hmong). Refugees arrive with

very few possessions, so your donation will contribute significantly to their new lives in the United States.

We are in immediate need of twin and full bed sets, baby cribs, dining tables with chairs, couches, coffee/end tables, dressers and lamps. Your help and resources would be deeply appreciated. For more information, contact Ako Hasegawa of LSS at (414) 325-3063.

Vacation Bible Preschool

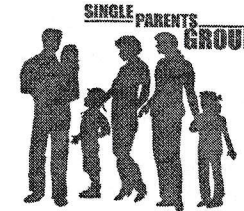


Single Parent Support Group to Start

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by the demands of single parenthood? Would you like to share ideas and socialize with others in your situation?

Come to the first gathering of the Single Parent Support Network Friday, September 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 Green Bay Road. Lauren Murphy Payne, LCSW will speak on "Coping Strategies for Single Parents."

Food provided; childcare provided. Everyone is welcome. Call 634-6669 for more information



numbers are: 888-879-3000 - extension #3.

"Dr. Len" is a licensed psychologist and ordained Presbyterian minister. His training includes an M.A. and Psy.D from Widener University and an M.Div. from Princeton. Dr. Len has been married to his wife Barb for 25 years and they have four children.

At his new office in the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Racine, Dr. Len plans to serve all people and especially pastors and their spouses (coaching and consultation), children, adolescents (individual therapy, groups for children with ADHD and with Asperger's, parent and family coaching, work with sexual issues), young adults (sexuality issues, diagnosis, therapy, and management of mental illness, career counseling and mentoring) and psychological assessment for all ages (including diagnostic testing, psycho-educational testing, trauma evaluations and psychosexual evaluations-for juveniles).

Len has extensive experience and training in dealing with trauma and especially sexual abuse. He is the author of *Sexual Abuse* (Abingdon Press, 2004) which is a part of Abingdon's "Pastoral Responses" series.

Christos Ministries Hires Racine Counselor

By Judy Kolstad

Christos Ministries introduces and welcomes Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl as the newest member of their Counseling/Coaching Staff. Many have been hoping for Christos to provide an office closer in the Racine/Kenosha area.

Dr. Len will be available at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, Racine. Appointments are made through the Christos office, not the church. The Christos Ministries

Racine Kin Connection Sponsors National Grandparents Day Event

By Bonnie Bolster

Special Free Event: Celebrate Grandparents Health and Information Fair September 9 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - All Saints in the Racine Room on the lower level, 3801 Spring Street (Hwy C) Racine, Wisconsin 53405.

This event is a collaboration between Racine Kin Connection, Next Generation Now and Wheaton Franciscan-All Saints.

There will be something for all ages to enjoy or learn. We are having over 45 booths, an Irish folk band, refreshments, demonstrations, and many nice door prizes.

North Cape Hosts Fish Boil

North Cape Lutheran Church invites you to their 23rd annual All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 30, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$11.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6-11. Reservations are accepted for groups of ten or more.

The menu includes boneless, skinless ocean cod smothered in butter (or margarine on request), new jacketed potatoes, boiled

Participants this year include: health information and screening, senior citizen information, parenting information, grandparents raising grandchildren area, a variety of local organizations with their resource information, hands-on area for grandparents and grandchildren to work on crafts together, Story Time, puppet show, karate demonstration for the kids, YWCA senior aerobics mini session for the senior adults, educational opportunities, C.A.R.E, Racine Unified Title 1 Parent Resource Center, and much more.

carrots and onions, homemade dessert and a beverage. Watch the "masters" cook the meal outdoors over an open wood fire while "Enroute" provides musical entertainment.

Proceeds will be used for church ministries and outreach activities. For information or reservations, call the church office, 835-2206 mornings.

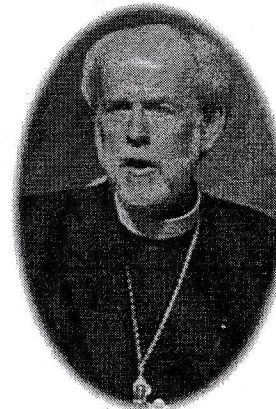
North Cape Lutheran is located on the east side of Highway 45 between Highway K and Five Mile Road.

A Message from Bishop Mark Hanson

August 16, 2006

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." James 1:17a

Today, I echo the words of James as I remember the events related to the Gulf Coast hurricanes and flooding one year ago. When Hurricane Katrina struck on August 28, 2005, followed first by flooding and then by Hurricane Rita, the powerful devastating force that swept through the Gulf Coast shocked and



saddened us all. Yet I have witnessed the resilience of ELCA congregations in affected communities, which have confronted the losses in their personal lives while also responding to the outpouring of offers for assistance. The two synods most affected (Texas-Louisiana-Gulf Coast and Southeastern) have, in collaboration with social ministry organizations and Lutheran Disaster Response, responded immediately and have continued to minister to the congregations, communities, and rostered people affected by the hurricanes.

The response from the congregations and members of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to this disaster has been powerful and overwhelming. For this generosity of spirit, I am thankful.

Thank you for your financial gifts that total over \$25 million to date to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response and Lutheran Disaster Response. Your gifts have sufficiently funded a multi-year response plan in the Gulf Coast which includes bringing help and hope through grants to families and individuals, establishing emergency relief centers, supporting volunteers, and providing spiritual and emotional care for disaster survivors and caregivers.

Thank you for your willing hands and feet and for the 15,000 volunteers who have contributed 500,000 hours of volunteer service. Lutheran volunteers, including 1,100 students from our colleges, universities, and campus ministries, endured grueling, hot work to help repair the homes and communities of Gulf Coast neighbors they might never meet. The need is great, and so I am grateful that many have signed up to volunteer not in the last year, but for years to come.

Thank you for our disaster partners who ministered to

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**Bibles Presented to
Three Students
October 15**

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Come Together Wednesday Nights for Food, Fellowship, Learning and Worship

Every Wednesday through November 15, you are invited to a time of food, fellowship, learning and worship. As kids and adults gather, board games are available at 5:00 p.m.

Coordinated by Carol Yust, a buffet meal is served between 5:30 and 6:10 p.m. (free will donation).

At 6:15, adults gather with Pastor Walter and Pastor Mary for a study of the parables. Pastor Mary will lead those who would like a basic introduction to the parable, and Pastor Walter will lead a more

in-depth study for those who are interested.

Wednesday Camp, led by Nancy Smith, introduces kids from 4-12 years to Godly Play and hands-on study of several Bible stories. The first lessons are centered on "God Made the World."

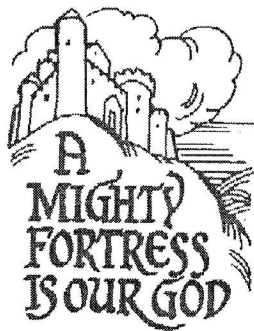
Everyone joins together in the Sanctuary for a closing prayer/worship service from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Child care is available for babies and toddlers.

Atonement Hosts Festival of Reformation

On Tuesday, October 31, the Racine ELCA Cluster of churches will come together to celebrate God's grace on the Festival of Reformation at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. (Please note the time change.) Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will preach.

Singers of all ages are invited to participate in a massed choir, which will lead the assembly in worship at this special event. Emmaus has received a packet of liturgical materials and the octavo, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Anyone interested in participating can contact Suzanne

Landis regarding an opportunity to rehearse the music.



There will be a massed choir rehearsal on Saturday, October 28 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church and a massed choir warm-up on Tuesday, October 31 at 6:15 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Michael Burkhardt, Director of the Carthage Choir, and Director of Music at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, will serve as the festival conductor.

Everyone is invited to attend the Festival of Reformation.

Children to Receive Bibles October 15

By Nancy Smith

On October 15, Emmaus will present Bibles to Erin Keller, Stephanie Johnson and Hunter Christman.

Erin and Stephanie will receive the Hands-on Bible, which the elementary age children in the

Sunday School program use.

Hunter will receive The Beginner's Bible, a storybook which introduces children to the stories and characters of the Bible. This Bible is used with preschool and kindergarten children.

Emmaus Visitors Group Reaches Out to Homebound

by Kathy Christensen

Several members of our Emmaus Family are confined to their homes and would appreciate an occasional visitor or phone call. There are some who are living alone and need assistance getting to appointments or having prescriptions picked up. As a caring community, our ministry includes caring for the sick and elderly when they need it most. The Emmaus Visitors Group is hoping to find people who are willing to share a bit of their time with such a person, if not physically visiting, even a phone call or a card is another way of participating in this ministry.

Carol Eschmann, Emmaus'

Parish Nurse, has provided information about awareness of health and safety issues as well as suggestions for making visits a positive experience. Pastor Mary will offer instruction for bringing Holy Communion to the shut-in for those who would be comfortable doing so. Each volunteer will be given an assignment based on their availability and what type of help they want to offer. You may visit with a partner if you wish.



If you have questions or concerns you may call Kathy Christensen at 886-2151 or Michelle Kreimer at 637-1169 for more information.

TEAR OFF

I am interested in participating in the Emmaus Visitors' Group. I am willing to:

- Make phone calls to shut-ins Visit shut-ins
 Visit shut-ins with a friend Send cards to shut-ins

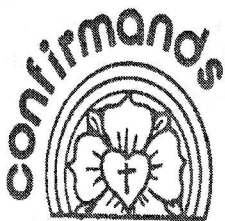
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Four to Be Confirmed October 29

As part of Emmaus' observation of Reformation Sunday, four young members of the congregation will publicly affirm their baptism.

Caroline Crehan, Brian Liesch, Emily Maranger, and Frank Williams have undergone instruction in the Christian faith. All parents, baptismal sponsors, friends and relatives are invited to attend this special service in support of their confirmand.

Our confirmands will have their picture taken after the service at the front of the church. Please be sure to be at the church with your



alb on and boutonniere pinned at 9:00 a.m.

Youth Birthdays in October

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	5
Oct. 9	Joe Ford	12
Oct. 13	Adam Jaskulske	17
Oct. 13	Mike Liesch	17
Oct. 14	Collin Christman	10
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	6
Oct. 16	Henry Yunker	5
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith	13
Oct. 20	Sydney Johnson	9
Oct. 24	Kally Jansen	18
Oct. 26	Hailey Sommer	17
Oct. 30	Sydney Johnson	8
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson	8

Prayer Shawls Blessed October 8

By Nancy Smith

Please join us for a service of blessing upon the prayer shawls which the busy hands of Knit One, Purl One have created over the past few months. The shawls will be given to members who are facing a life challenge.

"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." -Psalm 147:3

Invitation

An invitation is extended to those of all ages who enjoy or would

like to learn the art of knitting or crocheting. The group gathers on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.



The group has been busy creating prayer shawls as well as hats and mittens for the kids at Wadewitz. Other worthy projects are being discussed.

Come and see or inquire of Bev Hansen (551-8095) or Nancy Smith (633-3059).

Sign Up for Round Robin Dinner October 14

By Julie Field

After we have appetizers at the Bagleys', we split into groups and rotate to various homes for our meal, lastly meeting at church for dessert. Saturday, October 14: 6:00

p.m. appetizers, \$5.00 per person. Sign up in the narthex after church. Questions: any C-FAF committee member: Cele Bagley, Julie Field, Pat Jensen, Denise Keller, Michele Kreimer.

Second Sunday Forum

Greg Schutz Discusses Death Penalty Referendum

By Nancy Smith

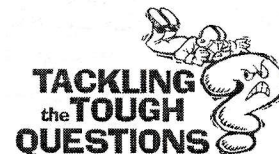
On October 8, Greg Schutz will discuss the option Wisconsin voters will face when they go to the polls in November. The question being asked is whether the state should resume executions.

Wisconsin is one of twelve states that do not execute criminals. The debate on punishment is one of the few public policy issues that is consistently met with passionate discussion.

According to a poll taken in 2005 by the Pew Forum and the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 68% of Americans support the death penalty for people convicted of murder.

Questions: Does the death penalty deter crime? Are members of minorities being executed in disproportionate numbers? Is an execution more expensive than locking a killer up for life?

Come and discuss Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.



Thank You to Larry & Ruth Estep

Our thanks to the following, for adopting Sundays in September: Larry and Ruth Estep, in thanks for God's blessings. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of

Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are included in the Emmaus Visitor as well as in worship bulletins on communion Sundays.

Hymnal Workshop Moved to Atonement

The November 4 workshop on *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the new hymnal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue,

instead of at Holy Communion Lutheran Church as originally announced.

Kathy Christensen and Joyce Kaiser will represent Emmaus at the workshop.

Emmaus Participates in Green Workshop

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is sponsoring a Green Congregation Event, "It Is Easy Being Green," Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 8:00 to noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 3617 North 48th Street, Milwaukee. The workshop will be led by David Rhoads, teacher at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Director of the Green Congregation Program, along with representatives of the Racine Green Congregation Program.

The purpose of the workshop is to offer practical, hands-on



guidance and (free) resources for introducing and expanding care for creation into the life of all congregations – through worship, education, property, discipleship at home and work, and public ministry.

Anyone interested in learning how to further green our congregation, and in sharing what we already know with other congregations, should attend. Please let Pastor Mary, Julie Hansen or Ruth Copeland know you're interested.

CROP Walk Battles World, Local Hunger

On Sunday, October 15, the Volunteer Center of Racine is sponsoring the 27th annual CROP Walk for Hunger. This is the Hunger appeal of the ecumenical Church World Services, which last year raised \$1,660 for



Racine County's Food Bank, feeding hungry people in Racine County.

Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, Racine. The walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

Solicit pledges and make the 5K or 10K walk, collect pledges and turn them in to Linda Jaskulske.

Emmaus Pauses to Remember All 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, 2005. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors officiated.

We would also like to mention those who were not members here but were important to you – family relations, dear friends, and loved ones. Please inform the church office (634-5515) by October 15 if you would like your loved one remembered.

In celebration of All Saints

Sunday on November 4 and 5, 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 form below and include \$3.00 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 23.

On All Saints' Sunday, November 5, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$3.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: \$ _____

My/Our name:

In memory of:

1.
2.
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4.
5.

Thanks from Lee & Betty Woodward

Dear friends:

We thank everyone in the congregation for the chrysanthemum you gave to us on September 10 for our 50th wedding anniversary.

Lee & Betty Woodward

Vocational Workshop Participants Send Thanks

Hi, my name is Marilyn. I'd like to thank everyone for the workshop. It has been an educational experience!

Thanks,
Marilyn

Thanks to Emmaus Lutheran Church for your generosity and kindness. Special thanks to the cook and hostess. Thank you very much.

Renee

Thank you for your hospitality. We appreciate it.

Sincerely,
S. Kadlice Garrett

Thank you so much for your hospitality.

Rhonda

Thank you very much for your

wonderful food and space.

Mark

Thank you for allowing all of us to come here and learn how to improve our employment skills. I appreciate your caring and kindness.

Shaura

Thank you so much for not only giving me the opportunity to grow, but allowing me to feel at home here in the House of God.

Thanks,
Your sister in Christ,
Saha Lindeke

Thank you for opening the doors of your church and your hearts to us. Please convey gratitude to all who were part of making this a success.

Warmest regards,
Lori Life



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$
(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Keenagers

The Keenagers group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and a hearty lunch at noon.



October Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 10	Marlyn Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Oct. 14	Paul Massey	2000 Domanik Drive	53404
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2041 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	1724 Michigan Boulevard	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	3900 N. Main Street #323	53402
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue #608	53403

Carthage Hosts Hearing on ELCA Social Statement on Education

The ELCA is preparing a social statement on education as directed by the 2001 Churchwide Assembly. This statement is to be considered by the Churchwide Assembly in 2007. "Our Calling in Education" is the first draft of the proposed statement.

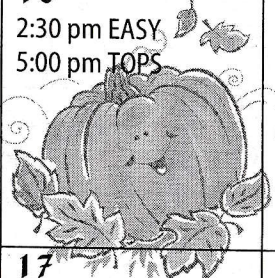


A hearing on the education social statement will be held in Siebert Chapel at Carthage College on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Since this takes place on a weekday evening, participants are also encouraged to come early and enjoy a meal in the Carthage Dining Commons. (Contact Deborah Clark for dinner reservations: 262-551-5810 or dclark@carthage.edu.)

The draft statement is online in English and in Spanish with a link at: <http://www.elca.org/socialstatements/education/>.

For further questions about the hearing at Carthage, call Harvard Stephens, 262-551-5812 or e-mail: hstephens@carthage.edu.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; YOM KIPPUR 8:00 am Adult Choir 9:15 am Worship service <i>LBW</i> setting 2 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:40 am Confirmation class	2 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee	3 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Education Social Statement hearing, Carthage	4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	5 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	6 Synod WELCA Convention, Cross of Life -Brookfield	7 SUKKOT 8:00 am Being Green workshop, Good Shepherd-MKE Synod WELCA Convention 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
8 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship; Forum on Death Penalty 10:40 am Confirmation class	9 COLUMBUS MONDAY 10:00 am Knit One, Purl One 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class	10 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	11 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	12 COLUMBUS DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	13	14 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Round Robin dinner
15 19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:40 am Confirmation class 1:00 pm CROP Walk	16 <i>November Visitor</i> <i>Articles needed in</i> <i>church office</i> 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class	17 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	18 ST. LUKE 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	19 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST	21 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary at Fall Theological Conference Oct. 15 p.m. to Oct. 17 p.m.</i>						
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29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer with Affirmation of Baptism 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:40 am Confirmation class	30 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class	31 REFORMATION DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Reformation Festival, Atonement Lutheran-Racine	Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 6:00 pm Grubich- Busanec rehearsal	4 8:30 am <i>ELW</i> workshop, at Atonement 2:00 pm Grubich- Busanec wedding 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC

October, 2006

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GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
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K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
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Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
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October Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Sat. Sept. 30 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 1 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Al Svendsen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Shai'ela Mosley Patrick Jansen
Sat. Oct. 7 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 8 9:15 am	—	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 John Cook	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
Sat. Oct. 14 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 15 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Julie Hansen	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Abby Maranger Jennifer Haman
Sat. Oct. 21 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 22 9:15 am	—	Lyle Christensen	Team 1 H. Miller	Emily Maranger Caroline Crehan
Sat. Oct. 28 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 29 9:15 am	—	Carol Eschmann	Team 2 R. Christensen	Shai'ela Mosley Patrick Jansen Ryan Lamberton Jennifer Haman
Sat. Nov. 4 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Caroline Crehan	Team 3 H. Jensen	TBA

Candle Care in October: Evelyn Larsen. **In November:** Valerie Crehan

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Greeters	Communion Assts.
Oct. 1	Gerry Dykstra	TBA	A&J Beck	Caren Lamberton
Oct. 8	Celia Bagley	TBA	H&M Jensen	—
Oct. 15	B&D Keller	H&M Jensen	S&B Breiwick	Cindi Larsen
Oct. 22	L. Christensen	Linda & Glen Jaskulske	B. Holding A. Svendsen	—
Oct. 29	L&C Larsen; J. Poulsen	O&V Haugsby	O&V Haugsby	—
Nov. 5	H&E Larsen	TBA	A&J Beck	Gregg Albright

Food Pantry Volunteers:

October 26: Vern Peterson, Kathy Christensen, James & Mary Larrabee, and Pat Jensen

Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 5

The October 5 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex along with the casserole recipe; cake pans with lids are available in the plastic storage container under the table. Casserole recipes are again available on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

Confirmation students: don't forget that you can earn Confirmation service points by

preparing food or helping in other ways.

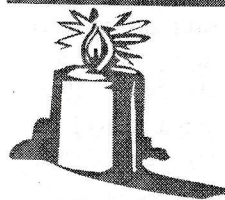
If you cannot help on October 5 but are available and could help serve food or clean up on another Thursday, feel free to drop in at St. Patrick's Church. You do not need to sign up. They will appreciate your help as some churches just drop off the food and do not stay to help.

Openings Remain on Flower Calendar

There are still a few open Sundays on the Emmaus altar flower schedule. At press time, December 3 and 10 were available for anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers those days.

We ask \$15.00 to sponsor altar flowers. The church secretary will give you a call during the week before your sponsored Sunday to ask how you want the dedication to appear in the worship bulletins.

Memorials



Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Lucille Adams Dudek: \$1,300.00

In memory of Betty Rossing: \$100.00

In memory of Lyle Torine: \$50.00

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

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Principal balance as of September 14, 2006	\$87,605.05	

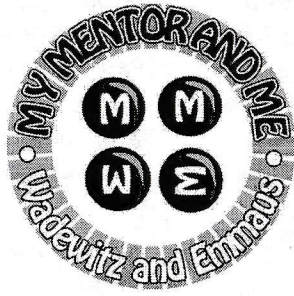
My Mentor & Me Takes One Hour per Week

By Nancy Smith

Yes, mentors spend a mere hour a week with a child at Wadewitz. At our debriefing meeting in June, those who mentored related again and again how their children asked if they would be their mentor again next year.

And the answer was a unanimous "yes!" Most of the veteran mentors are returning and wish to remain with the student they worked with last year. That leaves many mentor openings for the first grade.

In a recent *Racine Journal Times*



article, it was reported that 60% of the students at Wadewitz are considered to be at poverty level.

That statistic is rising at an alarming rate. Many of the children at Wadewitz can benefit from one hour of TLC during which time you can read, help with homework, do an art project, work on a puzzle, play a game, engage in conversation, or play outside.

Help to break the cycle of poverty, build a positive relationship and offer a child hope and encouragement.

Questions? See Nancy Smith (633-3059).

Changes Are In Store for Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, October 29. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, or you're bound to be an hour early for church.

New dates for Daylight Savings Time will go into effect next year, due to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Starting in March 2007, daylight time in the United States will begin on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November.

Although standard time in time zones was instituted in the U.S.

and Canada by the railroads in 1883, it was not established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918, sometimes called the Standard Time Act. The act also established daylight saving time, a contentious idea then.

Daylight saving time was repealed in 1919, but standard time zones remained in law. Daylight Savings Time was re-established early in World War II, and was in effect continuously from February 9, 1942 to September 20, 1945.

In 1974, daylight time began on January 6 and in 1975 it began on February 23.

Episcopal, Lutheran Bishops Set Poverty Goals

Rev. Mark Hanson and the Most Rev. Frank Griswold, Presiding Bishops of the ELCA and the Episcopal Church, respectively, have issued the following call to action against poverty:

"That All May Be One"

A Joint Pastoral Letter and Reflection on Global Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17: 20-21)

Brothers and Sisters:

Five years ago The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) entered into a relationship of full communion. As the name of the agreement, *Called to Common Mission*, makes clear, the unity lived out between our two churches is for the sake of God's mission in the world. The full flourishing of our world and the human family requires our urgent attention to the fight to end global poverty and build a more peaceful, secure world for all God's people. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) provide the Church and the world with a clear path to do this.

Extreme poverty binds more than one billion of God's children, depriving them of the abundant life

God intends for all. The MDGs are a set of eight targets for eradicating global poverty adopted by the 191 member states of the United Nations, including the United States, out of the conviction that humanity can build a better and safer world if it is willing to unite. The Goals reflect the reality that the resources, strategies, and knowledge to end global poverty exist if only the moral and political will can be built. Christians must play a key role building this will and holding governments accountable for promises made.

A world that meets the Goals would have 500 million fewer people living on less than a dollar a day, 70 percent of whom will be women. More than 400 million fewer people will go to bed hungry each night. The lives of 30 million children currently destined to die before their fifth birthday would be saved. The rise of HIV and AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis would be halted, and infection and death rates would begin to decline. The population of orphans in the world - currently numbered at more than 110 million - would begin to decline as well. In short, a world that has achieved the MDGs will be a world that more greatly reflects Christ's prayer that all be one as he and the Father are one.

This joint pastoral letter comes as the ELCA and the Episcopal Church embark upon new shared

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ELCA Task Force on Human Sexuality Works to Finalize Third Study

CHICAGO (ELCA) Sept. 22 — The task force coordinating studies in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) concerning human sexuality met here Sept. 15-17 to work on finalizing the text of "Set Free in Christ: Talking about Human Sexuality" — a study guide designed to engage the 4.85 million-member church in thoughtful discussion and theological discernment on topics that may be addressed in an ELCA social statement on human sexuality.

Bishops' Letter

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commitment to the MDGs, particularly through our collaboration in *ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History*, a large and growing movement of more than 2.3 million Americans working for the end of global poverty. We hope that by reflecting together on the challenge of global poverty, our communities may be called into deeper conversation, collaboration, and advocacy on this urgent topic.

We invite you to consider the four reflections on global poverty that follow, each examining the church's engagement with the Goals from a different perspective. They need not be read together and, in fact, time between each might invite deeper discernment of God's calling

"We're signing off on a study, not a social statement," said the Rev. Peter Strommen, bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Duluth, and task force chair. "Our objective is to finalize text that gives the ELCA a discussion tool to engage in before the social statement on human sexuality is written," he said.

The current overall work of the Task Force for ELCA Studies on

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to the Church at this moment in the life of the world.

As churches that stand in the shadow of the cross — knowing that in God's kingdom death and sorrow always give way to resurrection and life — we pray that the Spirit may equip us through the deathless love of the Risen Christ for God's mission of making all things new.

In Christ's peace,
The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold

Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America

ELCA Task Force

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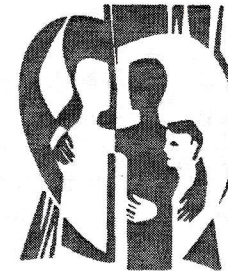
Sexuality is the development of a social statement on human sexuality for the ELCA. The 2001 assembly mandated the church to engage in studies on human sexuality. The first emphasis dealt with questions about the blessing of same-gender unions and the ordination of people in committed gay or lesbian relationships, in which the task force issued its report and recommendations on homosexuality in January 2005. The 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly took action on those recommendations. The second emphasis is the development of a social statement on human sexuality.

A proposed social statement on human sexuality is due in early 2009. The proposed document will be presented to the ELCA Church Council with a request by the task force to place the document on the agenda of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly for action.

Set Free in Christ: Talking about Human Sexuality, is the third in a series of studies developed by the task force under the banner of "Journey Together Faithfully," said the Rev. Roger A. Willer, senior research associate, ELCA Church in Society.

"Each chapter of the [third] study is dedicated to a different aspect of human sexuality," said

Willer. "We'll talk about sexuality and power, sexuality in economic situations, sexuality and culture, sexuality and social institutions such as marriage and a number of other topics, many of which have not been broached in our other discussions. So what does it mean for us, as a church, to have common convictions



about sexuality in terms of the contemporary complexities of life, where people are living longer, getting married later in life, feeling economic insecurity and more?"

The New Testament Book of Galatians will serve as the biblical framework for the conversation, according to Bishop Strommen. It "is not all that directly applicable to human sexuality, but we're saying, 'let's go there first,'" said Strommen.

"The themes in Galatians are often called the 'Epistle of Freedom,'" said Willer. "Galatians will help set the framework for conversation and return us to the basics, that we are saved by God's grace through faith. Grounded in that freedom to seek the neighbor's good, what does it mean to be sexual beings?" he said.

Set Free in Christ: Talking about Human Sexuality will be available to the church starting Dec. 4, 2006. The task force will receive responses to the study through Nov. 1, 2007.

October Is Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Month

For half a century, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has lovingly provided residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities with the unbudgeted extras to make life more pleasant.

This has included Christmas gifts, TV and sound equipment, furnishings, wheelchairs, parties, and wheelchair-accessible vans. This year's commitment will purchase furniture and a large-screen TV for Adult Day Services, digital hymnbooks, and a freezer for the Meals on Wheels program.

The subscription fees for the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary are \$5.00 for an annual membership, \$15.00 for Annual Plus membership, and \$150.00 for a lifetime membership. Send your check, with your name, address, phone, and e-mail to Linda Cayemberg, 2620 5½ Mile Road, Racine, 53402; please include that Emmaus is your home church.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Offered

By Steve & Carol Spieker

We have a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend scheduled for November 10-12 at the DoubleTree hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

In all marriages, there are times when couples take each other

and their relationships for granted. A Marriage Encounter Weekend presents each couple with the opportunity to get off the Modern World Treadmill.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is not a retreat, nor is it a marriage clinic or sensitivity course. There is no group discussion. It emphasizes communication between a husband and wife during a weekend free of everyday distractions and tensions.

Dean and Marcia Redman can be contacted at 414-771-7534 if you are interested in participating in this rewarding experience.

Aurora Visiting Nurses Hold Fund Raiser

By Mary Stenzel, CSW

The Aurora Visiting Nurse Association will hold their annual Wings of Hope fund raiser at the Monte Carlo Room, 720 N. Wisconsin Street, Elkhorn, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22.

Wings of Hope will feature dinner, silent and live auctions, and a raffle. Tickets may be purchased in advance by credit card at www.Aurora.org/Wings or at the door. Call 1-800-644-5860 for details.

Re-Formation: What Does It Look Like?

During the month of October, we celebrate the Re-formation of the Christian Church. Not only do we look back almost 500 years to the time the German monk Martin Luther confronted the church of his day, but we also look at today's church.

What can we learn from Luther, who spent much of his time translating the Bible to the language of the people (German), writing singable songs (many to popular beer-drinking tunes) and trying to explain church teachings in understandable language (Luther's Small Catechism)?

How will the ELCA Lutheran church of Racine be judged when future historians look back to the early 21st Century? Will we be referred to as the faithful visionaries and re-formers of a once shrinking church? Will our great-grandchildren celebrate their ancestors who took risks to follow the words of Jesus: "Go and make disciples of *all* nations, ... baptizing ... and teaching..." (Matthew 28:19 and 20)?

Will the great-grandchildren of those who live within blocks of our churches reflect and acknowledge that we helped shape a community, centered on love of God *and* love of neighbor?

Where and how is the Holy Spirit at work pointing us to new

ways of being the Body of Christ? Where is the Spirit blowing fresh air to rekindle embers and sparks, yearning to "put us on fire" with renewed passion for sharing God's love? Where are the opportunities for transformation and re-formation as the people of God?

The ELCA Lutheran churches of Racine are at a crossroads. Rather than 14 individual sites that are in competition and struggling to pay salaries and utility bills, we are challenged to see ourselves as members of the same Body.

And, as members of the Body of Christ, we work and pray and worship and study and serve *together*.

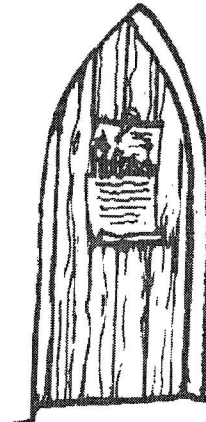
Will that mean shared staff? Shared buildings? Shared ministries?

Will we re-form and re-shape the way we are church in Racine? Will new passion and relevancy and commitment to the wider church better reflect God's vision for the kingdom of God here on earth?

We're taking some baby steps at Emmaus to broaden our vision of who we are as church (come on a Wednesday night to see). We are taking baby steps, putting our toes in the water, as we continue to meet as ELCA churches in Racine discussing shared ministry. We are making efforts to worship together.

Dare we be bold and willing

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to be changed and re-formed as God's Spirit leads us to unknown territory?

If you are willing to be a part of the "re-forming" conversation and work, please let me know. The more who are willing to be a part of the conversation, the better!

And if you'd like a taste of Lutherans from all of Racine worshipping together, be sure to

mark your calendar for Reformation Day, Tuesday, October 31. ELCA Lutherans and friends join in a special worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

In the Spirit



Church Council Focuses on Mission and Renewal

At the October church council meeting, members began small group discussions regarding the mission of the church and challenges being faced by the congregation, including the areas of worship life and attendance.

Discussion was lively, and it was agreed that on November 28, the discussion would continue. The council will meet at 5:45 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church and will then attend the citywide ELCA Mission Cluster meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Any interested members are invited to the council meeting



(pizza will be served) from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. and/or the Cluster meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Atonement, 2915 Wright Ave.

Consider being part of a *team* which will focus on renewal here at Emmaus. Express your concerns and dreams as we invite the Spirit to lead us

in the next steps.

Want to know more? Call 634-5515 or e-mail Pastor Mary at mljanz@aol.com. She'll invite the first five who respond to coffee, treats and conversation at Panera Bread!

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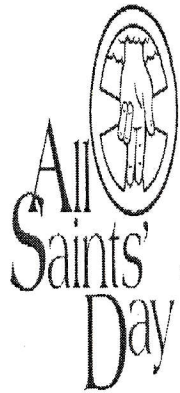
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Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

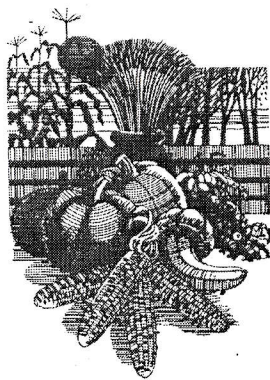
During All Saints' Day worship on November 4 and 5, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:



Barry Nielsen	Feb. 24, 1957 - Oct. 25, 2005
Alissa Willette	Dec. 18, 2005 - Jan. 8, 2006
Glenn C. Olson	Jul. 31, 1910 - Jan. 23, 2006
Geraldine Maranger	Aug. 19, 1934 - Jan. 22, 2006
Marie Schneider	Sept. 11, 1912 - Jan. 25, 2006
Arlyn Glenn Olson	Dec. 2, 1950 - Jan. 31, 2006
Lillian Kueker Karcher	Oct. 29, 1912 - Apr. 15, 2006
John Olav Haanstad	May 14, 1919 - May 14, 2006
Catherine Ruggeri Aquini	Feb. 22, 1907 - May 19, 2006
Chester H. Meyer	May 13, 1920 - June 3, 2006
Lyle E. Zielke	June 12, 1928 - June 30, 2006
Betty Hanson Rossing	Nov. 20, 1942- July 3, 2006

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.



As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry. Emmaus has contributed food and money to the Northside Pantry, located at Trinity United

Methodist Church, for several years now.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line or on the upper right blanks of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. Donations at the tables will be used to finance next summer's mission trip to Tennessee.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Activities

Our Wednesday night format continues on Wednesdays in November and includes time for fun, fellowship, food, learning and worship for people of all ages.

We will not have the usual Wednesday activities on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, but everyone is invited to the 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve worship service and the pie social afterward. Wednesday evening activities resume November 29.

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Gather in Fellowship Hall for games.

5:30-6:15 p.m. - Enjoy buffet supper prepared especially for

you. The menu will vary each week. Free-will donation - contribute as you are able.

6:15-7:00 p.m. - Child care is provided for the little ones while adults spend time studying and discussing the parables of Jesus. Kids aged 4 to 12 years will participate in hands-on learning during Wednesday Camp for Kids.

7:00-7:30 p.m. - Everyone gathers in the sanctuary for closing worship/vespers led by Pastor Walter and Pastor Mary.

Visitors' Group Meets November 13

There is a meeting of the Visitors' group on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone

interested in sharing some time visiting or phoning a shut-in is invited to join us.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Fax:	262 634-0835	Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com	
Council President:	Chris Lamberton	Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net	
Children's Education & Mentoring:	Nancy Smith	Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15, and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Thanksgiving Eve services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 22.	
Outreach, Keenager Coordinator:	Valerie Crehan	Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.	
Nursery Attendant:	Linda Jaskulske	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed on Thanksgiving).	
Organist:	Joyce Kaiser	The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.	
Adult Choir Dir.:	Suzanne Landis	The deadline for the December VISITOR is November 15.	
Secretary:	Paul Berge	Vol. 35, No. 3	November, 2006
Bldg. & Grounds:	Glen Jaskulske		

EMMAUS VISITOR

New Choir Robes Dedicated

Emmaus and the Adult Choir dedicated the choirs new robes during the worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 29.

The new robes are off-white with burgundy accents on the

stoles. They were purchased with dedicated memorial monies in memory of Laurier Durand, Carolyn Lakvold, Chester Meyer, Shirley Psiones, Betty Rossing, and Lyle Zielke.

Prayer Shawls Distributed

By Nancy Smith

After the prayer shawls were blessed during worship in October, knitters and visitors have been taking the shawls to many of our members who are struggling with health issues.

Knit One, Purl One meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The group continues to grow. If you have an interest in knitting or crocheting (instructions are available), come and see! Some



in the group have not done handwork for years.

The group is also creating hats and mittens for kids at Wadewitz.

Thanks to Dorothy Bagley, Ruth Copeland, Valerie Crehan, Bev Hansen, Meta Haanstad, Cathy Meyer, Myrna Olesen, Linda Peterson, Lael Richter, and Nancy Smith.

If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving a prayer shawl, please inform Bev Hansen or Nancy Smith. The prayer shawls are not for sale.

C-FAF Seeks Ideas, Suggestions

The C-FAF (Congregational Fun & Fellowship) Committee coordinated a Round Robin dinner in mid-October. The progressive dinner entertained diners with a wide array of appetizers at the Bagley home, and a main course chicken dinner at the homes of the Albrights, Jensens and Eschmanns.

The homemade delicacies served in the Fireside Room topped off the evening.

Ideas and suggestions for future congregational fun and fellowship events are welcomed by the C-FAF committee. Call the church office or write your suggestions on the C-FAF board if you have ideas to share.

Mentoring at Wadewitz Begins

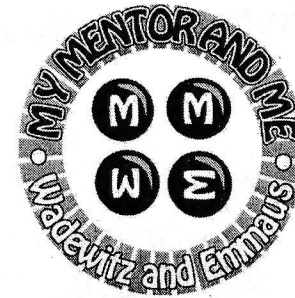
By Nancy Smith

At last mentors will be meeting their students. The process takes time because parents need to give permission for their child to be involved in the program. Many of last year's mentors will be continuing with their same child. Mentors will meet with their students once a week for about 45 minutes.

Thanks to those who have enthusiastically said, "Yes!" Our

alums are Kylee and Gregg Albright, Judy Berndt, Ruth Copeland, Kathy Christensen, Linda Clinton, Valerie Crehan, Melissa Genich, Mary Janz, Cathy Knuteson, Joy Lippmann, Nancy Smith, Al Svendsen, Beth Tepley, and Judy Yorgan.

Welcome back Marty and Kathryn Aiken who have returned to Racine after spending time in Japan. Welcome also to Kelsey Albright, Linda Peterson and Maribel Velasquez.



Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

By Nancy Smith

As Thanksgiving approaches, thoughts quickly turn to the time of the year when peace and love is shared with those around us. We will be sharing gifts with families at Wadewitz, the Racine Literacy Program that meets at Emmaus, Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) and our own at Emmaus. Last year's gifts were received with many a smile and a tear and with much appreciation.

Please take a gift tag that indicates what type of gift

(clothing, toy or book) and the age, sex and size of the recipient. Wrapped gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 10 so they can be delivered in a timely manner. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Last year many of the gifts were related to food items and gift cards for gas as well as clothing and toys. Make checks payable to Emmaus with "Giving Tree" on the memo line.

Thanks for your ongoing generosity as we care for the least of our neighbors.



The Giving Tree

Emmaus Serves Meal at St. Pat's Dec. 7

Emmaus' next turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be on Thursday, December 7. A sign-

up sheet to provide casseroles, salads and desserts will be in the narthex in November.

Can We Help with Saturday Noon Meal Site?

By Linda Jaskulske

Leah Heinz of Faith United Methodist would like a group to help make sack lunches on a Saturday for the Community Meal site at First United Methodist, 745

Main Street. It's only four or five Saturdays a year.

If interested, call Linda Jaskulske: 634-1200 (home) or 664-6006 (work), or leave a note in the Social Concerns mail slot at church. Thank you!

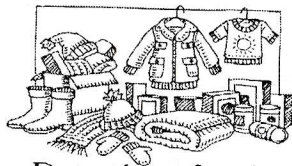
Homeless Organization Lists Needs

From HALO Volunteer newsletter

The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) has families successfully moving from HALO into transitional housing or on their own. HALO is looking for household items that could be delivered directly to them.

Please leave messages for Mary Lofty at 633-3235, extension 105, if you have items you would like to donate.

HALO basic needs include: deodorant for men and women; bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths; toothpaste and toothbrushes; new underwear, t-



Donations for the Homeless

shirts and socks; new pillows; new combs and brushes; plastic hangers; all paper goods (towels, napkins, Kleenex, etc.); women's sanitary products; diapers and baby wipes; food in bulk (sugar, spices, vegetables, sauces, etc.); and gift certificates to WalMart, Speedway, Kmart, or any grocery stores.

Winter is just around the corner, and HALO will need coats, hats, gloves, boots, mittens, and all other winter apparel. They may be dropped off at HALO, 2000 DeKoven (directly behind the Workforce Development Center).

Larsens Adopt Reformation Sunday

We extend our thanks to Loren and Cindi Larsen, who adopted Sunday, October 29 in thankfulness for God's many blessings on their 31st wedding anniversary.

Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the Emmaus Visitor and in worship bulletins on the first and third weekends of the month. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Library Named for Lyle Torine

The Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center opened its Lyle D. Torine Library on October 28. Lyle Torine was a member of Emmaus and dedicated volunteer for Cops 'n' Kids, lending



his skills as a carpenter. He passed away in September, 2003.

The Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center is located at 800 Villa Street near downtown Racine.

◀ Lyle Torine

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	Oct. 1, '06	
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Interest	\$443.30	
Extra principal	\$0.00	
Total	\$,992.00	
Principal balance as of Oct. 13, 2006	\$87,056.35	



Attendance and Offering Report

Plastic Containers Needed

By Nancy Smith

All sizes of plastic containers are needed to enable us to save/distribute leftover food and

to implement various arts and crafts projects. Place them in designated box in the narthex. Thanks.

Education Report

Sunday School Kids Learn Brickmaking

by Nancy Smith

Our One Room Sunday School program is studying Moses. The kids are creating their own story baskets. Each week they create a craft related to the week's lesson and put it in their basket. The first week they were up to their elbows in mud as they made bricks.

Our One Room Sunday School program is studying Moses. The kids are creating their own story baskets. Each week they make a craft or add to the story scroll and put it in their basket.

When the study concludes, they will take their baskets home and be able to tell about the life of Moses and the Israelites.

Check out the brick display in the narthex. The kids were an enthusiastic as they kneaded dirt, water and straw with their hands and placed the mixture into molds. This lesson helped to reinforce that the Israelites did not have an easy life as slaves under the Pharaoh.

Thanks to Denise Johnson, Jamie Toslek, Denise Keller, Beth Tepley and Kathy Christman who

each week help our youngest members learn about the word of God. Cindi and Loren Larsen continue to share their talent by leading the kids in song at the beginning of each session. Thanks!

Wednesday Camp

Wednesday Camp is reaching many of the children in EASY (the after school program) and our own kids. "God Makes a World" is the theme. By the end of this session, they will be able to tell the creation story.

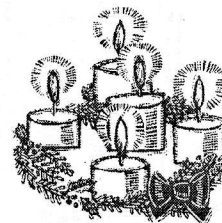
They made rain sticks, and planted wheatberry seeds that grow very rapidly. The kids have an active role in God Time, the brief praise service. They read the liturgy, offer prayers and sing. They are enthusiastic bunch. Their rendition of "I Am Amazing" is awesome!

They concluded this unit by presenting a skit though readings and props. Thanks to Kim Verwey, Nate Lamberton, Jen Haman and her friend Kim, and Abby Maranger for their assistance.

Youth News

Wreath Order Deadline Is November 3

The youth group of Emmaus are once again selling high-quality wreaths, swags, baskets and other assorted greenery to raise money for summer travel. These are from the same company we've used for the last four years and members have been very happy with the quality of greens offered.



holiday basket, \$28 for a 26" wreath, to \$35 for a 44-48" mantelpiece. Please call the church office to place your order or call Gregg Albright at 639-6433. The deadline to place your order is November 3.

Note: the order deadline has been moved up to November 3 so that there will be an earlier delivery this year. Delivery is expected November 22.

To place your order, please see the display board and sign-up sheets in the narthex. Prices range from \$23 for a door swag, \$25 for a

Youth Birthdays

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| Nov. 8 | Alyssa Rivera, 9 |
| Nov. 19 | Zack Offield, 3 |
| Nov. 20 | Anicka Purath, 12 |
| Nov. 22 | Richard Syty, 11 |
| Nov. 25 | Tyler Johnson, 3 |
| Nov. 29 | Melanie Andersen, 14 |
| Nov. 30 | Tavijon Yust, 3 |
| Nov. 30 | Eilis Purath, 10 |

Burglars Steal Church Cash, Gift Cards

Someone looking for cash apparently used a broken ground-level window to gain entry into the church building on the morning of October 23. The burglar (or burglars) found the church office, Pastor Mary's office, the Education Office and the Pastor's Study open, and forced open the doors to Valerie Crehan's office and a basement computer room.

The window was discovered broken the previous evening, but there was no indication of entry to the building at that time, or when

Pastor Mary was briefly in the building early in the morning.

The burglar searched through cabinets and drawers in the above rooms, the narthex, and the kitchen on the main floor. About \$100 in cash and \$400 in Pick 'n' Save gift cards are missing, but the burglar did not find the weekend offerings.

The burglar did not take any worship, office, or A/V equipment, and also left behind some checks that were sitting on the secretary's desk to pay for All Saints' Day flowers.

Secret Pals Reveal Themselves

By Marge Jensen

November 12, after the Sunday morning service, all secret pals please meet in the Fireside Room to reveal their identity to their secret pals.

It has been suggested that we not draw new names at this



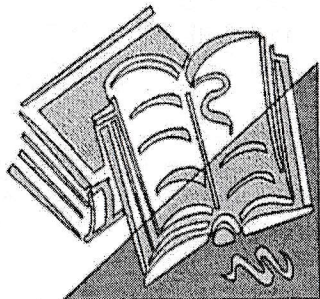
time. Perhaps we will take one year off.

Please mark this date to remember your secret pal with a card or small gift.

Book Club to Read Shreve Novel

Emmaus Book Club meets in the Fireside Room on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Our next selection is a novel by Anita Shreve, *A Wedding In December*. Anyone is welcome to join us on November 16!

Several people have wondered if an evening book group would be possible. Yes,



anything is possible. It is always good to sit around a circle and share thoughts that are inspired by the written word. If interested, sign up in the narthex or

contact Nancy Smith at 633-3059 or nnsdaisy@aol.com.

What If We Treated Bibles Like Cell Phones?

From newsletter of Richfield Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

What if we carried our Bible around all the time in a purse or a pocket?

What if we went back to get it if we forgot it at home?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as a gift?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded to the latest version?

Hmm.

New Hymnal Blends New and Familiar Worship Styles

On Saturday, November 4, Kathy Christensen, Joyce Kaiser, Cathy Meyer and Pastor Walter Hermanns will attend a workshop introducing the ELCA's new hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, at Atonement Lutheran Church.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship is intended to replace *The Lutheran Book of Worship*, (LBW) or the Green Hymnal as you may know it. *With One Voice* (the Blue Hymnal) will remain in use as a supplement to the new hymnal.

As Rev. Brad Brown, campus pastor at UW-Milwaukee observes, many of today's college freshmen were born in 1988, the year the ELCA came into being; when the ELCA and the class of 2010 were born, the *LBW* was already ten years old.

The new hymnal is divided into eight sections--the Church Year, Communion, Baptism, Lent, Life Passages, Daily Prayer, Psalms and Assembly Song--with artwork and graphics throughout. It also includes service outlines, as well as alternative prayers and liturgical text alongside traditional versions.

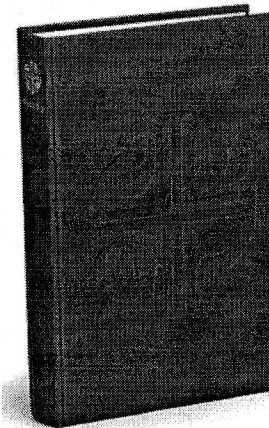
Evangelical Lutheran Worship will contain ten services of Holy Communion, including settings 1 and 2 from the *LBW*, but also reflecting a wider variety of musical styles. The styles vary from plainsong chant to gospel and Hispanic - influenced melodies.

Many hymns are retained from the *LBW*, and others are brought back from the *Service Book and Hymnal* (the Red Hymnal introduced in

1958). Other hymns are brought in from outside the Lutheran tradition, along with new compositions by the likes of John Ylvisaker and Gracia Grindal.

An effort has been made to use language which is inclusive and up-to-date, while still offering the option of old-fashioned terms in some of the most familiar readings.

All 150 Psalms are included in the new book, unlike our current hymnal, which only includes the psalms which are scheduled in the standard lectionary. Other features include Luther's "Small Catechism" and daily Bible reading suggestions.



Lighted Schoolhouse Appreciates Support

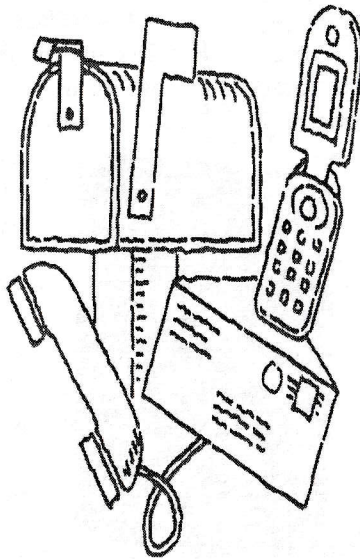
Dear Rev. Janz,

The Lighted Schoolhouse Program would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you and the members of your congregation for supporting our Sponsor-a-Child Scholarship Campaign. As of October 20, we have been able to provide several full year scholarships at many of our centers using the generous donations from your members.

The Lighted Schoolhouse after school program is a department within the Racine unified School District; funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the Wisconsin Department of Education, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, foundations and other grant awarding agencies.

The funding we currently receive does not fully cover operating expenses such as snacks, activity supplies, curriculum, field trips, and salaries. The Sponsor-a-Child Scholarship Campaign is a

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great opportunity to promote community partnerships and help our students to develop their social development and improve academically. On behalf of the Lighted Schoolhouse program and the families we serve, thank you so much for your congregational support.

Sincerely,
 --Kathy Dunkerson,
 Director, Extended Day Programs
 Racine Unified School District

Thanks from TOPS

Dear Pastor Mary and members of Emmaus congregation:

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your church as a meeting place for our TOPS chapter. You have always been so accommodating, this year even giving us our own weighing room.

You truly carry out the Christian mission in your outreach to the community.

Sincere thanks for all you've done,

TOPS Chapter #WI774, Racine

November Worship Assistants

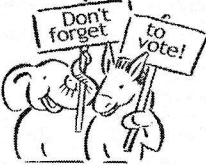



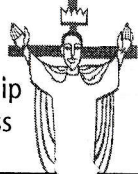
	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Sat. Nov. 4 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Caroline Crehan	Team 3 H. Jensen	TBA
Sat. Nov. 11 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 12 9:15 am	—	Kelsey Albright	Team4 John Cook	TBA
Sat. Nov. 18 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 19 9:15 am	G&K Albright Valerie Crehan	Lee Woodward	Team 5 W. Meteyard	TBA
Wed. Nov. 22 7:00 p.m.	Evelyn Larsen	—	Team 1 H. Miller	TBA
Sat. Nov. 25 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 26 9:15 am	—	Suzanne Landis	Team 2 R. Christensen	TBA
Sat. Dec. 2 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 3 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Sandy Strini	Team 3 H. Jensen	TBA

Candle Care in November: Valerie Crehan; in December: Pat Jensen.

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Greeters	Communion Assts.
Nov. 5	H&E Larsen	TBA	A&J Beck	Gregg Albright
Nov. 12	R&K Christensen	O.Wilson/K.Christman	H&M Jensen	—
Nov. 19	S&B Breiwick	Celia & Mason Bagley	S&B Breiwick	Nancy Smith
Nov. 22	—	—	—	K.Christensen
Nov. 26	D&C Eschmann	TBA	B. Holding A. Svendsen	—
Dec. 3	Marlyn Christensen	TBA	O&V Haugby	Chris Lamberton

Food Pantry Volunteers:

We have not scheduled volunteers for November 23 (Thanksgiving).
 December 28: Vern Peterson, Pat Jensen, James & Mary Larrabee, and Cindi Larsen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church • 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 <h1>November, 2006</h1> 262 634-5515 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net On the web at http://www.emmaus-racine.org			1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wednesday Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 6:00 pm Grubich-Busanec rehearsal	4 8:30 am ELW workshop at Atonement 2:00 pm Grubich-Busanec wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion; Remembering the Saints
5 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:30 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion; remembering the Saints 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship; "Second Sunday Forum" 10:40 am Confirmation class	6 <i>Secretary on vacation Nov. 6-12</i> 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.	7 ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	8 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wednesday Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	9 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	10 MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY 	11 VETERANS' DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
12 23 rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer; Bible presentation 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am WELCA secret pals revealed 10:40 am Confirmation class	13 10:15 am Knit One Purl One 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Visitors' group mtg.	14 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	15 Dec. Visitor articles needed 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wednesday Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	16 10:00 am Book Club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	17	18 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
19 24 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:40 am Confirmation class	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIDEAST PEACE <i>No EASY this week</i> 5:30 pm ESL classes	21 10:00 am Keenagers 10:00 am ELCA clergy mtg. 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	22 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Holy Communion 8:05 pm Pie social	23 THANKSGIVING Office closed 	24	25 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:40 am Confirmation class 	27 10:00 am Knit One Purl One 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	28 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 5:45 pm Council meets at Atonement 7:00 pm ELCA Church leaders	29 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wednesday Camp & Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	30 ST. ANDREW 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	Dec. 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 3:00 pm Stamping Up	2 8:00 am Stamping Up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jifty Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
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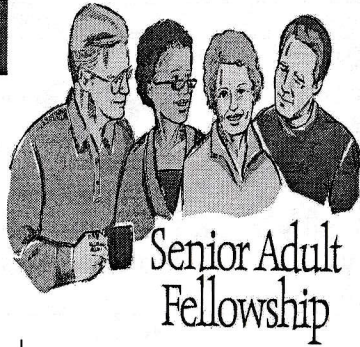
Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Keenagers

The Keenagers group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and a hearty lunch at noon.

Nov. 7: Gregg & Kylee Albright
Nov. 21: TBA



November Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 2	Myra Nielsen	3502 N. Green Bay Rd.	53404
Nov. 8	David Anderson	155 Lakefield Court	53402
Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
Nov. 12	Vern Svendsen	1539 Ostergaard Ave.	53406
Nov. 13	Ernie Munch	3900 N. Main St. #305	53402
Nov. 20	Chris Hansen	130 23 rd Ave., Kenosha	53140

LincMD Offers Convenience with Care

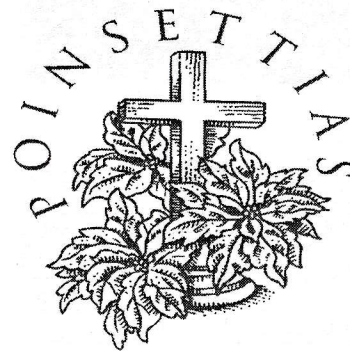
Have you ever wished that the good old days of house calls were still a reality? Now they are, thanks to this new program offered by Lincoln Lutheran: LincMD.

LincMD makes physician house calls for seniors. LincMD staff diagnose medical conditions, perform treatments inside the patient's home, communicate with the patient's primary care physician to coordinate care.



Staff also conduct family meetings to discuss issues and explore options. This may involve safety evaluations, senior housing recommendations, referrals to other services, nursing home placement issues, palliative and comfort care, and end-of-life care.

Headed by Dr. Bonnie Lee Wirfs, MD, LincMD is designed for the individual who is not able to get out to visit a doctor. LincMD serves seniors regardless of religious affiliation. To schedule a house call, contact LincMD at (262) 898-2732..



Emmaus will order poinsettias to decorate the chancel for Christmas again this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$8.75 each
(#____ red #____ white #____ pink)

My name:

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:

Deadline to order and make payment is December 3, 2006. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24. Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Office and Counter use:
Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

Northside Food Pantry Quarterly Report: July-September 2006

By Northside Food Pantry

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Households served	88	114	109	311
Total people	268	304	294	866
Adults	136	183	174	493
Children	132	121	120	373
Checkbook balance 6/30/06				\$5,618.81
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Receipts				
Trinity United Methodist	—	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Emmaus Lutheran	—	20.00	40.00	60.00
St. Mesrob	—	10.00	10.00	20.00
Faith United Methodist	—	—	255.00	255.00
St. Paul's Lutheran	—	—	100.00	100.00
Cash gift	—	60.00	—	60.00
We Care rebate	—	—	55.98	55.98
Refund	—	—	18.13	18.13
Totals	0.00	\$496.98	\$499.11	\$619.11
Expenditures				
	\$34.98	\$496.98	\$876.24	\$1,408.20
Stomp Out Hunger payment by Erie St. Piggly Wiggly	(369.79)	—	—	(369.79)
Checkbook balance 9/30/06				\$4,829.72
Expenses for food purchased by St. Andrew Lutheran (not reflected in checkbook)	\$210.09	\$149.94	\$98.40	\$458.43

The Northside Food Pantry has been blessed this quarter. We were the Racine recipients of the "Round About the State" food tour by the Roundy's Corporation. They delivered six pallets of food to us. This was 13,931 pounds of food with a value of \$12,450.

The local Pick 'n' Save stores sent thirteen employees to unload this for us. Matt Baumann, assistant manager at the Rapids Pick 'n' Save, was our hero as he identified our pantry as a pantry that could use the food. His

parents, Jeanne and Gil, are some of our faithful volunteers from St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

They, along with Edie and Ron Weitkum, helped move the food to one of the Sunday School rooms. We also want to thank the Middle School class for sharing their space with many cases of food. We won't need pancake mix, syrup, tuna, spaghetti, corn flakes, or macaroni and cheese for a few months.

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A Pastoral Letter on the Death Penalty

By Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers,
Greater Milwaukee Synod

"Should the death penalty be enacted in the State of Wisconsin for cases involving a person who is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, if the conviction is supported by DNA evidence?"

This pastoral letter begins to articulate a faith-based case against the death penalty referendum before the citizens of the state of Wisconsin. It is my hope that this conversation will continue vigorously in the congregations of

our synod as the November 7 election approaches.

The voice of the interfaith community provides a strong, unambiguous, and particular witness addressing the referendum before the electors of the state of Wisconsin in opposition to the death penalty. This is a witness shared consistently by mainline Christian denominations, as well as our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, and its voice complements that of the secular concerns raised against the

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We also received another credit on our July bill from Piggly Wiggly on Erie Street for \$369.79 from the "Stomp Out Hunger" campaign. This brings the total up to \$1,025.13 since January, 2006. This is a tremendous help. We try to purchase nutritious food at the best value.

We want to recognize the good that these neighborhood supermarkets do, but still want to emphasize that we need your continued help. It takes a lot of food to serve more than a hundred households each month.

Thanks for all you do. We appreciate everything and all of our loyal volunteers.

We have had wonderful produce this summer. We thank all the gardeners and special thank you to Karen Andersen who took the leadership for the Trinity Food Pantry Garden.

Each year, we have benefited from additional gardens. This year, St. Andrew Lutheran shared produce from their garden. We again received produce from the Eco Justice Center and also the Community Garden and the prison gardens.

The many people who use the pantry have appreciated the fresh food and are grateful to the people who worked hard to grow it.

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reinstatement of capital punishment.

This is a dialogue that has been ongoing and consistent in the life of our church. In 1991, the ELCA adopted a social statement in strong opposition to the death penalty. The statement called upon our church, in all its expressions, to stand in opposition to its establishment and implementation. This stance was reiterated at the 2006 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, as the highest legislative body of our synod voted to "oppose the death penalty and its reintroduction into Wisconsin."

The faith-based case opposing the death penalty complements and indeed strengthens that of non-faith-dependent arguments; it echoes the pragmatic positions against capital punishment, while giving a particular accent to the dialogue. In this pastoral letter I rely upon those experts in their respective fields to make their informed cases against this referendum, and I attempt to speak from a perspective of faith, a faith centered in a God who calls us to choose life.

I look to the sociologists to explain the racist nature of death penalty implementation, with its historic disproportionate application to persons of color,

particularly persons of African descent.

In faith, the cry for justice from Moses and the Exodus, to Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks for the oppressed. In doing so the faith community has subscribed to the dictum of Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." At face value, putting someone to death is anathema to the belief that all God's children are of infinite worth, and God's constant call for mercy.

I look to the economists to verify that states which embrace the death penalty expend far more resources carrying out this punishment than those that do not.

In faith, it is a matter of stewardship to oppose the death penalty, a stewardship of life as well as a stewardship of resources. To expend resources on a policy of death, while underfunding programs that enrich life and the safety of communities, is poor public policy, and poor stewardship.

I look to criminologists to point out that states that have the death penalty do not experience a lower crime rate than those who have rejected this approach.

In faith, Jesus says, "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye,

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and a tooth for a tooth,' but I say to you, 'Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.'" Jesus goes on in the same lesson, instructing us to "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." To oppose the death penalty is to follow a clear command from Christ.

I rely upon psychologists to substantiate the claim that when violence is institutionalized by the state (including the recent debate on justifying torture), it promotes a culture of violence that undermines civil society, and promotes a cycle of violence.

In faith, I recognize a sovereign God who is the sole proprietor of justice. Vengeance is God's, and to place ourselves in God's place is perilous. The compassion and prayers of the faith community extend to the victims of all violence. It is our hope that in refraining from the death penalty, we will promote a social climate where violence is diminished in all its forms.

I look to the testimony of the hundreds of individuals who have been on "death row" who have then subsequently been exonerated, to remind us that mistakes in the justice system are made, and are irrevocable when resulting in death.

From the cross, the instrument of the death penalty imposed upon Jesus, we hear the voice of innocent suffering, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I listen to the advocates for the poor and vulnerable who rightly point out that such populations are much more susceptible to having the death penalty applied in cases where they are on trial.

In faith, we are called upon to visit the prisoner as though we are visiting Jesus himself. The death penalty effectively denies us that privilege, and heaps injustice upon those who are already marginalized and powerless.

I am aware that there are those in our church and community who favor the death penalty. In our conversations, such voices must also be heard, even as arguments favoring capital punishment are acknowledged in the ELCA social statement. The consistent testimony of our church, however, stands in strong opposition to the death penalty. I encourage you, in this time of moral deliberation in our state, to make use of resources of our church, as well as the excellent materials recently made available by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, in your congregational and community conversations.

Zeidler Center Hosts Forum on Urban Violence

The Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion invites you to "Violence in the City," a Fall Forum on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 19TH and Wisconsin Avenue (631 N. 19th St.) in Milwaukee. Enter through parking lot door.

Join citizens in dialogue about one of the most urgent issues facing our city today. Hear what others feel are the basic causes of violence in the city. Share your perspective and learn what others are thinking.

The Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion promotes, supports and facilitates community discussion among persons with a variety of viewpoints regarding important issues facing individuals, families, neighborhoods and metropolitan areas.

Concert Aids Respite Services

Respite Services will hold its ninth annual musical fund raising event on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road.

The program will showcase some of our community's finest talents: Sean Knudson and Josh Brown, organists; Amy Maack, vocalist, Tré Animus Trio and the Carthage Alumni Choir.

A bean soup reception will follow.

Tickets are \$10.00 (\$9.00 if purchased in advance) through Respite Services, 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, 53404 or at the door. For further information, call 632-9828.

Bay Pointe Hosts Wine Tasting

You are invited to a wine tasting fundraiser, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. November 8, presented

by Uncorkt.

The service coordinators of Lincoln Lutheran are hosting their third annual wine tasting event at Lincoln Lutheran's beautiful Towne Center inside Bay Pointe At The Atrium, 3950 N. Main Street. Proceeds go to funding eyeglasses for LLOR's low income seniors.

Cost is \$25.00; advance ticket sales only. Please contact Kris Bonaretti at (262) 833-0138.



Pastoral Letter on "Marriage Amendment"

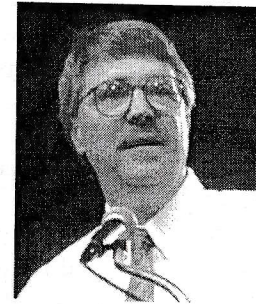
By Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers,
Greater Milwaukee Synod

Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly in 2005 voted to oppose the language of this proposed state constitutional amendment. I write this pastoral letter to amplify that decision, and to promote the climate established in this synod in 1991 through the passage of a Reconciling in Christ resolution. In that action, among other findings, we as a synod "affirmed that gay and lesbian people share with all others the worth that comes from being loved and forgiven children of God."

No one involved with pastoral work in the church questions that the estate of marriage has some profound fissures within it. From premarital counseling with those possessing idealized expectations, to walking with couples through the stresses of modern marriage, to sharing the ache of divorces

and their fall-out, rostered leaders can attest to the need in our society to strengthen the institution of marriage. Though the proposed constitutional amendment claims to address these concerns, it in fact does no such thing. Instead it provides a distraction from the urgent concerns before our society, including marriage, by scapegoating committed, same-gender relationships.



Christian tradition has always understood marriage as a life-long relationship between a man and a woman, based on Scripture and practice. This definition is already stated in our state's statutes, and so the first sentence is redundant, deeming it moot. As such, this referendum does nothing to bolster the institution of marriage, and instead creates obstacles for stable and long-lasting relationships between same gender couples who seek the same civil rights under the law as other adults. It establishes a false dichotomy between the health of the institution of marriage in our state and the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons.

The proposed constitutional amendment contains a number of

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consequences that are unjust and discriminatory: curtailing hospital visitation rights, lessening protections on domestic violence, threatening adoption rights and health insurance accessibility, and in general creating a climate hostile to the gay and lesbian population, are among my many reservations with this proposal before the Wisconsin electorate.

Heterosexual couples who elect not to have the state recognize their relationship as a marriage will also be victims of this proposal. Many clergy have counseled elderly individuals, heavily reliant upon Social Security, who through marriage lose out on necessary benefits afforded them in their single or widowed status. They are a forgotten population impacted by this proposed constitutional amendment, effectively having civil rights revoked because of law that is unjust and unfair. Imagine if they were denied hospital visitation or power of attorney as an unintended consequence of this action.

As a leader in the faith community, I am compelled to speak out against this measure, for the infinite worth of all God's children is not dependent upon their sexual orientation nor upon marital status. This inherent worth

must continue to be protected by the state constitution, which is intended to uphold the equality, value, and rights of its citizenry. The proposed revocation of civil rights is unprecedented and inconsistent with this understanding, and precipitates unintended consequences to populations seeking to live in stable and long-lasting relationships.

Therefore, I call upon the membership of the Greater Milwaukee Synod to:

1. Commit ourselves to strengthening marriages through advocating for a social climate that promotes healthy relationships.
2. Oppose this referendum through vote and voice.
3. Foster healthy dialogue within our congregations, through initiating conversations that take place in a climate of prayer, community, and mutual respect.
4. Distribute this letter in the congregations of our synod.

Among the talking points important to this conversation:

The commandment to love our neighbors encourages us to expand community, and not to diminish the civil rights of those seeking to live more abundantly in community.

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NAMI Announces Teen Support Group

The Alliance on Mental Illness of Racine County (NAMI Racine) is proud to announce a teen support group for high school students living with the challenges of mental illness. The group meets at St. Mary's Medical Center, 3801 Spring Street, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Meetings are usually held in the Caledonia Room, but confirmation and directions are available at the main desk.

There is no charge or need to register for the meetings, which are facilitated by Amy Williams, clinical therapist at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare.

Please feel free to call the NAMI-Racine office at 637-0582.

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Such a constitutional amendment tears at the fabric of community by curtailing civil rights, and by incorrectly inferring that gay and lesbian relationship somehow undermine the institution of marriage.

Message
from the
Bishop



Gay and lesbian persons are created, like all God's children, in the image of God, and thus their rights and dignity ought not to be subverted.

The infinite worth of all people is not dependent upon their sexual orientation.

A false argument is set up by pitting the institution of marriage against the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons.

The unintended consequences of this proposed amendment, in curtailing civil rights, extend to all persons in non-married, committed relationships, affecting both heterosexuals and homosexuals.

The implications of this proposed amendment on chilling the application of domestic violence laws on non-married relationships is another of the unintended consequences that are of deep concern.

--Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers



Beyond Shards of Glass

Troubled high school kids? Drugs or another addiction as a driving force? I wonder if that's why the southeast basement window of the church was broken last night (October 22). And I wonder who it was that was able to gain entry to the church early this morning, ransacking several offices and stealing cash and grocery gift cards - gifts that were intended for families in need.

If you have ever experienced a home or a car broken into, you may resonate to the feeling of violation that the Emmaus staff sensed this morning. The reality is that the violence shaved off a layer of our innocence and trust. It has led to finger-pointing by some, anger from others and sadness for some of the rest of us.

Shards of glass - for me they are symbolic of the brokenness surrounding all of us. It makes me wonder if the one who hurled that rock through the window had ever felt a part a family or had ever experienced what it was like to belong.

Were the streets or a gang or a crack house the only alternatives he knew? What was the brokenness that then turned to violence and brought harm to the church property?

Just yesterday morning, I asked the middle school kids in confirmation class if the recent

murder of a Horlick student had affected them. Every single one responded that it had.

They expressed fear. I then asked, "If you were superintendent of schools for a day, what would you do?"

While some suggested additional security, one girl suggested that maybe what was needed were more social workers and people to talk with the troubled kids. She told of friends who were from families where parents were either absent or didn't care. "They need someone to talk to."

When I asked the confirmation students what the church could do for middle schoolers, they answered, "We've got to help the *little* kids - it starts with them. They have to know somebody cares."

The challenges we face as a congregation are daunting. From some I hear suggestions for pressing the Police Department for more frequent patrolling. Others suggest an alarm system. While others go so far as to suggest that we cater only to members and those who provide primary financial support.

While those sentiments of exclusion come from only a handful of folks, I wonder if God feels violated or shunned by those

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comments. I shudder at that possibility.

Nevertheless, we don't live in a fairy tale world. We acknowledge that our reality is not without sin and evil. But can we expand and allow God's Spirit of hope and vision of community to be an integral part of who we are?

We know that we are called to so much more. Do we recognize the glimpses of hope that remind us who and whose we are as the Body of Christ?

It's now midnight as I write this. Before I turn out the lights tonight, let me tell you where I saw God at work *today*:

- + women together knitting prayer shawls for those who

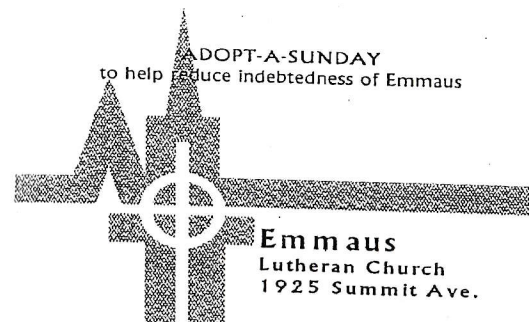
- are sick.
- + the dad of two of our after-school children stopping by the church to volunteer two hours of time "because I appreciate all the church does for our family."
- + five Emmaus members volunteering a total of over twelve hours of their time today.
- + a *very* generous gift designated to help families in need through the pastor's discretionary fund.
- + the Spanish-speaking mom who hugged me and thanked us for giving her a place to learn English.

I witnessed people of faith doing God's work today. We are daily challenged to be faith-filled, to love our God, our neighbors - and even our enemies. And this is possible only because through the Cross, Jesus has first responded to our broken shards with unconditional love and grace.

I thank God for the Prince of Peace and the hope He brings. And I thank God for all who follow in His name.

In awe of God's grace,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
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(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

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In the November Visitor:

- + Remembrance of Saints
 - + Thanksgiving Eve Worship
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Pastoral Acts

Wedding:
Carrie Grubich
Paul Busanec
November 4, 2006

After honeymooning up the Caribbean, Carrie and Paul are making their home in Racine. Carrie is an assistant project manager for a construction firm, and Paul is employed by Miller Brewery.

Three Worship Services Offered December 24

December 24, 2006: Advent? Yes! Christmas Eve? Yes!

With December 24 falling on a Sunday this year, we celebrate both the last Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve on the same day.

How will this be reflected in our three worship services that Sunday? Our 9:15 a.m. service on December 24 will focus on the theme of Expectation, with Pastor Mary preaching. The final Advent candle is lit on the Advent wreath. We hear the haunting canticle of the Magnificat, and we ponder with Mary in a spirit of expectancy. Advent music and Christmas carols are sung as we make the transition from Advent to Christmas. Kelsey Albright, Alex Maryland and Joyce Kaiser will provide our special music.



At the 4:30 p.m. service, organist Joyce Kaiser, together with the Brass Nickel, will lead us in familiar carols. Pastor Walter will preach and Pastor Mary will lead the special children's time. The afternoon service ends with Holy Communion and the congregation singing "Silent Night" in the midst of candlelight.

The 10:30 p.m. service brings us the music of the Adult Choir under the direction of Suzanne Landis. Jim Brown once again joins us as organist for the late-night service. Pastor Mary will be the preacher and liturgist. Holy Communion and the singing of "Silent Night" in candlelight will bring the service to a close.

Join us for one or more of the December 24 worship services as we welcome the Prince of Peace!

Worship Focuses on Prayers for Healing December 10

As a part of the regular Parish Nurse of Atonement Sunday morning Advent worship on December 10, there will be a liturgy with a focus on hope and healing.

The service is being planned by Pastor Mary and Kathy Christensen, chair of the Worship and Music Committee.

Resources for the service have been shared by Joannie Williams,



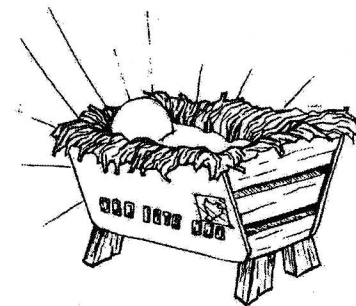
will be offered.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:15 a.m. service.

Second Sunday Forum Asks 'Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?'

By Nancy Smith

Pastor Walter will lead a discussion geared to the Advent theme for Wednesday evenings. Where does Jesus rank as we become immersed in the hustle-bustle of getting ready to celebrate Christmas? How do we welcome the Prince of Peace? How do we simplify what has become



an extreme in commercialism and materialism?

Join us for Second Sunday forum at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 10, in the Sunset Room.

Coming on January 14: Second Sunday Forum presents "An Inconvenient Truth."

Emmaus Welcomes AIM Intern

Although the final paperwork and approval is pending, Associate in Ministry Candidate Claranna (pronounced klär-änn') Vytlačil has already stepped into a leading role on Wednesdays. Joining Nancy Smith as a teacher for Wednesday Camp for kids, Claranna uses her experience in early childhood education as a part of her proposed nine-month internship.

Claranna and her husband, parents of two, relocated to Racine 3½ years ago. They are members of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. As a lay person, Claranna has completed the course work for certification as an ELCA Associate in Ministry.

To complete her training for certification as an AIM, Claranna is

required to complete a supervised internship of 600 hours. She contacted Pastor Mary regarding her availability and her willingness to serve as an intern (without pay!).



After extended conversation, it was determined that a nine-month internship for approximately 15 hours per week would be ideal, both for Emmaus and for Claranna.

In addition to children's education, Claranna will have the opportunity to serve as an occasional worship assistant and lay visitor to the homebound and hospitalized. We are blessed to have Claranna join our staff for the coming year.

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday, December 24.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. through December 17. Sunday School will then resume on January 7.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

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Kerry Hunter Steps Down; New Custodians Assume Duties

After three years of faithful service as Emmaus' custodian, Kerry Hunter found it necessary to resign in October due to health reasons. Kerry's willingness to pitch in wherever needed, his attention to detail, his work ethic and his sense of humor are missed on a day-to-day basis.

The regulars at Saturday worship are glad to see Kerry back in his regular spot following his recent surgery and hospitalization. We continue to hold Kerry in our prayers as the next steps are taken

in his cancer treatment. Thank you, Kerry, for a job very, very well done!



Two people have been hired to share the position of custodian. Maribel Velasquez and Luisa Vega have assumed the duties on a part-time basis. Currently working on the staff of the EASY after school program and as an assistant in the Family Literacy Program, Maribel is no stranger to

Emmaus. Maribel and her husband, Paul, are the parents of three. We welcome her and her sister, Luisa, in this new role.

Remember Others by Giving Under the Tree

By Nancy Smith

Blue gift card ornaments await to be selected. Help families at Wadewitz, Racine Family Literacy, EASY and our own to celebrate the gift of Jesus' birth.

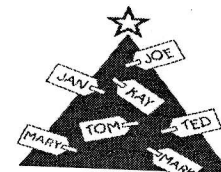
Gift cards itemize a piece of clothing, a toy, game, or book. Gift card ornaments of \$25 for Kohl's and Pick 'n' Save are also available.

You may pick one or more. Please return the wrapped gift with the coded gift card attached by December 11.

If you would like others to do the shopping, make checks payable to Emmaus with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. Cash in a marked envelope is welcome also.

Thank you for your generosity. Your light shines bright as we gather to remember those

less fortunate. Linda Jaskulske, the home school worker at Wadewitz, shared how happy and thankful the families were when she delivered the gifts last year.



The Giving Tree

Deck the Church with Boughs of Holly

Decorating the church for Christmas is scheduled for Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. There are several trees to decorate, and we are hoping for more help this year. If you can come either date to help for a few hours, it would make the job easier and more fun for all of us. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to indicate which



day you are willing to help. Thank you!

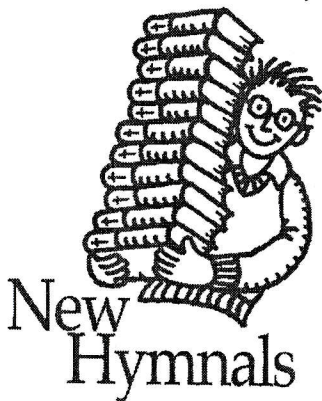
New Hymnals Should Arrive in February

By Kathy Christensen

The ELCA has published a new worship resource for use in the Lutheran Church. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is grounded in our rich heritage as Lutheran Christians. Much of its content we already know and cherish, coming directly from current worship books but also containing over 200 new hymns and worship songs not found in the *LBW* or *WOV*. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* includes nearly 700 hymns and songs resulting in a rich and useful collection of music that we will enjoy singing together.

Introducing a new worship book does not mean that we will

no longer use the *LBW* or *WOV*. We anticipate that this book is a beginning of a new generation of worship and will add new gifts to nourish and renew our worship. In fact, Joyce has already begun playing some of the hymns in her preludes.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship books have been ordered and should arrive in early February. The cost of each book is \$20.00. To help defray the cost, there are envelopes available for

you to make a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. We also encourage gifts and memorials for the organist's edition of the hymnal and liturgies.

Advent Food, Study and Worship Offered December 6 and 13

Our midweek gathering for supper, study and worship continues the first two Wednesdays in December. The theme for the Advent study for adults is "Welcome the Prince of Peace." The 6:15 p.m. study/discussion will be led by Pastor Walter in the Sunset Room.

During that time, Spanish-speaking adults will meet with Pastor Mary in the Fireside Room. Children will be

preparing music and script for "Christmas in a Box," the Christmas pageant to be presented Sunday, December 17.

Our Wednesday evenings begin with an informal gathering time from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. followed by a special meal prepared by Carol Yust and friends. There is no assigned cost; free-will donations are accepted to help defray the cost.

The evening culminates with everyone joining together in the sanctuary for a closing worship from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Fireside Room Reclaims Its Name

During the 50+ years of its history the fireplace in the Fireside Room has only been used on a handful of occasions - and never in the past two decades. That will change in mid-December thanks to a generous gift from Margaret and Bob Christensen.

Their gift, together with an additional anonymous gift also earmarked for the fireplace, will bring new warmth to the Fireside Room.

In mid-December, a full insert will be placed into the existing

fireplace. There will be a connection to propane gas, which will fuel the new unit. Using a remote control mounted on the wall, groups using the room will be able to ignite the fire.

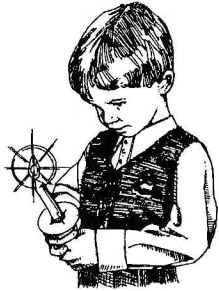
The fireplace will have the capability of heating the once chilly room, which has outside exposure and windows on three sides. The Knit One Purl One group hopes to be the first to enjoy a cozy fire as they gather for knitting and a Christmas luncheon December 11.

Sunday School, Wednesday Camp Collaborate on Christmas Pageant

By Nancy Smith

Sunday School and Wednesday Camp are celebrating the season by exploring

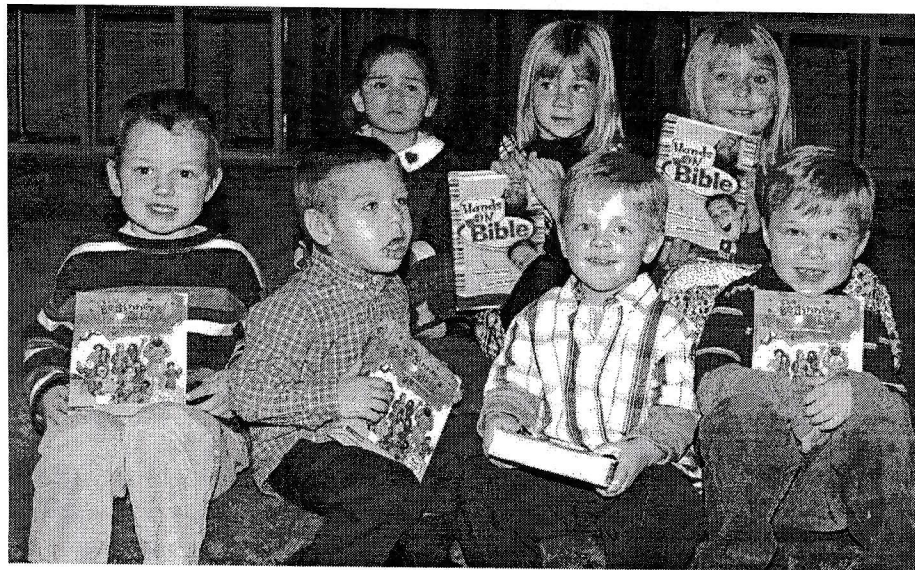
"Jesus Is Born." Something new this year: the Sunday and Wednesday Kids will tag team to present this year's play, "Christmas in a Box."



Sunday kids remembered our own over Thanksgiving: they made special baskets and filled them with fruit, candy and cookies. Eyes brightened and smiles quickly appeared as the baskets were hand-delivered to many of our members.

Youth Birthdays

Dec. 21	Ashlynn Meteyard	4
Dec. 25	Bryan Rannow	1
Dec. 30	Alex Villalobos	9



The Sunday School presented Bibles to students in November. Front row: Hunter Christman, Tavijon Yust, William Yunker, Henry Yunker. Back row: Angelica Salinas, Stephanie Johnson, Erin Keller.

Sunday, Wednesday Kids Team Up for Pageant

By Nancy Smith

"Christmas in a Box" will highlight the worship on Sunday, December 17. Roles have been selected, the singing has begun.



"Get ready, get ready, get ready... Jesus is coming soon" can be heard echoing in the halls. Your participation is required as we sing along in those familiar carols.

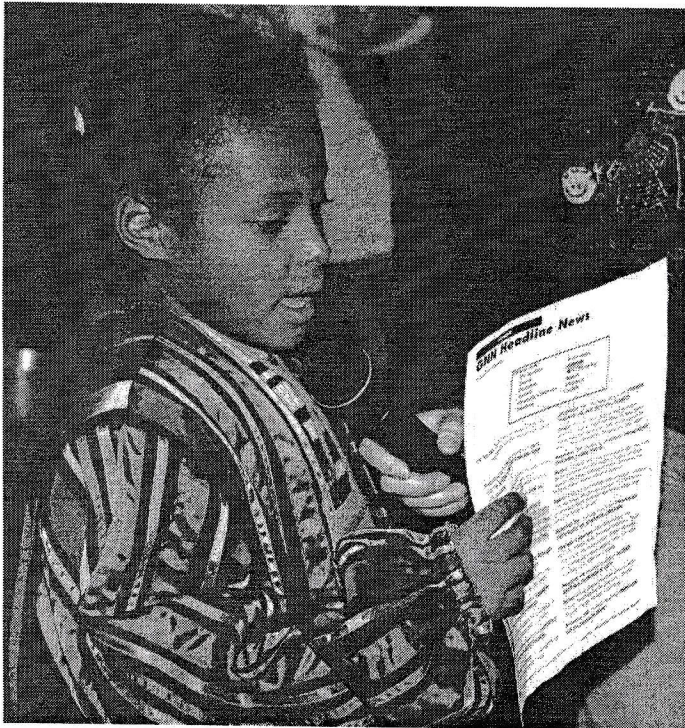
Collin Christman to Sing at Atonement

Olga Wilson reports that her grandson, Collin Christman, will sing a solo at Atonement Lutheran Church's 8:45 and 10:30 worship

services on December 10. Collin is the son of Gary and Kathy Christman. Congratulations and good luck!

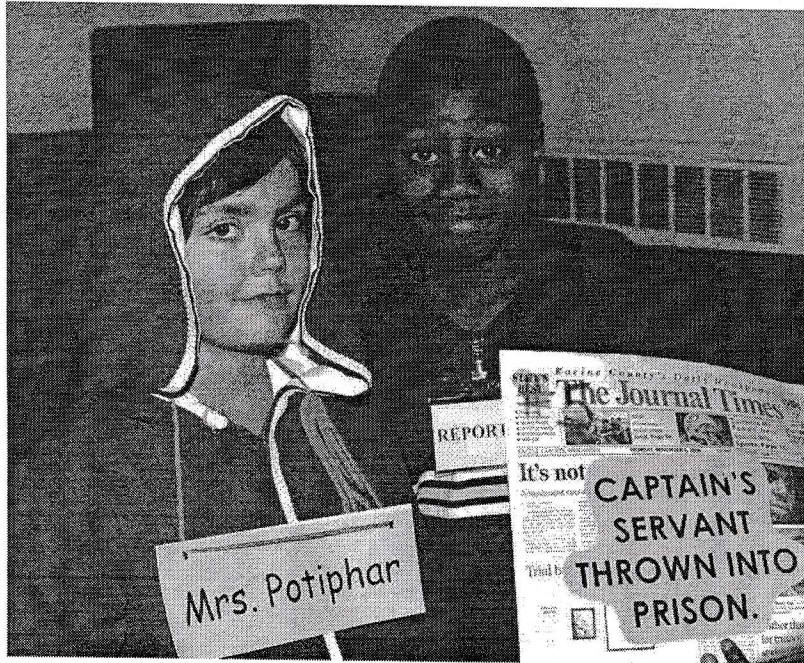


Marilena Velasquez and Andrea Mares spread news of Joseph's story.



Top: Brianna Jenkins wore a coat of many colors to portray Joseph in the children's telling of the patriarch's story.

Bottom: Reporter Anthony Medina interviews Potiphar's wife, (Christina Escamilla).



Yakama Chosen as 2007 Mission Trip Destination

By Gregg Albright

Each year, Emmaus sends a group of middle and high school students on a mission trip to various parts of the U.S. in conjunction with YouthWorks. During these mission trips, we serve those people less fortunate than ourselves (many in extreme poverty), including children, the elderly and those of different races, cultures and religions.

I am pleased to announce that our Summer 2007 mission trip will be to the Yakama Reservation in Washington state. The Yakama Reservation is surrounded by beauty. Lush fruit valleys, renowned agricultural production and recreation dominate the area.

Home improvement and working with children are the 2 main areas of ministry.

It is very important that parents talk about this with their children within the next 2 weeks and call me so we can finalize our plans for next summer.

We have reserved 15 spots for our trip which begins on July 22, 2007. Your \$100.00 initial deposit to reserve your child's spot is due on



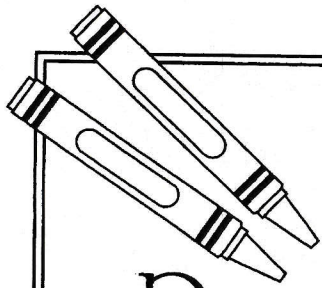
December 31, 2006.

Those students who have gone on a mission trip before have gained a remarkable insight into God's plan for them. They grow spiritually, emotionally and forge friendships that last a lifetime. I cannot begin to describe what a positive experience this will be. Thank you for considering this opportunity and I hope to hear from you soon.

Confirmation Kids to Shop for Others

With gift cards and donated cash in hand, the confirmation class will bring their energy and creativity to shopping for neighborhood kids and their families.

All confirmation students are to meet at Emmaus at 10:40 a.m. on December 3. Pastor Mary, Carol Yust and Nancy Smith will accompany the shoppers, treating them to lunch at Culver's following the shopping spree.



Just for **KIDS**

Peace on Earth

Do you remember what King Herod did when he heard about the birth of Jesus? He was so troubled that he issued a decree ordering the death of all male children younger than 2 years old. Jesus was not born in a time of peace, but we can look forward to His return and believe what the heavenly host proclaimed.

Follow the maze through the verse.

START

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14, KJV

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December Worship Assistants

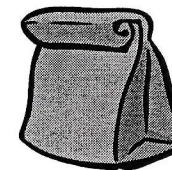
	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Wreath
Sat. Dec. 2 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 3 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Sandy Strini	Team 3 H. Jensen	Tim & Denise Johnson family
Sat. Dec. 9 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 10 9:15 am	—	Ron Jensen	Team 4 John Cook	Steve & Debby Wyma family
Sat. Dec. 16 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 17 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Amy Haman	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Brian & Denise Keller family
Sat. Dec. 23 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 24 9:15 am	—	Karen Christiansen	Team 1 H. Miller	Audrey Villalobos family
Sun. Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen	—	Team 2 R. Christensen	—
Sun. Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	Team 3 H. Jensen	—
Sat. Dec. 30 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 31 9:15 am	—	Kylee Albright	Team 4 John Cook	—
Sat. Jan. 6 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 7 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	Chris Lamberton	Team 5 W. Meteyard	—

See page 18 for Altar flowers, Fellowship hosts, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Candle Care and Food Pantry volunteers.

Can We Help with Saturday Noon Meal Site?

By Linda Jaskulske

Leah Heinz of Faith United Methodist would like a group to help make sack lunches on a Saturday for the Community Meal site at First United Methodist, 745 Main



Street. It's only four or five Saturdays a year.

If interested, call Linda Jaskulske: 634-1200 (home) or 664-6006 (work), or leave a note in the Social Concerns mail slot at church. Thank you!



December 2006

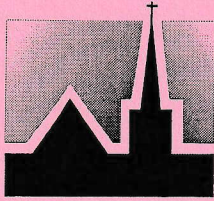
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1 WORLD AIDS DAY
10:00 am Church decorating
3:00 pm Crafts Among Friends

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9:00 am Crafts Among Friends
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5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

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<p>10 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:15 am Worship Service: Healing service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Adult forum 10:40 am Confirmation class, grades 7-8</p>	<p>11 <i>Giving Tree gifts due</i> 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>13 ST. LUCY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp, Adult Study 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>14 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>15 January Visitor articles due</p>	<p>16 HANUKKAH BEGINS TBA Rehearsal for Christmas pageant 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
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<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candlelight service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church closed <i>Valerie on vacation Dec 26-31</i></p> 	<p>26 ST. STEPHEN 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>27 ST. JOHN <i>Pastor Mary on vacation Dec. 27 - Jan. 3</i></p> 	<p>28 HOLY INNOCENTS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>31 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS <i>Mission trip 1st deposit deadline</i> 9:15 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>Jan. 1, '07 NAME OF OUR LORD Church closed</p>	<p>2 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>3 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY resumes</p>	<p>4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 EPIPHANY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>



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November 30, 2006

Dear Friend of Emmaus,

As we enter the season of Advent, we look forward to the Good News of the birth of Jesus. We also take this time to recommit ourselves to sharing the generosity of the love and abundance that is ours in Christ.

You are invited to make a new financial commitment to the ministry of Emmaus during this Advent season. Contemplate the many blessings that are yours and then prayerfully consider making an increased commitment for the coming year if you are able.

Are you able to increase what you already give by ½ to 1 percent of your annual income? Perhaps you are in a position to give a special year-end Thankoffering for 2006. Each and every gift is welcome.

Thank you for your generosity of money and time. Your gifts translate into the sharing of God's love with our members, our community and beyond.

In the hope of Advent,

Pastor Mary and the Emmaus Council

P.S.: You may e-mail, mail, phone in or drop off your pledge any time before December 24.

My 2007 Estimate of Giving

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my/our faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I/we plan to give in 2007:

\$ _____ per week
 month
 year

Date: _____
(Please keep this portion for your records.)

2007 Estimate of Giving Card

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my/our faith in and commitment to Christ and His Church, I/we plan to give in 2007:

\$ _____ per week
 month (check one)
 year

If you would also like to pledge to a specific fund (mortgage principal payment, outreach, etc.), please include that here:

\$ _____ per _____
to _____

Name/s: _____
(Please return this portion to the church.)

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's	8%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	14%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	5%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Linen's & Things	8%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Payless Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Denny's	9%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

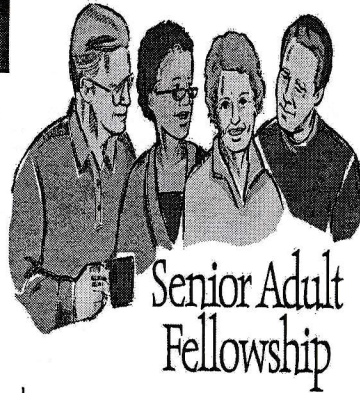
Keenagers

The Keenagers group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and a hearty lunch at noon.

Dec. 5: TBA

Dec. 19: Keenagers' Christmas party.

Note: In January, we will meet on the 9th and 23rd instead of the 2nd and 16th.



December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	1450 Westridge Court #103	53406
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	11515 1 st St. #119, Sturtevant	53177
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

December Worship Assistants

→ Continued from page 13

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Greeters	Communion Assts.
Dec. 3	Marlyn Christensen	Marion Keller, D&C Eschmann	O&V Haugsby	Chris Lamberton
Dec. 10	J&J Yorgan	Bonnie French	A&J Beck	—
Dec. 17	Kerry Hunter	TBA	H&M Jensen	Carol Eschmann
Dec. 24 9:15	Ted & Karen Nelson	TBA	S&B Breiwick	—
Dec. 24 4:30	--	--	--	R&P Jensen, Joy Lippmann
Dec. 24 10:30	--	--	--	N. Brown, S. Velzka, C. Larsen
Dec. 31	TBA	TBA	B. Holding A. Svendsen	—
Jan. 7	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Candle Care in December: Pat Jensen

Food Pantry Volunteers:

December 28: Vern Peterson, Pat Jensen, James & Mary Larrabee, and Cindi Larsen.

Keenagers' January Dates Changed

Emmaus' senior citizen group, the Keenagers, have voted to move the dates of their January meetings to the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

The Keenagers will meet on January 9 and 23, instead of the

first and third Tuesday as in most months. The regular schedule will resume in February.

The Keenagers will meet on the usual dates this month: December 5 and 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Cards & Letters

Happiness Lingers After Campers' Visit

November 20, 2006

Dear Reverend Mary and Nancy:

Thanksgiving is upon us. This is the time of the year when we are especially mindful of our many blessings. As St. Monica's Sisters, residents and myself reflect on our blessings here, we can not help but think of the friendship you have bestowed upon us. When Nancy brought the summer camp children to spend the day with us this past summer, the energy of the home changed. The smiles and interaction of the children with the residents is a pleasure one long remembers. The happiness it creates lingers long after the children have left the building. It was without a doubt a day filled with excitement and fun.

The quilts the children made for our home was a very generous gift, one that touched the residents' hearts. I explained to them how, during a closing church service for summer camp, the quilts were

presented to our home. It was a pleasure for me to be able to be present and I was honored to be able to receive the quilts on behalf of our home. The Sisters and residents were very impressed with the handiwork of the children. Just as we were also impressed with all the effort and work that went into providing such a splendid summer camp experience. The children were treated to a lot of fun but also some very enriching, meaningful moments that they will always remember. We at St. Monica's feel privileged to have been able to benefit from Emmaus' Neighborhood Summer Camp.

Thank you for bringing the children to us, a life without children is a life without ice cream. And we at St. Monica's love ice cream. Thank you for your friendship.

Sincerely,
Barbara A. Schoeffel

Remember SCRIP Before You Shop

By Cathy Meyer

Need help with Christmas shopping ideas? How about SCRIP gift cards? We have a variety of store gift cards on hand. Come and see us after services on Saturday and Sunday. If you aren't sure what store cards are

available through SCRIP, please see the enclosed green SCRIP form inside this *Visitor*. We also have free Christmas enclosures for your gift card.

Any questions? Contact Cathy Meyer or Ruth Copeland after services across from the office.

WELCA Bulletins

Come to Women's Cookie Pack December 6

The women's Christmas gathering and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 6 in the Sunset Room. Please bring cookies to share with a shut-in and a Christmas memory, story, etc. to share (if you so desire).



All women of the congregation are invited. We hope you can come, but if you are unable to attend, you can still donate homemade cookies by leaving them in the kitchenette December 2-5 — be sure to mark what they're for!

Evening Book Group to Start in January

By Nancy Smith

Please sign up on the list in the narthex if you are interested in

meeting monthly to discuss books of your choice. We will begin in January at a time to be announced.

Sedgwick Offers Wares at Craft Fair

You are cordially invited to "Crafts Among Friends," here at Emmaus Lutheran Church from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 1 and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 2.

There will be handcrafted items by several area crafters, including Karen Sedgwick. Items include cards, stamped gifts, picture frames, pin and pendant booklets, scarves, purses, ornaments and bears.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 7

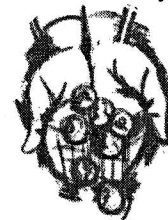
It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 7 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello?

The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

List of Alternative Giving

By Nancy Smith

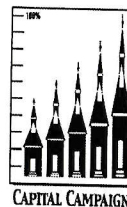
Here are some opportunities for gifting in honor or in memory of friends and family. The Offering Hope Table is located in the narthex. Forms and envelopes available. All contributions are tax deductible



- World Hunger. Ten to One ongoing campaign for 2006 - \$10. Checks payable to Emmaus.
- Giving Trees - monetary gifts to purchase clothing, toys/games & food for families in need. Checks payable to Emmaus - Memo: Giving Tree.

- EASY - after school program registration: \$75/year any amount accepted - checks payable to the Emmaus Outreach Fund
- Hymnals - new "red book" published in 2006 - \$20 - checks payable to Emmaus; memo: Hymnal
- Racine Family Literacy - ESL classes held at Emmaus - \$5, \$10, \$25 checks payable to Racine Family Literacy, 1925 Summit Ave., Racine
- Neighborhood Camp - gifts support summer program for underserved kids - any amount - \$110 supports a child/week checks payable to Neighborhood Camp.

Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt



Our thanks to the following, for adopting November Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

Ted & Karen Nelson, in memory of Henrietta, Walter and Keith McDonald and Alvie Nelson. Meta Haanstad and Edith Tanniru, in memory of John Haanstad.

Northside Food Pantry Seeks Donations

In addition to the non-perishable food items brought to the Thanksgiving Eve service, there is an on-going need this year for gifts of food or money to the Northside Food Pantry.

Remember the hungry as you fill up the grocery cart in the narthex. Useful items include:

Meat & protein (most needed)

- canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned meats (Spam, ham)
- peanut butter
- canned chili and stew

Heat & eat

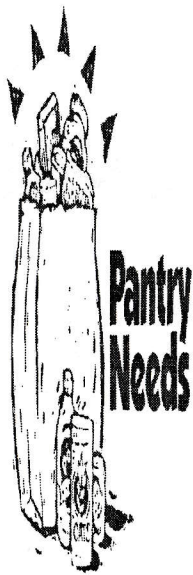
- canned spaghetti/ravioli
- pork and beans
- corned beef hash
- soup

Grains & vegetables

- breakfast cereal
- instant oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
- muffin mix
- crackers, saltines
- corn meal
- flour, cake mixes

Fruit

- canned (any kind)



- juices (canned, bottled, or boxed)
- dried fruit (e.g., raisins)

Starches

- hamburger and tuna helper
- instant potatoes
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta (any variety)
- rice (plain or flavored)

Condiments/baking

- all-purpose spices (salt, pepper, etc.)
- sugar
- cooking oil
- mayonnaise
- ketchup/mustard

Vegetables

- canned (all varieties)

Milk

- powdered milk
- pudding

Miscellany

- toothbrushes, toothpaste
- deodorant, antiperspirant
- soaps (bath, hair, dish and laundry)
- feminine products
- food wraps
- toilet paper

Baby items

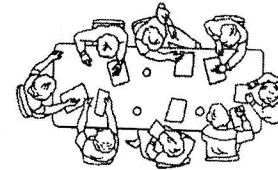
- diapers (medium to large)
- baby shampoo
- cereal
- baby formula

Donations can be dropped off in the cart in the narthex. Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."

Council Asks Questions Regarding Mission, Directions

Recognizing that Emmaus is a congregation in transition, Pastor Mary and the church council are asking how we can best move forward. How do we honor the past and present and at the same time embrace the new ministries and possibilities?

The council needs input from all Emmaus members and friends as the council determines how best



to listen and plan. What can we do today to ensure the strength of the ministry of Emmaus 20 years from now?

At press time, plans are being made for the special council meeting November 28, followed by the citywide meeting of ELCA leaders that same evening. Details of those meeting will be shared with the congregation, informing everyone of our next steps in the process of transition and renewal.

Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, so church council members and organizations of course anxiously look forward to preparing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the February 4 annual meeting, the office would like

reports turned in by January 16. 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.

New Flower Chart Posted

There will be changes to our altar flowers this year. We are asking \$20 to sponsor one or the other of the floral sprays on any given Sunday. This will allow two families, couples or individuals to sponsor altar flowers each week.

The 2007 Altar Flower sign-up sheets are now posted on the

bulletin board outside the church office.

We'll print a dedication from each altar flower sponsor in Saturday and Sunday bulletins. The secretary will phone or e-mail you in the week before your Sunday to ask how you would like the dedication worded.



Emmaus will order poinsettias to decorate the chancel for Christmas again this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$8.75 each

(#___ red #___ white #___ pink)

My name:

As a MEMORIAL for:

.....

and/or to HONOR:

.....

Deadline to order and make payment is December 3, 2006. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

- I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24. Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Office and Counter use:

Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

November 15 Attendance Hits Record

On Wednesday, November 15, Fellowship Hall was buzzing with conversation and laughter as people of all ages gathered for games, conversation and a turkey dinner prepared by Carol Yust and friends. Nearly 90 people enjoyed the fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and all the trimmings.

Following a study time for kids and adults, 74 gathered in the

sanctuary for closing worship. Under the direction of Nancy Smith, the Good News Players presented a skit on Joseph.

Children played reporters from GNN (Good News Network) Headline News sharing accounts of the Old Testament story of Joseph. They also shared the song "I Am Amazing," which they had learned during their study of the creation story.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, October:	2004: 134	2005: 129	2006: 114
Average weekly attendance, November:	2004: 128	2005: 125	2006: 114
Average weekly attendance, December:	2004: 122	2005: 129	
Thanksgiving Eve attendance:	2004: 117	2005: 81	2006: 61
November Wednesday average (not incl. Thanksgiving Eve or 11/29): 62.			

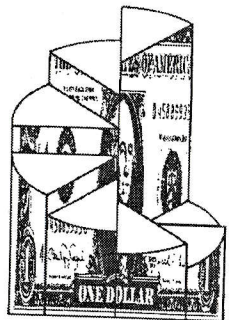
Financial Figures

General funds receipts in October 06	\$16,626.17	YTD: \$147,649.59
Debt retirem't offerings received in Oct. 06	\$ 888.00	Campaign to date: \$46,370.62
Unified funds receipts in October 06	\$17,514.17	YTD: \$157,677.59
2006 mortgage payments:		
Principal	October \$548.70	November 549.46
Interest	\$443.30	442.54
Total	\$992.00	992.00
Principal balance as of November 14, 2006		\$86,506.89

Tax Year Ends on a Sunday

At the end of the year, we usually tell our members that if they want to claim contributions to Emmaus on your taxes this year, they have to be received or postmarked by December 31. This year, December 31 falls on a Sunday.

We can't speak for the United States Post Office, but our dedicated team of ushers will be here on Sunday morning to collect your offerings right from the comfort and convenience of your pew.



Smoke Alarm Fund Reaches Goal

A big thank you goes to all who have made special contributions to replace the 20+ year old smoke alarm system in

the church. Cost for replacement was \$2,250. That goal was reached November 26.

Memorials and Honoraria

Gifts have been received to pay for copies of the new Lutheran hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, designated:

- ❖ In memory of Fred & Nellie Anderson.
- ❖ In honor of Al & June Beck's children.
- ❖ In memory of John Haanstad.
- ❖ In honor of Meta Haanstad.
- ❖ In honor of Sheri Lewis,

Shawn Douglas, Kevin Hunter and Kerry Hunter.

- ❖ In memory of Janet Svendsen.
- ❖ In memory of Don Velzka.
- ❖ In honor of Shirley Velzka.

An honorarium has been designated for Neighborhood Camp in honor of Nancy Smith.

A memorial has been received for *Sundays & Seasons* software subscription in memory of Betty Rossing.



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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Elsewhere in Our Area

Resurrection Concert Series Continues

The Music Department of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection presents a series of one-hour Sunday afternoon concerts at 2:30 p.m. once every month through March. This month, the Resurrection Choir will present Christmas anthems and lead a sing-along on December 12.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is located at 322 Ohio Street, Racine. All concerts are free, and will be followed by coffee and cookies in the church Fellowship Hall.

Future concerts will feature Benjamin Schoening and Brandon Covelli on January 7, the Kiwanis Chamber Singers on February 11, and high school students on March 11.

A Cappella Choir Presents Carols

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents its annual Christmas concert Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, 54th Street and W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee.

Featured works include carols by Healey Willan, Leland Sateren, David Willcocks and John Rutter.

All tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 in advance for seniors and students. Call 262-521-4545.

Complete concert information and driving directions are on the choir's web site, www.lutheranacappella.org

Heaven and Nature Sing at Carthage

Carthage College presents its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, and at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 3 at the college's Siebert Chapel. The concert title is "Heaven and Nature Sing!" Admission is free, although reservations are required.

The concerts feature students in the Carthage Choir, the Carthage Women's Ensemble, the Lincoln Chamber Singers, the Gospel Messengers, the Carthage Wind Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra and the instrumental Ensemble Program, as well as students from the Theatre Department.

Reservations are required for the holiday buffet at the Todd Wehr Center on Saturday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. There is a \$14 per person charge for the buffet.

Information and reservations are available at (262) 551-8510 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or e-mail christmasfestival@carthage.edu

Faith Lutheran Presents 'Messiah'

As part of its Centennial Year of celebrations, Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, announces the Milwaukee premiere performance of the Art to Heart "Messiah." This eye-opening new look at "Messiah," which blends Handel's timeless music with over 170 masterpieces of western art from the last eight centuries, will be presented at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 2006.

The performance features the Christmas portion of Messiah. The

Faith choir will be accompanied by master organist Carol Haakenson. Solo selections will be sung by members of The Master Singers of Milwaukee.



Admission for the performance is free, but requires a ticket, which may be reserved by calling Faith Lutheran Church at 414-645-

3574. A free-will offering will be taken. There will be a reception following the performance.

Studies Link Violent Video Games to Aggressive Behavior

From Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, media violence can lead to aggressive behavior in children. Over 1,000 studies confirm this link.

Two studies that appeared in the April 2000 issue of the American Psychological Association's (APA) *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* concluded that violent video games may be more harmful than violent television and movies because they are interactive, very engrossing and require the player to identify with the aggressor. The studies found that playing violent video games can increase a

person's aggressive thoughts and behavior both in laboratory settings and in actual life.

"Mature"-rated games (for persons 17 or older) are now the fastest growing segment of the video game industry. About one-third of video games now purchased are rated "M," the marketing firm NPD Funworld reports. About 40 percent of those who play "M"-rated games are under 18, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

If you are purchasing video games for children, or allow children to make such purchases, please do so with caution. Be aware of video game content.

Pastor Mary's Column

Pay Attention to the Angels!

In a contemporary version of "The Annunciation," confirmation students re-enacted the story. Gabe showed up at the door of Mary's house (she was busy vacuuming!) with an important announcement: "Mary, you're pregnant!"

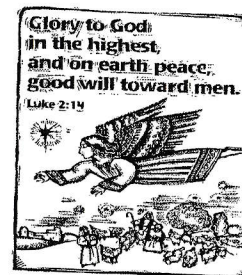
The housecleaning abruptly stopped, and there was a response, "What? Me? Impossible!"

Gabe assured her that it was okay and that she didn't have to be afraid. She was going to give birth to the Son of God.

Props, including the angel wings and halo, made Mason - oh, I mean Gabe - appear to be quite whimsical. What was this angel Gabriel up to, anyway? Did he really know what he was talking about?

And nine months later - in the heavens above the fields outside the village of Bethlehem - what was that all about? Angels talking to shepherds?! Were they hallucinating, or what? Could this good news of great joy about the birth of the Son of God be true? They did pay attention to those angels and went to see for themselves.

Angels - messengers from God - they seem to come when we least expect them. Just this past week I



learned of a four-legged angel named Muffy. Muffy is the cat of Linda, Jeff, and Kristen Clinton. Very agitated, Muffy entered the bedroom of Linda and Jeff early the morning after Thanksgiving. While unclear about the message,

Jeff followed Muffy to the other side of the house. There was Kristen, passed out and in a diabetic coma.

Kristen was quickly transported to ER and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital. Surrounded by a medical team and many prayers, Kristen is making a miraculous recovery. She and her parents have said prayers of thanks for Muffy, the angel put in their lives.

Who are the angels God continues to put in our lives? God's messengers come in many forms (and not all have wings and a halo like Gabe!). During this season of Advent, let us be attentive to those unexpected messages.

Do you hear the message of hope of the angels? Do you hear the message of the coming of the Prince of Peace? Do you hear the words, "Be not afraid"?

Let's stop and pay attention to those God sent angels in our lives!

Pastor Mary



In the December Emmaus Visitor:

- ❁ Decorate the Church
December 1 and 2
- ❁ Kids' Christmas Pageant
December 17
- ❁ Meet AIM Claranna
Vytlačil
- ❁ New Hymnal Expected
to Arrive in February
- ❁ Giving Tree in Narthex
- ❁ Women's Annual Cookie
Pack December 6
- ❁ 2007 Mission Trip
- ❁ Smoke Alarm Goal Hit
- ❁ Poinsettia Order Form

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