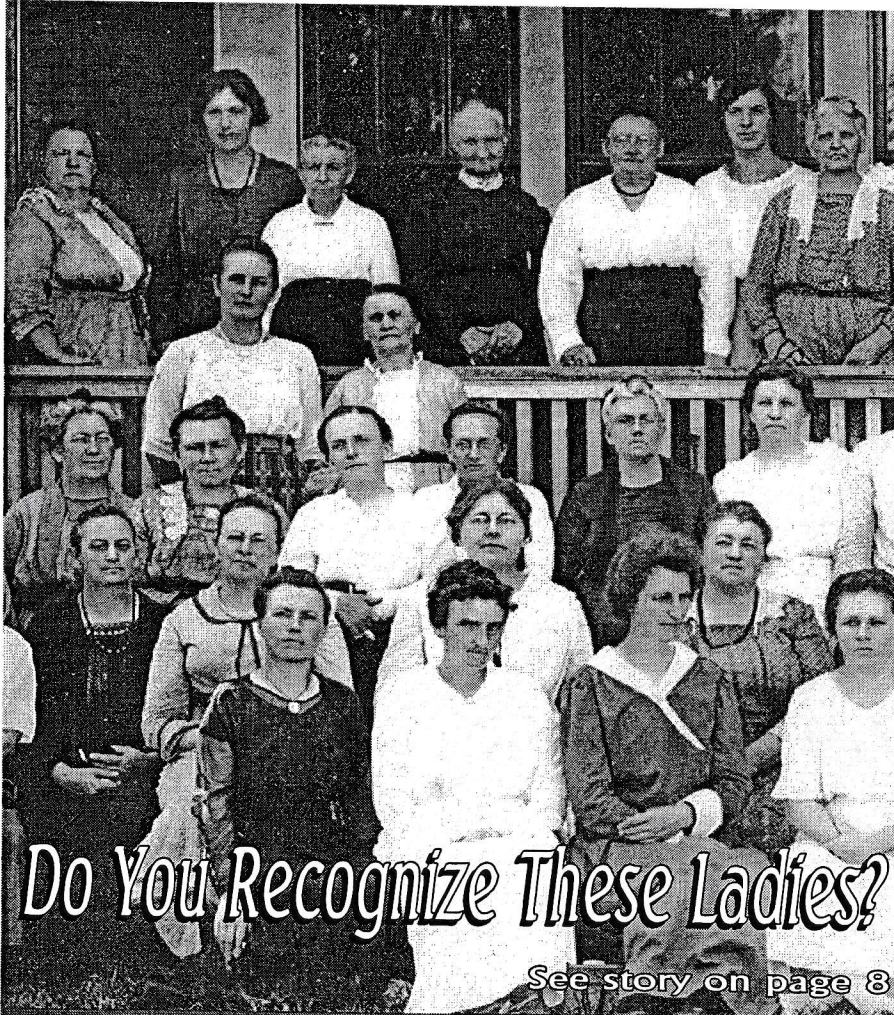


Emmaus Visitor

January, 2008



Do You Recognize These Ladies?

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Joyce Kaiser to Retire After 34 Years of Service

It was ten years ago when Joyce Kaiser retired as mail carrier from the U.S. Post Office thinking she'd then have all kinds of spare time. However, a quick glance at her calendar would reveal that there were still many very busy and active days and weeks.

As of the end of January, Joyce will be moving into the second phase of her retirement when she steps down from the bench of the Emmaus organ. Whether she will then have time to play her recently fixed guitar, ride her motorcycle, or convert those hundreds of slides to prints remains to be seen. That is Joyce's hope.

Little did Joyce know when Gordon Petersen invited her to try playing the church organ shortly after she had been confirmed that someday she would be the respected organist at Emmaus. Joyce shared that the first time she was asked to try the organ, "I was just shocked that I could touch that." Joyce's piano lessons had begun when she was 10 years old, but when she was 17 and going with Roger, "I didn't have time for more lessons."

Joyce's first lessons on the



organ were with Hugo Gehrke, brother-in-law of Mildred Schroth. The Concordia College professor gave Joyce summer lessons, as did John Engel and Bill Roth. Those three summers and "a couple of workshops" were Joyce's formal training on the organ.

34 years ago, Joyce assumed the permanent position as organist at Emmaus.

When the old Wick organ was moved from the Mound Avenue church to the new church in the mid 1950's, some of the pipes were bent and the quality of the sound was affected. Organist Bill Roth served as consultant, and with his "contagious energy and excitement" for the instrument, plans came together to have Hammes Fox build a new organ for Emmaus.

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Claranna Vytlačil Endorsed to Be Associate in Ministry

Claranna Vytlačil, member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, has completed course work, an internship (last year at Emmaus), and written and oral evaluations in her preparation to serve as an Associate In Ministry (AIM) of the ELCA. Her final interviews, the last part of the process, took place last month in Appleton.

Claranna has been working as the head teacher of EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) since September. The program serves 25 Wadewitz

students four days a week. Funding for the program comes from the Racine Unified School District Lighted Schoolhouse Program and the Synod Outreach for Hope Fund.



Now that Claranna has been officially recommended as a candidate eligible for call, the Emmaus church council is consulting with the Synod office regarding next steps to extending her a call as an AIM serving the congregation.

January Worship Schedule

- January 6 - The Celebration of Epiphany. The Gifts of the Magi.
- January 13 - The Baptism of our Lord. A celebration of our Baptism.
- January 20 - Making Music - A tribute to Joyce Kaiser. Chicago Folk Service.
- January 27 - First Communion Sunday with the music of Joyce Kaiser, African drums and Adult and Kids' Choirs.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastor:	Rev. Mary L Janz	1909 Summit Ave. 53404	633-3059
Church office:	262 634-5515	E-mail:	emmausracine@sbcglobal.net
	Fax: 262 634-0835	Pastor Mary:	mljanz@aol.com
Pastor for Outreach:	Rev. Walter Hermanns	Valerie Crehan:	yout@sbcglobal.net
Council President:	Chris Lambertson	Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at	5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.
Education Coordinator:	Nancy Smith	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday	through Friday; the office will be closed on January 1.
Outreach Coordinator:	Valerie Crehan	The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The	deadline for the February VISITOR is January 15.
Organist:	Joyce Kaiser		
Adult Choir Dir.:	Suzanne Landis		
Secretary:	Paul Berge		
Custodian:	Maria Lopez		
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Holy Communion to Be Celebrated Every Sunday

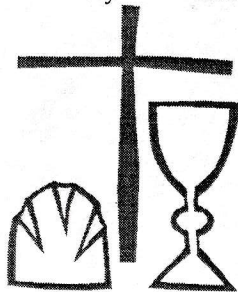
In response to several individuals requesting the opportunity for a weekly celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the Worship & Music Committee approved weekly communion on Sundays. The Saturday services already offer Holy Communion each week.

Two Sundays a month, Communion will be served at the altar rail, using homemade bread and the pouring chalice. On the alternate Sundays, there will be continuous Communion using

wafers, offering the choice of intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice of wine) or taking a pre-filled cup of grape juice.

Individuals are being sought to assist with Communion set-up or clean-up, which would involve one Saturday or Sunday every two to three months. Newcomers will be trained by Pat Jensen or another person with experience.

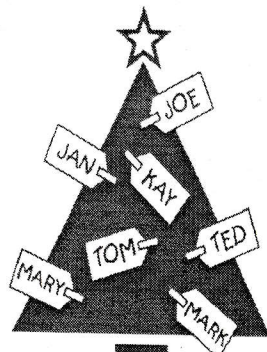
Contact Pat Jensen, Pastor Mary, or the church office (634-5515) if you would like more information about how you might be able to assist.



Giving Tree Brings Joy to Families, EASY

Some took ornaments from the trees. Some offered gifts of money. Others volunteered their time and became elves to help wrap the many gifts.

All told seven families from Wadewitz Elementary and Racine Family Literacy Program were the recipients of gifts which included items of clothing, books, toys and games, and gift cards. The children in EASY, the after school program sponsored by



The Giving Tree

Lighted Schoolhouse also received gifts of a toy or game and a book. Generosity: You, the members of Emmaus continue to remember others many of whom are lost and lonely. Thanks - you helped bring the light of Christ to some of our neighbors.

Wednesday Activities Resume January 9

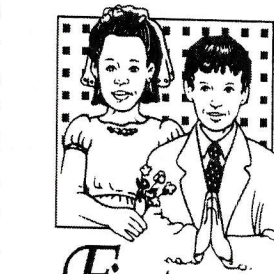
Wednesday, January 9, beginning at 6:05 p.m. in the Sunset Room. The study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Pastor Mary will lead January sessions on prayer and the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Fireside Room, beginning at 6:15 p.m. A short worship service brings everyone together in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.



Following dinner, preschoolers through fifth graders will learn about "Praying with Jesus." Pastor Walter will lead a study,

First Communion Set for January 27

As a follow-up to the fall Wednesday Camp lessons on Meals of Blessing," Pastor Mary will meet at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 9, 16, and 23 with those interested in taking their first Communion on Sunday, January 27.



First Communion

The group will meet in the Sanctuary for their instruction. Parents whose children have not been part of Wednesday classes but are interested in First Communion preparation for their children should contact Pastor Mary (mljanz@aol.com or 634-5515).

Congratulations, Brad Kousek!

We congratulate Brad Kousek on his graduation from UW-Milwaukee on December 16, earning his Bachelor's degree in Business



Administration with courses in corporate finance. Brad has been working at Menards while going to school.

Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 3

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

More than 16 years ago on a Super Bowl Sunday, a single youth group was inspired by a simple prayer. They started the Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth-led movement that is now an international event.



Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised more than \$33 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving.

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

At the Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3 worship services, drop a dollar in a soup pot as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to the Northside Food Pantry right here in our community. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

Youth Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Patrick Austin, 10
- Jan. 11 William Syty, 9
- Jan. 11 Frank Williams, 17
- Jan. 28 Kaitlyn Sodke, 8
- Jan. 29 Zach Robinson, 16
- Jan. 31 Brad Johnson, 10

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal at St. Patrick's February 7

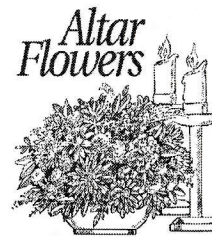
It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 7. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide a casserole, jello, or dessert. 9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off

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.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2008 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, and a number of Sundays are still open.



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.

We offer the opportunity for two households to sponsor either one of the two altar arrangements each Sunday. The cost is now per arrangement.

During the week before the

Worship & Music Will Meet January 8

Because the first Monday of January is a holiday, the Worship & Music committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on January 8.

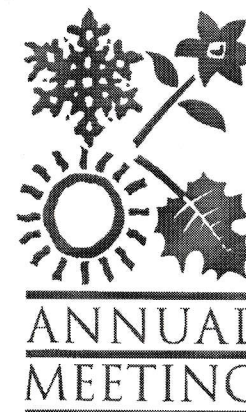
Annual Meeting Will Be February 3

The year 2008 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday, February 3. 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?"

If you would be interested in serving on the church council, or know of someone whose voice should be heard on council, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee: Kathy Christensen, Dennis Kreimer or Cindi Larsen. The following positions remain open:

Stewardship, Worship & Music, Youth, and Social Concerns.

A note to current council members: the office will need council reports for the annual report to the congregation by January 15.



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!



Cover Story

Do You Recognize These People?

Julie Field has brought in an old Emmaus photograph on display in the Sunset Room in hope that people might recognize some of the faces in it.

Since the only man in the photo is Rev. C.H. Jensen, we believe the photo would have been taken between 1913 and 1921, during his second pastorate here. There are four children in the picture, and 53 women, so it is likely a picture of the Danish Ladies' Aid

Society.

The one lady already identified is Christina Scheel, standing in a dark dress just behind Rev. Jensen's left shoulder.

To get a detailed look at the picture, a high-resolution copy is posted on the internet at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/emmausracine>. Click on the photo on that page, then click on "All Sizes" and then select "Large" or "Original."

Memorials & Honoraria

- Designated for snow removal:
- In memory of Norman Sorensen: \$120.00
- Non-designated honorarium:
- In honor of Nancy Brown: \$20.00

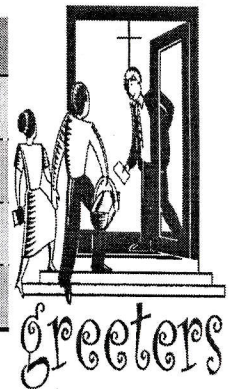






January Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jan. 5 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 6 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kylee Albright	Nancy Smith	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Jan. 12 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 13 9:15 am	TBA	S. Landis C. Lamberton	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Jan. 19 5:00 pm	B&D Keller Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 20 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Claranna Vytlacil	Carol Eschmann	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Jan. 26 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 27 9:15 am	TBA	R. Sanders G. Albright	Lyle Christensen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Feb. 2 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 3 9:15 am	TBA	K. Sedgwick	Amy Haman	Team 3 Howard Jensen

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters
Jan. 6	TBA	Carolyn Wooster	Oscar & Ginny Haugsby
Jan. 13	TBA	TBA	Marge & Howard Jensen
Jan. 20	TBA	Worship & Music; Council	Bea Holding Al Svendsen
Jan. 27	Michele Robinson	TBA	Betty & Stan Breiwick
Feb. 3	TBA	TBA	Steve & Debby Wyma



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6 EPIPHANY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	7 10:00 am Knit One Purl One 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Evening book club 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	8 10:00 am Keenagers 10:00 am Cluster clergy meeting at Atrium 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group	9 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	10 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	11 	12 9:00 am Stamping Up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in January

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 around noon.

Because New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, our January meetings will be on January 8 and 22.



January Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2704 James Blvd.	53403
Jan. 11	Oscar Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Jan. 29	Jan Bertram	1830 Polaris Ave.	53404

ELCA North Side Leaders to Meet

Representatives from Emmaus, Emmanuel, St. Paul's and St. Andrew congregations will meet Saturday, January 26 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, at 9:00 a.m.

The morning workshop, led by Rev. Sandy Roberts of Christos Ministries, will be attended by five to seven lay members from each

congregation. Any Emmaus members interested in more information about participation should contact Randy Sanders.

Workshop participants will look at the history, traditions and roots of their own congregations as they also engage in the discerning process of a shared vision for the Northside ELCA churches.

Racine Mission Cluster Discusses Outreach

About 40 leaders from the ELCA congregations of Racine met at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on Tuesday, November 27.

Topics of discussion included outreach, the possibility of starting an ELCA congregation west of I-94, the Community Meal



site at Our Savior's, and the feasibility of starting a radio ministry and/or cluster web site.

The next meeting will be at Resurrection on Tuesday, January 29.

Education Report

Christmas Clinic Bears Tidings of Joy

By Nancy Smith

On December 16, the kids presented The Christmas Clinic. The congregation was treated to a story about ailing clients who stopped by the Christmas Clinic for treatment.

Each ailment reminded the clinic assistants of the Christmas story. Familiar carols and readings from Luke and Matthew were woven throughout the pageant. The Christmas Clinic slogan: "Pills and lotions, eye drops too, God will get you through!"

As the story progressed, a living nativity was created at the

front of the church. Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, processed down the aisle; an angel and a shepherd soon joined them. As the congregation sang We Three Kings, the Wise Men entered with their gifts and knelt in front of Jesus. As the lights in the sanctuary were dimmed, the nativity was framed by a spotlight.

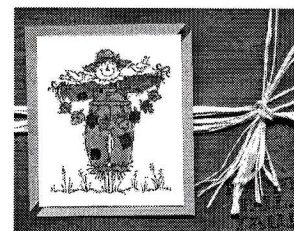
One of the highlights of the pageant was the presentation of Go Tell It on the Mountain. As the kids played the refrain on their kazoos, the verses were offered in solo by Andrea Mares. Thanks kids for your gift - it was a wonderful presentation!



Sedgwick Hosts Stamping Up

Karen Sedgwick will host Stamping Up at Emmaus from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 12 and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 13.

Be sure to allow yourself enough time to complete your desired number of cards by 3:00.



Please bring enough of your own favorite adhesive to complete all cards. If you have questions please contact Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188 or by e-mail at stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com.

Please Turn In Pledge Cards

Pledges for 2008 are still being received. As this Visitor went to press, 49 pledges had been received, totaling \$9,167.78 per month.



Please turn your commitment for giving card in by January 6. Pledged amounts are an aid to those preparing the budget for 2008.

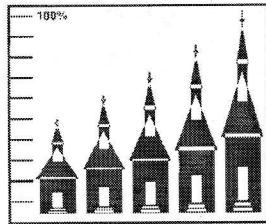
Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

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

Ted and Karen Nelson, in memory of Karen's parents, Walter & Henrietta

McDonald; her brother Keith McDonald; and Ted's father, Alvie Nelson.

Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to honor or 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.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

	2005	2006*	2007*
October attendance averages	129	114 : 166	82 : 135
November averages	125	114 : 175	103 : 155
Thanksgiving Eve service	81	61	42
December averages	159	143 : 164	99 : 153
Christmas Eve worship	137+82	94+76	102+77

	2006	2007*
January attendance averages	117	102 : 152

*Number on left does not include midweek services; number on right includes weekends plus the following Wednesday. Averages calculated through December 24, 2007.

General Fund offerings received in Nov.: \$12,839.28 Year To Date: \$157,687.38
 Mortgage retirement offerings received in Nov. \$330.00 Campaign TD: \$55,215.62**
 Principal balance as of November 14, 2008: \$74,904.67

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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		

Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

December 21, 2007

Evening Book Group Meets January 8

All those interested in spending one evening a month discussing a book of interest, come to the kick-off meeting, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Questions: contact Nancy Smith:

nnsdaisy@aol.com.

The morning Emmaus book club will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 17; contact Marge Jensen at 634-8754 if you have questions.

WELCA Briefs

Lydia Circle Meets January 9

All women of the church are invited to attend a time of study and hospitality at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 9. The monthly gathering

meets in the Sunset Room on the first Wednesday of the month, but will meet one week later this month because of Pastor Mary's vacation.

Thank You to Our Christmas Decorators

According to Wikipedia, Denmark's King Canute IV decreed in the 11th Century that Christmas should last for 20 days. As a result, there is a Scandinavian tradition of taking the cookies and candies off the Christmas tree, eating the treats and burning the tree on St. Knut's Day, January 13.

Here in America, we follow the more modern practice of observing twelve days of Christmas and removing the Christmas decorations in time for the season of Epiphany, which begins January 6.

If you are able to take down Emmaus' Christmas decorations at

9:30 a.m. Thursday, January 3, please contact Kathy Christensen (886-2151) or call the church office for details.

Many thanks to those who put so much effort in transforming the church with lovely Christmas decorations in December: Marge Zielke, Rich & Kathy Christensen, Shirley Velzka, Olga Wilson, and Ron & Pat Jensen

and their grandson Sam.

Special thanks to Chris and Ryan Lamberton and Rich Christensen for hauling the trees into the church, and to Myrna Olesen, who purchased ornaments and the new trees at the front of the church.



Emmanuel Lutheran Hosts Chili Contest

Chili is a medley of diced or ground beef and chilies or chili powder. Texans consider it a crime to add beans to chili, while people in other parts of the country consider beans a requisite ingredient. Some cooks add pasta to their chili; some add both beans and pasta.

There are over 200 varieties of chilies, varying in length from 12" to ¼". Some are no thicker than a pencil while others are plump and globular. They can be mildly warm to mouth-blistering hot. Chilies are cholesterol-free, low in sodium, and a good source of vitamins A, C, E, folic acid, and potassium.

How do you make your chili?

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will have a chili cook-off at 12:00

noon Sunday, January 20. Enter as a participant, or to sample the variety of recipes. (There will be at least one very mild chili on hand for those who like spice in life but not in food.)

To enter the cook-off, send a card with your name, phone number, home congregation, the number of people your chili recipe

will feed, and how many people you will bring, to the Emmanuel Church office, 725 High Street, Racine, 53402, by January 15.

Call Emmanuel with any questions: 262 633-4949.

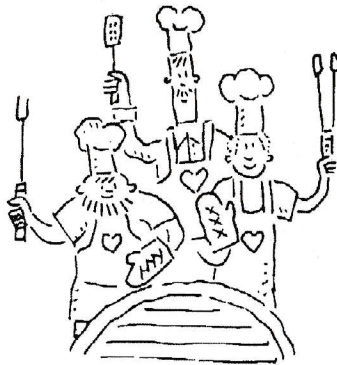
Norway Lutheran Serves Lutefisk and Meatballs

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road in

Wind Lake, invites you to reserve your seat at their annual Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner on Saturday, February 9. Servings are at 11:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and include side dishes, beverages, many cakes and wonderful ethnic

pastries.

Tickets go on sale January 2. Call Joanne Jacobson at 262 534-6867 or Donna Hanson at 262 534-3862. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children under 10 (free for children able to fit in a high chair). A reduced rate of \$15.00 is offered for seniors at the 11:30 and 1:15 servings.



Pastor Mary's Column

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The Wisconsin built tracker organ was installed at Emmaus 26 years ago. Joyce remembers that the Hammes Fox people worked all Saturday night, completing the assembly at 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Joyce recalls, "I was so nervous; I never tried it before I played that first Sunday."

The biggest regret for Joyce is that the third rank on the organ was never completed even though memorial money in her mother's name was designated for that purpose.

Joyce's flying fingers on the piano often led to spontaneous applause following an especially upbeat number. Little did Joyce know that she would be accompanying the Chicago Folk Service for about three decades.

Joyce is known for her sense of humor and her ability to laugh easily. She still remembers reacting to something Pat Goertemiller had said, "laughing so hard I had tears. The Lord guided my hands while I kept playing."

Joyce has accompanied at more choir rehearsals than she can count and has served under several different choir directors, each with his or her own distinct style.

Perhaps the biggest highlight each year has been leading Christmas and Easter services with the Brass Nickel. There is mutual admiration (and lots of shared laughter and fun) between Joyce

and the accomplished group of musicians. Their music at the holiday services has gained a reputation of its own.

Joyce's music making will be missed by all those who so greatly admire her, but at the same time her admirers wish her a well-deserved rest, with more time for relaxation and less reason for stress. We'll now look for Joyce next to her brother, John Demant, in the pew on Sunday mornings.

Appreciation Sunday January 20

Joyce's last official Sunday when First Communion will be celebrated. The Adult and Kids' Choirs will sing, and African drum music will add to the worship experience.

A special appreciation reception in Joyce's honor will take place following the Sunday morning Chicago Folk Service on January 20. Friends and former members are invited to join the thank you celebration as we wish Joyce Godspeed and many blessings in the years to come.

Thank you, Joyce, for your faithful commitment and for sharing with us your God-given gift of making music. You have touched our lives through your laughter, your love and your music! For that we are grateful.

Pastor Mary

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 - * Claranna Vytlačil Eligible for AIM Call
 - * Holy Communion to Be Offered Every Sunday
 - * Wednesday Evening Activities Resume Jan. 9
 - * First Communion Classes Meet Wednesdays
 - * Keenagers Meet January 8, 22
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Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Anthony Shawn Medina January 23, 2008	Anthony is the son of Carol Medina and grandson of Sandra Watkins.
Hubert Gibson LeDerrick Roberson Emmanuel Roberson January 23, 2008	Hubert, LeDerrick and Emmanuel are the sons of Jenise Gibson and Eric Roberson. See the article about the January 23 baptisms on page 7.
Funeral: Shirley M. Mourad January 26, 2008	Jess Sedgwick's mother, Shirley Mourad, passed away on January 22 at the age of 90. A professional ballerina who operated her own dance studio in Illinois, she had a lifelong love of music and dance. She was preceded in death by husbands John Sedgwick Sr. and Robert Mourad, and a grandson, John Sedgwick III. Rev. John Fleming officiated at her funeral service at Emmaus.

Elections, Vytlačil Call on Agenda at Congregational Meeting Feb. 3

The regular annual meeting of the congregation will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, February 3.

At the time of this printing, candidates are still being sought for the positions of chairpersons of the following committees/areas: Youth, Worship & Music, Building & Grounds, and Congregational Life.

In addition to elections of the 2008 church council members, the agenda will include votes on a recommendation to call to



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Claranna Vytlačil as Associate in Ministry (see article on page 5), and approval of the 2008 budget.

Copies of the 2007 annual report are available at church.

Cluster Assembly Meeting Postponed

The annual meeting of congregations of the Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA, originally planned for January 29, has been postponed to February 26 due to inclement weather.

Lent Begins February 6

Ash Wednesday, February 6, will begin the Lenten season at Emmaus with worship services at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. Both services will offer the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. The evening service will also incorporate an explanation of Ash Wednesday.

After the noon Ash Wednesday service, a light luncheon is offered for the women



who are invited to stay for a Bible study in the Sunset Room.

Midweek Opportunities

Wednesday evenings during Lent will include dinner served between 5:00 and 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Beginning Wednesday, February 13, Pastor Sue Ruehle, Assistant to the Bishop, will lead a series of three Bible studies on the theme of repentance. The 45-minute Bible study begins at 6:10 p.m. in the Sunset Room and is followed by the 7:00 p.m. worship service.

Members are also invited to the Keenagers programs and lunch on the first and third Tuesdays in the Sunset Room, where there will be a brief Lenten devotional following lunch.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Council President: Chris Lamberton	Valerie Crehan: you@sbcglobal.net	
Children's Education Coordinator: Nancy Smith	Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday services are at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. February 6.	
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.	
EASY Lead teacher: Claranna Vytlačil	The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.	
Organist: <i>search underway</i>	The deadline for the March VISITOR is February 15.	
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis	Vol. 36, No. 6	February, 2008
Secretary: Paul Berge		
Custodian: Maria Lopez		
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Joyce Kaiser Honored for Years of Service

The gift of a cozy throw and a gift certificate to a bookstore were presented to Joyce by the choir on January 20 as they wished her well on her retirement as Emmaus' organist. The morning continued with music by Joyce, the Chicago Folk musicians and the choir. A standing ovation at the end of the service was topped off with the lively music of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*.

Accolades for Joyce continued in the Sunset Room at the reception hosted by the Adult Choir and Pat Jensen. There Joyce received cards, including one from the congregation with a monetary gift. In keeping with their



unending litany of "short" jokes, the tenors presented Joyce with strawberry shortcake for her special treat.

Little did Joyce know that she would also be honored at the January 27 worship service. Exclamations and tears were part of Joyce's response to the Brass Nickel as they surprised her at that service and offered several musical pieces in her honor. Tears, laughter, hugs, words of appreciation and wonderful music – they were all a part of saying, "Thank you, Joyce; we love you!"

Search Process for Organist/ Accompanist to Begin

Before the formal search for a replacement for Joyce Kaiser can begin, the Worship & Music Committee will make an assessment of needs and write a job description. Joyce's versatility as an organist, pianist and accompanist has been a tremendous asset, and how to best fill all those roles in the future will depend on available candidates.

A search committee comprised

of Worship & Music Committee members and other members of the congregation will be formed.

Substitute organists and accompanists have been lined up through the end of March, and they are available to continue beyond that time if necessary. Anyone interested in being a part of the formal search process should contact Pastor Mary.

Council Recommends Claranna Vytlačil for Call

Claranna Vytlačil, having completed the course work, internship and interviews required by the ELCA, has now been approved to be a candidate for call as an AIM (Associate in Ministry). Claranna, who served as an intern at Emmaus last year and who is currently the lead



teacher for our after school program, has been recommended by the church council for call to Emmaus.

At the February 3 annual meeting of the congregation, those attending will vote on extending a call to Claranna.

The call would be a half time position totally supported by outside grant funds.

Fiesta Mexicana Set for April 27

April 27 has been set as the date for the annual Fiesta Mexicana. This year the General Fund of Emmaus will benefit from the popular event. Proceeds will be divided to benefit the following: 60% General Fund of Emmaus,

20% youth travel and 20% Neighborhood Camp.

New items (please, not used) are being sought to be offered as prizes for the raffle or for the silent auction.

Mark your calendars for Holy Week and Easter

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| Sunday, March 16 | 9:15 a.m. | Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord worship service with Holy Communion; remember to set your clocks ahead Saturday night! |
| Thursday, March 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion |
| Friday, March 21 | 12:00 noon | Good Friday service |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Tenebrae service (service of shadows and darkness) |
| Sunday, March 23 | 6:30 a.m. | North Side / ELCA congregations' Sunrise Resurrection worship service at Memorial Hall downtown |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Festival of Resurrection worship with Holy Communion |

Thank You, Howard Jensen

Howard Jensen has stepped down as usher team captain after 50 years. We extend grateful thanks to Howard for so many years of faithful service. You have well deserved the opportunity to

sit down during the worship service!

We also thank Chris Chan-A-Sue, who now takes over as captain of Usher Team #3.

What Is Altar Guild?

by Pat Jensen

Have you ever wondered:
What is Altar Guild?
What do they do?
Who makes the bread?
Who supplies the wine?

Altar Guild is made up of many men and women. They volunteer on a rotating schedule with a partner, once every 6 to 8 weeks. Each session requires about 15 minutes on a Saturday or Sunday to set up communion before a service or clean up after the service.

If you would like to know more about Altar Guild and would consider serving on this committee, please contact any committee member.

Gregg & Kylee Albright
Marion Andersen
June Beck
Judy Berndt
Kathy Christensen
Valerie Crehan

Cheryl Dexter
Grace Falaschi
Bev Hansen
Virginia Haugsby
Shirley Irvine
Marge Jensen
Brian & Denise Keller
Marion Keller (our bread baker)



Caren Lamberton
Joy Lippmann
Cathy Meyer
Lael Richter
Randy Sanders (procures wine)
Barb Toslek
Jamie Toslek
Audrey Villalobos
Claranna Vytlacil
Marge Zielke
Or phone Evelyn Larsen 632-2497
or Pat Jensen 681-1466

Thank you all who serve
Emmaus in this important way.

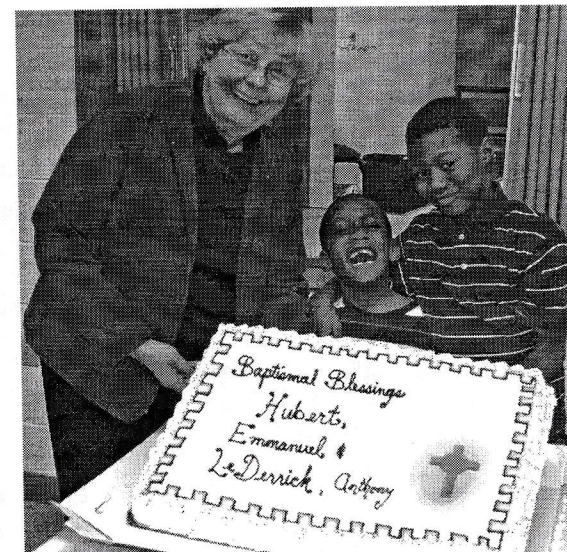
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Emmaus Celebrates Baptisms

At the Wednesday evening service on January 23, four baptisms were celebrated. Hubert Gibson, Anthony Medina and LeDerrick and Emmanuel Roberson were welcomed into the family of God.

Hubert and Anthony have attended Neighborhood Camp. They also participate in EASY (after school) and Wednesday Camp.

LeDerrick and Emmanuel are Hubert's younger brothers. Through God's word, the pouring of water, the lighting of candles and the gift of a banner, we extend our



welcome to the newest members of the Christian community.

Youth Attend Chicago "Youthquake"

Six Emmaus youth traveled to Chicago the last weekend in January to join other area youth in a Youth Encounter sponsored event. Accompanied by Youth Encounter team members Anthony Eder and Julia Perkins, and Emmaus member Caren Lamberton, the youth had an opportunity to hear speakers, contemporary Christian music and to meet kids their age from other churches.

The Emmaus group included Jen Haman, Mason Bagley,

Melanie and TJ Andersen, Ryan Lamberton and Yesenia Ortiz.

Youth Birthdays in February

Feb. 6 Trista Meteyard, 2
Feb. 7 Stephanie DeCubellis, 12
Feb. 18 Angelica Salina, 6
Feb. 18 Raigen Spaulding, 6
Feb. 24 Tyler Offield, 8
Feb. 25 Abbygail Maranger, 14
Feb. 25 Cameron Olle, 9
Feb. 27 Alex Maryland, 18

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21 Partake Their First Communions

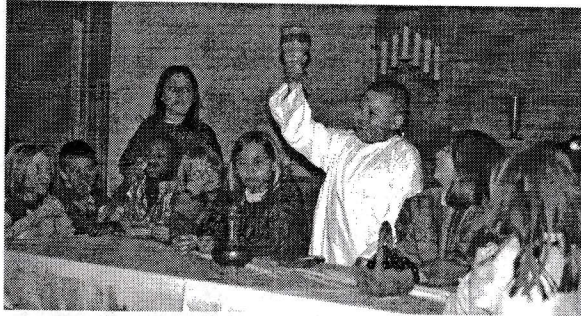
"Break the Bread and Pass the Wine . . ."

This phrase from the Communion Drum Circle reverberated throughout the church as a large group young people took their first communion on Sunday, January 27.

The Kids' Choir sang, "We Remember You," which conveys the message that whenever we break the bread and take the cup, we remember Jesus. As the young people went forward to take communion the Adult Choir sang "I Am the Bread."

Congratulations to Cody Andersen, Carlisle Bonillo, Alexis Carroll, Mitchell and Jacob Dresen, Christopher and Nicole Escobar, Isabel and Irma Gallardo, Gaby and Giselle Gallegos, Sydney and Stephanie Johnson, Sydni Matson, Anthony Medina, Brooklyn Orta,

Patrick Austin, Alicia Trapp,



Marilena, Paul and Abel Velasquez, and Michael Vega.

Each of the first communicants received a wooden hand painted cross to remember this special occasion. A potluck lunch followed in Fellowship Hall.

Patrick Austin took his first Communion on January 26. Melanie and TJ Andersen and Gabby and Natalie Ludwig will take their first communion at a Wednesday Lenten service.

Youth Collect 'Noisy Offering' on Souper Bowl Sunday

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



Bring your change for a "noisy offering" on February 2 and 3. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup kettle will go toward relief efforts for world hunger. All Emmaus contributions will go to the Northside Food Pantry.

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EASY Kids Feed the Birds

Did you notice the twirling gizmos that adorn many of the trees around the church and parsonage? The EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) kids cut holes in the side of milk cartons and filled the bottom with a combination of peanut butter and bird seed. They took great delight in finding the right tree branch to hang their gift to the birds and whatever other critters may find these winter treasures.



Neighborhood Camp Campaign Is Success

Thanks to so many who remembered Neighborhood Camp during the season of giving. Many gifts were given in honor of or on memory of an individual. At this writing, \$4,220 has been generously donated. Gifts are accepted at any time of the year. Consider Neighborhood Camp when gifting a special person in

your life. Neighborhood Camp meetings are in full swing. It's time for churches to commit for another summer and to begin thinking about themes and staffing. An invitation has been sent to churches asking if they would like to join in this special outreach ministry to the community.

Emmaus Serves Community Meal Feb. 7

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 7. 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.

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Emmaus to Host Racine Green Teams

Saturday, February 2, Green Team members from a number of Racine congregations will gather at Emmaus. Following a short worship, group members will have the opportunity to share what is happening at their local congregations as well as to be



part of collaborative planning for the future.

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

Book Groups Select Titles

Bliss, by O.Z. Livaneli, is the February choice for the evening book group. *Bliss* paints a picture of contemporary Turkey and its archaic culture.

The story involves a young woman of fifteen who is brutally raped. Considered an outcast by her family, she is locked in a shed with a rope and comes to the realization that they expect her to hang herself. But she is defiant. This novel brings to light the plight of women and shows how deep the conflicts are that exist within the societies of modern Turkey.

The March/April selection is *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. This exciting novel depicts the construction of a cathedral during four decades of 12th century England. The book focuses more on the lives of the various people who created the cathedral or were touched by those who did. Follett shares his love of

cathedrals and his knowledge of how they were constructed.





The daytime book group has selected *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. An avid mountain climber, Mortenson was moved by the plight of education in the remote areas of Pakistan. He promised to return one day and build them a school. The book is an account of the most incredible humanitarian campaigns of our time. *Three Cups of Tea* is an excellent read for all who are interested in a peaceful way to fight the war on terrorism.

The evening book group meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Note: many of the books that have been read by the book groups can be found on the book shelf in the corner of the Sunset Room. You are invited to borrow these selections. Many members have also donated titles of interest. If you borrow a book, please return it in a timely manner.



	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Feb. 2 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 3 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	K. Sedgwick	Amy Haman	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Wed. Feb. 6 12 noon	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Wed. Feb. 6 7:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	Shirley Velzka	—	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Feb. 9 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 10 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Nancy Smith C. Eschmann	Valerie Crehan	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Feb. 16 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 17 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Cindi Larsen	Kylee Albright	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Feb. 23 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Feb. 24 9:15 am	Caren Lambertson	K. Christensen, O. Wilson	Zach Robinson	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Mar. 1 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 2 9:15 am	Evelyn Larsen	Chris Lambertson	Carol Yust	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters
Feb. 3	Jim & Judy Yorgan TBA	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	Steve & Debby Wyma
Feb. 10	TBA TBA	O.E. Wilson	Oscar & Ginny Haugsby
Feb. 17	Valerie Crehan, TBA	TBA	Marge & Howard Jensen
Feb. 24	Mark & Grace Falaschi; TBA	Stan & Batty Breiwick	Bea Holding Al Svendsen
Mar. 2	Rich & Kathy Christensen Boots LeRoux	TBA	Betty & Stan Breiwick

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p><i>February, 2008</i></p>			<p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net ☎ 262 634-5515</p>				<p>1</p>	<p>2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 8:30 am Green Congregations mtg. 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
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<p><i>Pastor Mary on vacation February 9-16</i></p>								
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Keenagers in February

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.

February 5: Olga Wilson will play and educate us about her accordion. There will be a luncheon served after the demonstration.

February 19: Betty Menton and her partner will demonstrate the making of baskets. Pat Jensen will prepare and serve lunch after the demonstration. Please join us in our fun and fellowship.



February Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

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

ELCA North Side Leaders Meet

Led by Pastor Sandy Roberts, representatives from Emmaus, Emmanuel, St. Paul's and St. Andrew congregations met Saturday, January 26 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Workshop participants looked at the history, traditions and roots of their own congregations as they also engaged in lively conversation in the discerning process of a shared vision for the



Northside ELCA churches. The results of the workshop will be shared with participating congregations.

The next visioning process of the group is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 at St. Andrew. To learn more, talk

with Randy Sanders.

Shred Cheese, Not Playoff Tickets

If you ask most Packers fans to pick their most anxious moment of the Green Bay Packers loss to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game on January 20, they might tell you about the Giants' two missed field goals in the fourth quarter, or the game going into overtime, or that last Brett Farve pass interception.

Pastor Walter Hermanns' most anxious moment came days earlier as friend Andrew Duncan was helping him take care of a bundle of papers left on the family paper shredder. Duncan noticed Packer playoff tickets in the



bundle — but only after one of the tickets had already gone through the shredder!

Weeks earlier, Pastor Walter had bought the four end zone tickets through a Packers lottery program offered to people who use wheelchairs. As the season ended, however, almost everyone assumed that the NFC Championship game would be played in Dallas, not Green Bay, making the tickets worthless.

That's why Pastor Walter's wife, Lynn Helmke, put them on

the shredder. But when the Giants upset Dallas and the Packers beat Seattle, it meant that the championship game would be played in Green Bay's subzero temperatures.

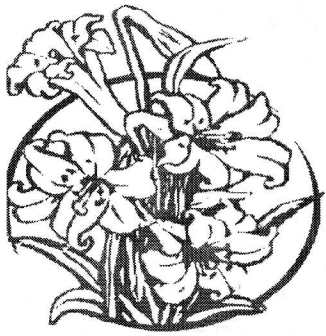
Walter and Andrew dug out as much of the shredded ticket as they could, and after calls to the Packers' ticket office, they won assurance that the shredded ticket would still be honored.

The story landed Walter and Lynn on the front pages of the Racine *Journal Times* and the Milwaukee *Journal Sentinel*, not to mention a feature story on

CBS affiliate channel WDJT's 10:00 news. If you happened to be out of town, you might have caught it on WSOC in Charlotte, KGTV in San Diego, KQCA in Sacramento, WFTV in Orlando, or — well, you get the idea.

"I am deeply sorry from the bottom of my heart," a chastened Lynn told TV reporter Keith Meka. "Anything that has green and gold on it I will never put near the shredder again."

Pastor Walter added, "Our marriage is saved!"



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 9:15 worship service on Easter Sunday, March 23.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by March 9.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.50
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$8.50
_____	6 1/2" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6 1/2" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6 1/2" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$10.00
_____	7" azalea	\$14.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$14.00
	<i>Total enclosed</i>	_____

Your name(s): _____ Phone _____

Given in memory honor of: _____

I will take my plant home. Please give my plant to a shut-in
 Counters mark if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

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 3. All confirmed, active members are assigned an offering envelope number.

The database of our membership was sent to the envelope company in early December. If you have not received your envelopes by the beginning of February, please call the church office at 634-5515.

December Energy Bills Skyrocket

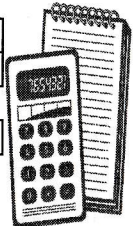
Inclement weather every weekend in December, causing a drop in attendance, together with frigid temperatures, has resulted in a financial strain for Emmaus. The WE Energy gas bills for December alone reached a record high of

\$248.23 for the parsonage and \$2,624.80 for the church.

A 15% increase in building use fees is being proposed to alleviate part of the increase of utility costs. The church council will continue to address this issue at their February meeting.

Attendance & Financial Statistics

	2005	2006*	2007*
Dec. attendance averages	159	143 164	102 138
Christmas Eve worship	137+82	94+76	102+77
	2006*	2007*	2008*
January averages	117	102 152	105 168
February averages	123 143	91 147	
Ash Wednesday worship	18+63	13+122	

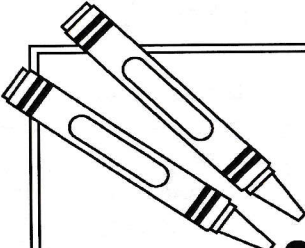


*Shaded figures do not include midweek services; number on right includes weekends plus the following Wednesday. Averages calculated through January 23, 2008.

Financial Figures

	2007 to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings received in December:	\$17,741.91	\$175,429.29
Mortgage retirement offerings rec'd in Dec.:	\$710.00	\$5,445.00
2008 General fund offerings received in '07:	\$5,933.39	\$55,925.62

Mortgage payments in Dec. 2007:	Principal: \$608.14	Principal balance as of
	Interest: \$383.86	January 14, 2008:
Mortgage payments in Jan. 2008:	Principal: \$611.23	\$74,293.44
	Interest: \$380.77	
	Total: \$1984.00	



Just for KIDS

LOVE

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. LUKE 10:27

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

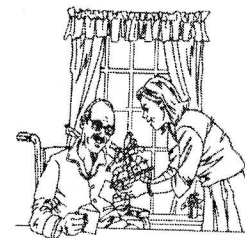
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Elsewhere in Our Area

Volunteers Sought for Hospice Alliance

Please consider volunteering for Hospice Alliance. Hospice Alliance has provided end-of-life care in Kenosha, Racine and eastern Walworth counties since 1982.

Hospice volunteers are a vital part of the Hospice team. While enhancing the lives of patients and their families, primarily by providing



companionship and respite care, volunteers gain satisfaction and enrichment in their own lives. Services might also include errands such as taking and/or picking up paperwork or prescriptions from physician offices, delivering supplies to patients, visiting patients in nursing homes or helping out in the Hospice Alliance office with mailings, data entry and various other needs.

Whatever you do, and whatever time you have to give, they have a place for you!

New training classes will begin February 26 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes continue until March 20 at the Hospice Alliance office, 10220 Prairie Ridge Blvd,

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Pleasant Prairie in southern Kenosha County.

Pre-registration is necessary. For further information, please call Helen at 652-4400.

RUSD Announces Registration, Magnet Enrollment

The Racine Unified School District operates a preschool program for three year old children. The program is funded under the Title I grant, and there is no cost to parents for participating.

RUSD's P-COC Preschool is scheduling the following program screenings for the 2008-2009 school year: Friday, March 14; Friday, April 4; Friday, May 9; and Friday, May 23.

P-COC Preschool is a federally funded program for three year olds and their parents. This program is located in the Washington Center at 914 St. Patrick St. It is based on the fact that parents or guardians are their children's first and most important teachers. There is no cost for participation to those who are eligible. For information about enrolling in P-COC Preschool, please call 262 619-4519, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

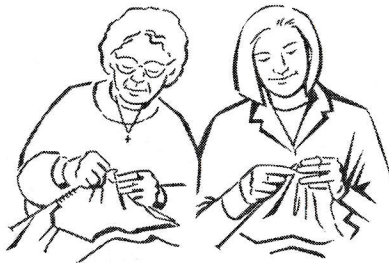
A Remedy for the Cold

Knit one, purl one. Knit two, purl two. It's a Monday morning, and the laughter and animated conversation can be heard over the clicking of the knitting needles.

The Fireside Room is warm and cozy thanks to the fire in the fireplace. Hot tea and coffee are sipped as the Emmaus knitters are gathered on a frigid winter morning.

This snapshot of warmth in the cold reminds me that the caps and scarves and mittens for the Wadewitz school children and the prayer shawls for our members and friends are mantels of God's love and blessing. They bring warmth at so many levels. Silent prayers are woven into their very fabric, and public prayers of blessing are offered before they are brought to share warmth and compassion to those who receive them.

More than once I have entered a living room or a room in the nursing home and found the person I'm visiting wrapped in a prayer shawl. I have heard words of appreciation and gratitude not only for the prayer shawl, but also for the special visits or cards or phone calls that have been made



by Emmaus members. God's love and warmth are shared by each one who reaches out to those who are lonely or homebound as well as to those who face challenges of illness or grief.

While sharing the gift of Holy Communion is limited to the pastor and a small number of trained communion assistants, the ministry of reaching out to our members and friends with care and compassion is for all who are able to share a smile, a listening ear, a prayer, or a word of encouragement.

I do want to offer a word of warning: be prepared for unexpected surprises when you think you are the one "delivering warmth and compassion" — it more often than not goes two ways, and you receive more than you might expect in return. The twinkle in God's eye and God's sense of humor may also enter in as they did on a recent visit I made.

The Wednesday before the Packers played in the playoff game at Lambeau Field, I made a visit to the home of Ted and Karen Nelson. Wanting to see Ted who was recovering from knee surgery

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Pastor Mary's Column

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and having a prayer shawl to give to Karen from the knitters, I stopped by for a visit to share conversation and communion with the Nelsons.

I had just left the church where Pastor Walter had been talking with newspaper reporters about the story of his famous shredded Packer ticket and how he would be headed to Green Bay in subzero temperatures the following Sunday. The wellbeing and warmth of Pastor Walter were on my mind when I arrived at the Nelsons.

I saw Ted sitting in his chair and thought to myself, "He's as tall as Pastor Walter; I wonder if he has a snowmobile suit that Pastor Walter could use for the game." So, I was bold enough to ask, and the answer was "yes."

Not only did I leave the Nelsons that afternoon with the snowmobile suit and thermal underwear for Pastor Walter, but also with the gift of some crocheted items Karen gave to me. (Pastor Walter credits the snowmobile suit and lots of prayers to getting him through the game without frostbite!)

There are so many shivering folks in our midst — shivering both inside and out. Rx — bundle up! Be bundled ... in God's love and hope and compassion. And, as you reach out and extend that warmth to others, expect surprises! You never know where those connections might lead! Stay warm!

In the warmth of God's love,

Pastor Mary



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Occasion: _____

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Holy Week at Emmaus

Passion of Our Lord Sunday, March 16

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation"

with Holy Communion + 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 19

5:00 p.m. Prayer Walk of Passion for Kids

Maundy Thursday, March 20

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

Good Friday, March 21

Service of Word and Song + 12:00 noon

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

Easter Sunday, March 23

ELCA Sunrise Communion Service at Memorial Hall 6:30 a.m.

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

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Pastoral Acts

Memorial service:
February 17, 2008
Marion Dorsey Keller

Marion Keller, mother of Carol (Dennis) Eschmann and Lanette Clendaniel, was born in Sioux City, Iowa in 1923. She taught kindergarten in Sloan, Iowa for over 30 years, moving to Racine in 2004. She kept active, exercising, swimming, and playing bridge, making many new friends in Racine.

Funeral:
February 18, 2008
Celia Verboomen Weber

Celia Weber lived in Racine for 87 years. She had a passion for baking, whether it was for the REST program, pie socials, bake sales, or just having a plate of cookies ready for visitors. She was a member of the Lydia Circle. She is survived by son David (Judith) Weber and daughter Diane (Ronald) Smith, and their children and grandchildren.

Holy Week Services Trace Jesus' Path to the Cross

The worship service on Passion Sunday, March 16, 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.

Maundy Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maundy Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. March 20.

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

Good Friday

You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at 12:00 p.m. or at the Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21.

The Adult choir will sing at the evening service.

Congregations Unite for Easter Sunrise Service at Memorial Hall

Area Lutherans and friends are encouraged to join together to celebrate the Resurrection as the sun rises over Lake Michigan on March 23. Members of five congregations—Emmaus, Emmanuel, St. Paul's, St. Andrew and Redeemer—have collaborated in the planning of the 6:30 a.m. Easter service.

Musicians from the participating churches will be a part of a mass choir under the direction of Suzanne Landis. Anyone interested in being a part of the choir is invited to a rehearsal

on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road.

Preacher for the festival service is Pastor Sue Ruele, Assistant to the Bishop. Claranna Vytlačil, AIM candidate from Emmaus, will be the liturgist for the Sunrise service.

Council President Randy Sanders has been an active leader in planning the logistics for the Easter service.



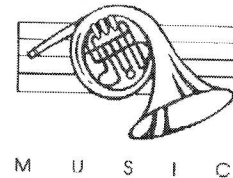
Joyce Kaiser, Brass Nickel to Lead Music at Easter Service

The Easter Festival worship service is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. at Emmaus. Led by musicians from the Brass Nickel and by organist Joyce Kaiser, together with the Adult Choir, the congregation will experience the joy of the Resurrection.

Pastor Mary will preach the Easter message, and the children's choir will also add their voices to

the morning's celebration of the empty tomb. Following the worship service, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

Members and friends may help defray the cost of the brass ensemble by designating a special gift in memory or honor of a loved one. For more information, contact Joyce Kaiser, Pastor Mary or the church office.



Services of Healing Offered March 1, 2

Prayers for healing and the laying on of hands will be an integral part of our Saturday and Sunday worship services the first

weekend in March. The services for healing will also include Holy Communion and the blessing of prayer shawls.

Worship Committee to Meet March 3

At a special meeting of the Worship & Music committee on Sunday, February 24, there was lively discussion regarding the vision for worship at Emmaus.

The group grappled with how to both honor strong tradition – familiar hymns, organ music, and liturgy – and to create new opportunities for some contemporary or blended services (less liturgy, a praise band, more visuals and added technology).



The decisions regarding the shape of our future worship services will influence the selection of who would best accompany and lead worship, both on the organ and piano.

Ideas and leads regarding worship style and possible worship leaders will be pursued in the coming days and will again be discussed at the March 3 meeting of the group. The committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Please Return Hymnals Binding Side Up

When returning hymnals to the book rack after worship services, the Worship & Music committee asks that you place the hymnals binding side up. We have noticed that some hymnals are

already showing some stress from being picked up by the spine, and we hope that the new arrangement will prolong the lifetime of these books. Thank you!

Member Care Meets After Worship March 2

The Member Care committee will meet in the Fireside Room after the worship service on Sunday, March 2. New people

interested in our ministry to our fellow members are welcome. Please see committee chair Cathy Meyer for further information.

Vytlacil Installation Slated March 30

In a special worship service of celebration on March 30, Associate in Ministry candidate Claranna Vytlacil will officially be received as an AIM minister at Emmaus.

The 9:15 a.m. worship service will include her installation and a laying on of hands as she is welcomed in her new role.



Completely supported by grant funding, Claranna is the lead teacher for the EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) program. Claranna is currently a member of the Adult Choir and will be taking a more active role in worship leadership in the future.

Claranna and her husband, Mark, are the parents of two sons, Jonathon and Christopher.

Annual Meeting

Congregation Approves AIM Call

The members of the church council elected at the annual meeting of the congregation February 3 are:

President: Randy Sanders

Vice President: Chris Lamberton

Secretary: Valerie Crehan

Treasurer: Carolyn Wooster

Financial Secretary: Michele Kreimer

Building & Grounds: Loren Larsen

Congregational Fellowship: Celia Bagley

Member Care: Cathy Meyer

Parish Education: Marty Aiken

Social Concerns: Diane Melander

Stewardship: Judy Yorgan

Worship & Music: Caren Lamberton

Youth Ministry: Chris Chan-A-Sue

The budget for 2008 was approved. There were questions regarding grant monies, FICA totals, and the need for auditing. The council promised to address accounting concerns.

The congregation voted to extend a call to Claranna Vytlacil to be Associate In Ministry (AIM) at Emmaus.

The difficulty in getting through the snow from the street to the church that morning was discussed. We have contracted with Harry Piepmeier to plow our sidewalks whenever there is a snowfall of 2" or more. Another person handles shoveling and clearing the approaches from the street, but that person was currently without a phone.

Monday Book Club Meets for Lunch

Beginning this Monday, March 3, at 11:00 a.m. the evening book group will try a new format: "Conversation Over Lunch."

Due to the snow, the February meeting and discussion was postponed. We will be discussing *Bliss*, our February selection. The April/May choice is Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth*. This historical novel is about a monk who is driven to build the greatest gothic cathedral in the world. The setting is twelfth century England.

The Thursday book group will not meet in March. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. The April book selection is *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner.

Many of the books that have been read by the book groups can be found on the book shelf in the corner of the Sunset Room. You are invited to borrow these selections. If you borrow a book, please return it in a timely manner.



Souper Bowl of Caring Tops \$8 Million

As of February 20, over \$8,704,648 has been reported through the 2008 Souper Bowl of Caring. Emmaus raised \$201.50 through a "noisy offering" on

February 2 and 3. The money collected at Emmaus will be donated to the Northside Food Pantry.

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Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Lenten midweek services follow Wednesday evening supper and study at 7:00 p.m. through March 12.

Maundy Thursday services are at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday services are at noon and 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday worship is at 9:15 a.m.

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

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the April VISITOR is March 15.

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Wednesday Kids to Experience Prayer Walk of the Passion

While the disciples were taught they were to pray by John, they wanted to know how they were to pray. They made a request to Jesus: "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus teaches his disciples the Lord's Prayer.

During Lent, the Wednesday Campers will learn about worldwide prayer practices as they immerse themselves in the unit "Praying with Jesus." The scripture reference is centered on the Lord's Prayer. The kids will discuss places to pray and discover that prayer can happen anywhere. Praying with Jesus will help the kids to open their heart to all the possibilities that prayer can bring to their lives, individually and as a community.

On Wednesday, March 19, the campers will participate in a variation of the Stations of the Cross. This Prayer Walk will include: The Triumphal Entry, The Last Supper, The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion, Procession of the Cross and Descent into the Tomb.

This special evening for the kids will take place from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and will include a pizza supper.

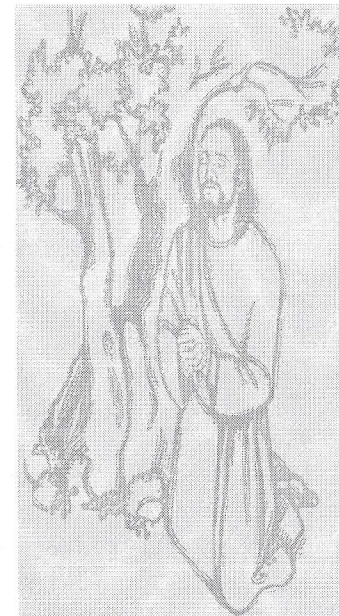
Easter Egg Hunt

Immediately following the Easter celebration worship, all kids are invited to take part in the second annual Easter egg hunt. The kids will gather in the Fireside Room to receive their bags and instructions.

Kids' Choir Schedule

The kids will participate in three services in March:

Palm Sunday, Easter, and the installation service for Claranna Vytlacil on March 30.



Youth Birthdays

Paul Velasquez Jr.	March 6	9
Marilena Velasquez	March 7	10
Jackson Tepley	March 12	4
Katie Maranger	March 15	9
Stephanie Johnson	March 16	8
Lukas Burns	March 23	3
Andrew Jaskulske	March 25	13

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Emmaus Outreach Receives LACE Grant

On behalf of Emmaus, Nancy Smith received a \$2,500 grant from the Love And Charity Endowment fund (LACE) of Bethania Lutheran Church. The grant money is intended to help fund midweek

neighborhood outreach programming.

We are grateful for this ELCA partnership and the many lives that are touched as a result.

Cards & Letters

Joyce's Last Sundays as Organist Were Very Special

To my Emmaus family:

How can I say thank you enough? Everyone has done so much for me for my retirement. I have always felt encouragement, support and love.

My two last Sundays were more than I could ever have thought possible. On January 20, I was very surprised by the two standing ovations, and the postlude was so much fun. All the wonderful words from Pastor Mary were so appreciated. How was I to see the music and play? The coffee hour was so great. The choir had a fantastic amount of treats, only topped by my very own special



piece of strawberry SHORT cake. All the cards and gifts were unbelievable.

The 27th was a real shock for me. Pastor Mary knew I really liked the African drummers and arranged for them to be there. She told me to play my prelude early, as they were then going to play.

When they didn't come to play, I couldn't figure out what was going on until Pastor Mary brought in the Brass Nickel. What a shock that was for me! Then the drummers came in. What a service! My heart was truly overflowing with thankfulness and love.

Thank you so very much to all! I love you all!

Joyce Kaiser

Church Council Meets March 25

The Church council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25,

rather than its usual third Tuesday meeting date.

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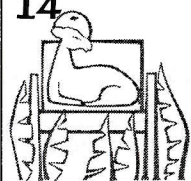
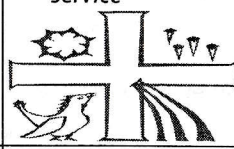



March Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Mar. 1 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 2 9:15 am	Evelyn Larsen	Chris Lamberton	Carol Yust	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Mar. 8 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 9 9:15 am CDT	Claranna Vytlacil	Diane Melander Kylee Albright	Karen Christensen	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Mar. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 16 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Nancy Smith	Celia Bagley	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Thu. Mar. 20 7:00 pm	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Suzanne Landis	—	Team 1 Harold Miller
Fri. Mar. 21 7:00 pm	—	—	TBA	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sun. Mar. 23 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	J. Lippmann, R. & P. Jensen	Chris Lamberton	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Mar. 29 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Mar. 30 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Caren Lamberton Cindi Larsen	Brenda Gieszler	Team 4 John Cook
Sat. Apr. 5 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 6 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Claranna Vytlacil	Lee Woodward	Team 5 W. Meteyard

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
Mar. 2	R&K Christensen Boots LeRoux	Celia & Mason Bagley	H&P Jensen	Boots LeRoux
Mar. 9	Shirley Velzka & TBA	TBA	Wymas	
Mar. 16	M&K Aiken & TBA	TBA	Haugsbys	
Mar. 23	<i>Easter garden</i>	New members	Breiwicks	
Mar. 30	M. Lemke M&K Aiken	Church council	B. Holding A. Svendsen	
Apr. 6	M. Robinson C&C Lamberton	TBA	Breiwicks	Marge Jensen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			<h1>March, 2008</h1>			Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 262 634-5515 ♣ emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org	1 ST. DAVID 5:00 pm Worship service: Prayer for Healing, with Holy Communion
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23 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 6:30 am Sunrise service at Memorial Hall 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Festival service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	24 <i>No EASY this week (RUSD spring break)</i> <i>Office closed Monday</i> 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1	25 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	26 <i>No Wednesday eve activities.</i> 	27 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	28	29 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
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Keenagers in March

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.

March 4: June Beck

March 18: TBA



March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	130 23 rd Ave. Kenosha	53140
Mar. 16	Ginny Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Mar. 19	Bonnie French	2301 Summit Avenue	53404
Mar. 24	Stan Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Dr. #102	53406

ELCA Campus Ministry Strives for Healing after NIU Shootings

CHICAGO (ELCA) — The Rev. Diane Schmidt Dardón, Lutheran campus pastor, Northern Illinois University (NIU), DeKalb, has been ministering with families and friends of students wounded from a shooting on the NIU campus Feb. 14 that left five students and a faculty member dead plus the gunman.



Dardón, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), told the ELCA News Service that she spent the evening and early morning at Kishwaukee Community Hospital, DeKalb, where she stood with families as they identified the bodies of students killed.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry Center is "kitty-corner to the building where the shooting took place," said Dardón. Outside of the center are six large crosses, draped in red and purple with the message, "We walk in hope, we pray for healing."

The Lutheran Campus Ministry Center held prayer vigils Feb. 14 at 10 p.m. and midnight. Soon after the shooting Dardón said she called the center to organize a candlelight vigil, and "students there immediately took action. From that one phone call two prayer vigils were organized. Our church is so amazingly blessed by our young leaders," she said.

Daylight Savings Springs Way Ahead

It may be a mere five weeks since Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, but Daylight Savings Time springs back onto our clocks at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, March 9.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 8, and brace



yourself for a few more dark winter mornings. We're probably rushing the season by springing ahead in the dead of winter; but if any season could use a little rushing this year, it's spring!

Emmaus Serves April 3 Community Meal

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 3. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who can help by preparing a casserole, jello, or dessert and for those who can help serve the food.

Recipes for the casseroles are near the sign-up sheet 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.

Help Prepare for Fiesta Mexicana

This year's Fiesta Mexicana will be held on Sunday, April 27 and we're asking for volunteers to help with the planning.

If you have a little time, we sure could use some help in several areas: silent auction, super raffle, dinner planning, decorations, raffle prizes and more. Most jobs will be small and we'll take any help we can get!



New items (not used, please) are needed for the raffle and silent auction.

60% of this year's proceeds will benefit Emmaus' General Fund; 20% will go toward youth travel; and 20% will benefit Neighborhood Camp

You can call the church office for more information. Thanks!



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, March 23.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this order form and return it to the church office by March 9.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost per plant</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$9.00
_____	6" chrysanthemums	\$9.25
_____	6 1/2" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	6 1/2" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	6 1/2" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$9.75
_____	7" regal geranium	\$9.75
_____	7" azalea	\$15.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$15.00
Total enclosed		_____

Your name(s): _____ Phone _____

Given in memory honor of: _____

I will take my plant home. Please give my plant to a shut-in
 Counters mark if paid. Office mark: Bulletin Order list

Emmaus Name: Phone.....

Scrip Address..... ZIP.....

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

December 21, 2007

Parsonage Furnace Replaced

Fortunately, Pastor Diane Tetrault, interim pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran, was "parsonage-sitting" during Pastor Mary's vacation this past month. During Pastor Diane's stay, a loud clunking noise accompanied by a steady drop in temperature in the parsonage alerted Pastor Diane of a furnace problem.

Lay leaders of the church were advised, and an assessment led to the decision to replace the furnace.

A big thank you goes to members who contributed generously to the furnace fund after hearing about the necessary replacement. A total of \$2,650 was donated within a week of the furnace being replaced!

Memorials

Designated for Emmaus After School for Youth:

In memory of Marion Keller: \$455.00

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

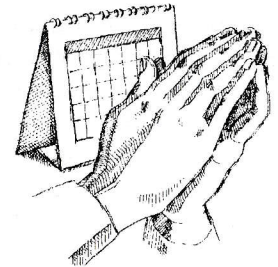
In memory of Marion Keller: \$25.00

Designated for kitchen renovation:

In memory of Marion Keller: \$300.00

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Shirley Mourad: \$110.00



Attendance & Financial Figures



	2006	2007	2008
January averages	117	102 : 152	105 : 168
February averages	123 : 143	91 : 147	80 : 112
Ash Wed.worship	18+63	13+122	<i>Canceled</i>
March averages	124 : 179	96 : 151	

Shaded figures do not include midweek services; number on right includes weekends plus the following Wednesday. Averages calculated through February 27, 2008.

	2008 to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings received in January:	\$13,650.54	\$19,583.93
Mortgage retirement offerings rec'd in Dec.:	\$390.00	\$390.00
		\$56,315.62

Mortgage payments in Feb., 2008: Principal: \$614.34
Interest: \$377.66
Total: \$992.00

Principal balance as of Feb. 14, 2008: \$73,679.10

Emmanuel Offers Healing Service

Emmanuel will hold a Service of Healing during Holy Week on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

This has proved to be a very comforting service for everyone, especially those in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing.

The service will be held in Emmanuel's Chapel on the second floor at 725 High Street. Please use the elevator entrance (glass door) off their parking lot on Superior Street. For further information, call 262-633-4949.

Holy Communion Concert Celebrates Organ's 25th Anniversary

Michael Burkhardt, will be the guest organist at Holy Communion Lutheran Church for a 3:00 p.m. concert on Sunday, March 16 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Casavant pipe organ.



professor of music at Carthage College.

Free will offerings will be accepted. A reception will follow the concert.

Holy Communion is located atop the hill overlooking Kinzie Avenue and West Sixth Street in

Racine.

Burkhardt is a former director of choral activities and assistant

All Peoples Hosts Hip Hop Vigil

Celebrate the coming of Easter with a Hip Hop Vigil on Saturday, March 22. Several congregations are sponsoring this worship experience at All Peoples Church, 2600 N 2nd St., Milwaukee, led by Agape (aka Dave Scherer). Agape is internationally known, known to rock the microphone. He's been

on the main stage at the ELCA National Youth Gathering and featured at the gathering's Multicultural Youth Leadership Event.

All are welcome to usher in the joy of Easter. For further information, call 414 264-1616.

Jesus Loves Me

"I am weak, but he is strong ... Yes, Jesus loves me." Those familiar words from the song I learned in my childhood will be sung during communion at the healing services March 1 and 2.

What a reassurance as we take some time for Lenten reflection and pause to confess just how weak we are on our own.

Try as I might, being accountable and disciplined are only part-time practices, at best. While my intentions are to be more disciplined in prayer and study, in self care and care of the earth, in connecting with loved ones or in advocating for peace and justice, I

admit those attempts are fraught with failure. As I confess, I pause and hear once again the words, "Yes, Jesus loves me!"

It's in acknowledging our brokenness and our weakness that Jesus comes to us "to heal the sick soul." We lament as brokenness is evidenced throughout our community in so many ways. We pause, confessing our helplessness and need for healing at so many levels.

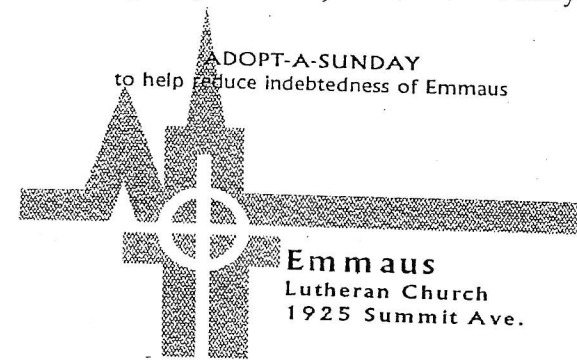
The same One who washes our feet and offers us bread and wine on Maundy Thursday is the One who is nailed to the cross on Friday. And we wait once again

for the Resurrection, knowing we can't get to a place of shalom or new life on our own ... no mater how disciplined we may try to be.

In our Lenten waiting, those words ring in our ears, "Yes, Jesus loves me." And we wait expectantly for the miracle of the Resurrection.

Waiting in hope,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



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

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

In the March Visitor:

- + Healing Services Mar. 1-2
 - + ELCA Congregations
Join for Easter Sunrise
 - + Annual Meeting Report
 - + Vytlacil AIM Installation
March 30
 - + Monday Book Club Meets
for Lunch
 - + Wednesday Kids Prayer
Walk of the Passion
 - + Fiesta Mexicana
Preparation
 - + Easter Flower Orders Due
March 9
- ... and much more!*

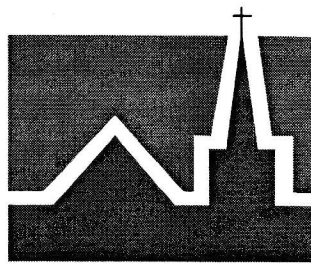
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¡Todos Están Invitados a Nuestra Fiesta Mexicana!

The ninth annual Fiesta Mexicana will be held on Sunday, April 27. 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, 60% of the fiesta proceeds will benefit Emmaus' General Fund; 20% will go toward youth travel; and 20% will benefit Neighborhood Camp.

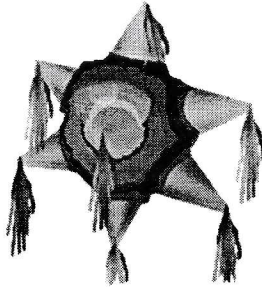
We will apply for matching funds again this year from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent has graciously donated

about \$800 in matching funds in years past.

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

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

Note: We hope to expand "kid friendly" raffle items this year. All ideas and contributions are welcome!



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Pastoral Acts

Funeral: June Johns passed away on March 4. She was a Navy Wave Seaman First Class during World War II, and was later worked at Hi-Standard Machining for 30 years. Her niece Sandy Strini was her caretaker in recent years.

March 8, 2008
June Sorensen Johns

Wednesday Bible Study Centers on Living in Easter Light

Did you know that Easter is more than just one day long? The Christian Church celebrates Easter for "a week of weeks": seven weeks of Easter ending with Pentecost.

You are invited to join us for weekly adult Bible study during this Easter season. We will use lessons from the book of Acts that will be read by many churches on the following Sunday. The lessons

describe how the new church began with excitement, joy, and suffering. Please come and learn what it means to be living in Easter light!

Weekly Bible study is part of our Wednesday evening program. We begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. Bible study begins around 6:00 p.m. and our evening concludes with a half an hour worship beginning at 7:00 p.m.

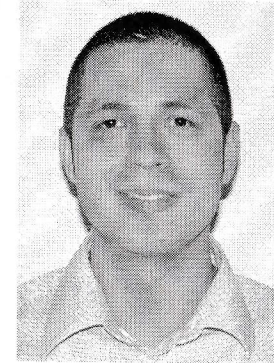
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Jhon Freddy Correa to Serve as Neighborhood Minister

At a special meeting on March 9, the Emmaus council decided that Emmaus would be the sponsor for Jhon Freddy Correa, a native of Colombia. The sponsorship is for R1 (Religious Worker) status through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS, formerly Immigration and Nationalization Services).



Jhon was approved on February 23 as a Candidate for Ministry in the ELCA by the Candidacy Committee of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. In the process of changing his denomination (he had previous seminary training at Catholic seminaries in Colombia and Wisconsin), Jhon will have at least two years of ELCA training before being rostered as a Lutheran pastor in the ELCA. Pastor Mary will supervise his work in the parish, and he will also study Lutheran theology, confessions and other related courses at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Jhon's responsibilities will be broad and will include working with the youth group, visiting

neighborhood families and the homebound, participating in worship leadership, working with Wednesday and Neighborhood Camp and reaching out to Latino families in our neighborhood.

Jhon and his wife, Liliana, currently live in Greenfield and will be relocating to Racine June 1. There is some conversation with the leadership of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer regarding the potential of sharing Jhon Freddy's time between the two congregations.

Funding for this Neighborhood Minister position will not come from the general fund of Emmaus. This ministry will be supported solely by grant funds and special gifts designated to the Neighborhood Ministry Fund.

Youth Birthdays

Chris Krug	April 1	6
Alexis Carroll	April 6	11
Jennifer Haman	April 7	14
Mitchell Dresen	April 9	13
Diane Lasko	April 9	8
Brian Field	April 12	18
Natalie Longrie	April 14	13
Alysa Bohn	April 17	7
Michaela Keller	April 18	10

Teen Intern Applications for Neighborhood Camp Now Available

by Valerie Crehan

Neighborhood Camp teen intern applications are now available in the church office. You must be 16 years old to apply. The camp season runs from June 23 to July 24.

There are required training days scheduled the week of June 16. Positions are available for three, four or five weeks depending on the site.

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 by April 30 to the church or mail to: Valerie Crehan, 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404. Interviews will follow in May. For more information, call 634-5515.

Kids Experience Prayer Walk of the Passion

During Holy Week, the Wednesday Camp kids stepped back in time and walked side by side with Christ. They dressed up in costumes and were told that they were going to "pretend" they were living in the time of Jesus. Because the Romans were ruling their country, shouts rang out; "We want freedom! We want it now!" Gathering palms and cloaks, they welcomed Jesus with enthusiasm as he entered Jerusalem.

All played the role of the disciples as they gathered around a table. They experienced what it



was like for Jesus to wash their feet. They whispered, "Is it I?" to one another as Jesus announced that one of them at the table would betray him that very night. Jesus served them the bread and wine as they were reminded "to do this to remember him."

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Member Care Opportunities Abound

by Cathy Meyer

Member Care at Emmaus involves many ministries and many people. We need your help to connect with Emmaus members who may appreciate receiving the comfort of God's love through acts of kindness. Please review the following list of activities and see where you may fit in.

We will have our next planning meeting in the Fireside Room Sunday, May 4 at 10:30 following the worship service. For more information, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050 (home phone), 498-4931 (cell phone) or cjanemeyer@yahoo.com (e-mail address).

Visitation Ministry

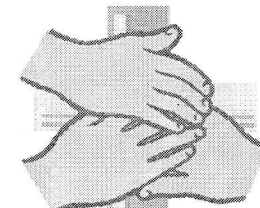
Help us reach out to our members in need, those who have experienced a loss, sickness or are in need of a compassionate visitor, such as homebound members and persons living in assisted care facilities.

Give Cathy Meyer a call to be a part of this rewarding ministry. Let Pastor Mary or Cathy know about persons who could benefit from home visitation.

Cards Ministry

For many years, Ruth Estep has been remembering Emmaus seniors on their birthdays and

continues to do so. In addition, we are starting to send cards to those experiencing illness or challenging times.



Member Care

Karen Sedgwick will be creating and sending special cards for this purpose. Let Karen (681-3188) know if you would like to participate in this ministry, or if you know of a member who needs a card.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Carol Eschmann is our parish nurse. She will be taking blood pressures in front of the church office on the first Sunday of each month following the morning worship service. If you have questions, contact Carol at 835-2372.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Knit One Purl One group meets every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room and all are welcome. Shawls may be knitted or crocheted, and there is an ample supply of yarn.

If you would like to support this ministry without taking up

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Prayer Chain Lifts Up Members, Community

by Karen Christiansen

The Emmaus Prayer Chain was started in 1974. For 34 years the Prayer Chain members have faithfully and prayerfully uplifted our Emmaus family in prayer as well as our community, country, and needs around the world.

If you would like to know more about the Emmaus Prayer

Chain or wish to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please call Karen Christiansen at 886-0575.

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

Member Care

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knitting or crocheting, consider a donation toward additional yarns. For more information, contact Nancy Smith (633-3059) or Bev Hansen (551-8095).

Prayer Chain Ministry

Do you know someone who needs prayers? The Emmaus prayer chain prays continuously, as its members receive prayer requests by mail, e-mail or phone. Perhaps you would like to become a part of this special team; please call Karen Christiansen (886-0575) to learn more.

Also, if you know of someone in need of healing prayer, please contact Pastor Mary or Paul Berge in the church office (634-5515).

Bereavement Ministry

All of us experience sorrow and loss at some time in our lives.

Emmaus Member Care is sending a series of booklets entitled *Journeying Through Grief* to members who have recently lost a loved one.

Let Cathy Meyer (321-0050) know if you are aware of someone who may benefit from this ministry.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

June Johns: \$475.00
Carolyn Smith: \$25.00
Celia Weber: \$125.00

Designated memorials for Kitchen:

Marion Keller: \$25.00

Designated memorials for Neighborhood Camp:

Marion Keller: \$100.00
Carolyn Smith: \$50.00
Celia Weber \$50.00

Cards, Letters & E-mail

Can You Lend Me a Hand?

I'm looking for an adult male to lend me a hand on Mondays at 12:00 noon. I swim at the YMCA, and I'm looking for help getting dressed afterward.

Do you have a half an hour a week to spare? Please call Pastor Walter, 632-1257, if you do.

—Pastor Walter

Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

by Diane Melander

The Northside Food Pantry is badly in need of volunteers for the third and fifth Tuesday of each month (if there is a fifth Tuesday) and the fifth Thursday of each

month (if there is a fifth Thursday) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Diane Melander at 262-681-2796 or at rmelander@wi.rr.com if you can help.

Emmaus Serves April 3 Community Meal

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church falls on April 3. We can always use volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make a casserole, jello or cake; the casserole recipe is printed below.

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



Casserole ingredients:

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

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

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

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350F for 45 minutes.

Correa to Lead Women's Bible Study

The April women's Bible study will begin at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, and will

include lunch. Jhon Freddy Correa will lead the Bible study.

Emmaus Hosts Stamping, Craft Fair

by Karen Sedgwick

On Saturday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a stamping event and a craft fair will be held in Emmaus' lower level rooms. For those of you who like to shop for quality hand-crafted items, there will be baskets, jewelry, felted and fabric purses, journals, woven and silk scarves, hand-stamped cards and gifts and much more.

Are you looking for a unique Mothers' Day gift? Perhaps you need a gift for that special graduate or teacher. This might be just the place to do all your gift buying!

At the same time, for those of you who would like to make your own hand-stamped cards and envelopes, demonstrators from Stampin' Up! will hold an All-

Occasion Stamp-A-Stack event. You can create as many all-occasion cards as you'd like for \$1 a card. Choose from Birthday, Get-well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, Congratulations, and Best Wishes cards. Make any or all of the cards the demonstrators will have for your choosing.

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

You may just drop in to make cards, or if you know for sure that you'd like to participate, please pre-register by calling or emailing Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com so that we can better prepare enough materials.

New Fiesta Leaders Seek Help and Support

After coordinating the past several Fiesta Mexicana events, Kylee and Gregg Albright are handing the reins over to Jhon

Freddy Correa, Chris Chan-A-Sue, and other volunteer leaders.

Carol Yust, together with family and friends, will continue

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Sign Up for Grounds Care

by Cathy Meyer

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

Emmaus grounds care may sign up in the narthex indicating an area of your choice.

This would also be a good time to check out the landscape plan and consider adopting a plant in honor or memory of someone so that we may continue to "green up" the Emmaus environment.

First Quarter Statements Available Soon

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

narthex.

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

Attendance & Financial Figures

Averages in white include both weekend and midweek services. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages calculated through March 23, 2008.

	2006		2007		2008	
Feb. weekly averages	123	143	91	147	80	112
March weekly averages	124	179	96	151	127	177
April weekly averages	146	157	205	212		
May weekly averages	119		117	144		
Maundy Thurs.	34		33		36	
Good Friday	13+71 = 84		26+52 = 78		14	
Easter vigil	N/A		123		N/A	
Easter	81+187 = 268		68+155 = 223		27+198 = 225	
			Year to date		Campaign to date	
General fund offerings in Feb. '08	\$13,440.05		\$33,023.98		—	
Mortgage retirement offerings in Feb.	\$ 450.00		\$ 840.00		\$56,765.62	
March 2008 mortgage payments	Principal \$		617.46		Principal balance	
	Interest \$		374.54		as of 3/14/2008:	
April Visitor Page 9	Total \$		992.00		\$73,061.64	

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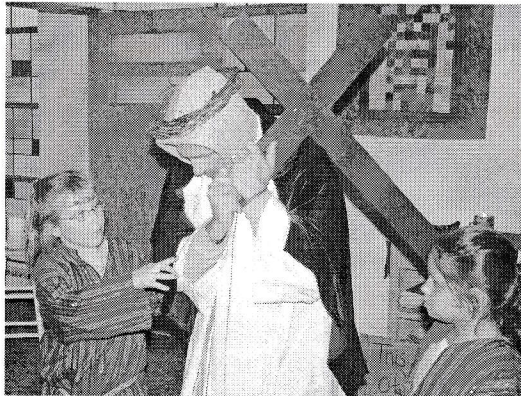
After supper, they moved to another location and found Jesus praying in the garden. Could they watch with him? No, all fell asleep. They witnessed the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. The soldiers grabbed Jesus and dragged him to the High Priest's house. The High Priests were scared of Jesus and his power. But they did not have the authority to put Jesus to death. Here they witnessed Peter denying that he knew Jesus.

The soldiers took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman Governor. Jesus was questioned, but Jesus would not say a word. Pilate did not know what to do with Jesus and gave the crowd an opportunity to choose who they wanted to be set free. The crowd shouted "Barabbas! Barabbas!" When asked what to do with Jesus, the halls of the church reverberated with "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him! Nail him to a cross!"

The crowd watched in silence as the soldiers whipped Jesus and shoved a crown of thorns on his head. The soldiers punched Jesus, spat upon him, and made fun of him. The soldiers placed a purple robe around his shoulders then made him carry his own cross. As Jesus made his way to Golgotha, the soldiers continued

to whip him. Jesus kept falling and the soldiers continued their punishment.

The kids were told how Jesus was nailed to a cross between two criminals. They listened to the words that Jesus spoke from the



cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They were very quiet when they heard how the soldiers made fun of Jesus and how the soldiers placed a sign above Jesus' head that said, "This is the King of the Jews."

You could hear a pin drop as the scene on the hill was described. The sky became dark; Jesus called out loudly, "Why have you abandoned me?" And then Jesus bowed his head and died.

The kids were told how Jesus was taken down from the cross; that his body was wrapped in a cloth and placed in a tomb. They sang, "Were You There

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When They Crucified My Lord." Each person was given a black ribbon with a nail placed at each end. The words on the ribbon read, "You are loved."

The Procession of the Cross wound its way through the sanctuary, and down the darkened stairs. They walked slowly down a candlelit hallway and entered the tomb on their hands and knees. The tomb was dark except for a few candles; somber music played in the background.

The kids were told that Jesus didn't deserve to die, that he hadn't hurt anyone. He was killed because of hatred, violence and jealousy. Jesus lay in the tomb for three days. As they left the tomb, they were invited to place their ribbons on the stone as a

remembrance that Jesus was crucified so that our sins would be forgiven.

Returning to the sanctuary, they spent some quiet time reflecting on their experience. As they left to go home, each camper was given a ribbon and encouraged to share the Prayer Walk of the Passion with their family.

Camper's Responses to Prayer Walk

The kids expressed excitement about dressing in costumes for this "Let's Pretend" time with Jesus. Some said, they were happy; others mentioned they were sad because Jesus died. They expressed in detail the scene

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where Jesus was beaten and teased and the crown of thorns was put on his head. One concerned camper said, "They made him carry his own cross."

Some mentioned it felt nice to have their feet washed. They liked pretending they were with Jesus. They talked about how Jesus wanted them to be nice to one another, and how Jesus wanted them to remember him.

When asked what scene they liked best; three were mentioned: foot washing, communion and the tomb. One said, "It felt like you were really with Jesus." They talked about how Jesus was all

alone in the garden; how the disciples couldn't stay awake and how they all ran away and hid.

One camper who played the role of one of the soldiers told how she felt that she had killed Jesus. The scene where Jesus was punished really moved her. Another who had played the role of Peter shared how he had gone home, retrieved his Bible and asked his mother to read the part about Peter.

When asked if they would like to do the Prayer Walk next year, the response was an enthusiastic "Yes!"



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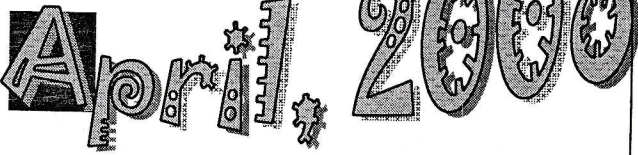

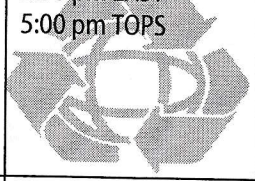

April Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Apr. 5 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 6 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Claranna Vytlacil	Lee Woodward	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Apr. 12 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 13 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Shirley Velzka Kathy Christensen	Sandy Strini	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Apr. 19 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 20 9:15 am	Pat Jensen	Randy Sanders	Peter Bayer	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Apr. 26 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Apr. 27 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Caroline Crehan	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. May 3 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. May 4 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Diane Melander	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 John E. Cook

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
Apr. 6	M. Robinson C&C Lamberton	Missy Porcaro & Marge Zielke	Breiwicks	Marge Jensen
Apr. 13	Hamans & TBA	TBA	Wymas	
Apr. 20	H&M Jensen & TBA	TBA	Haugsbys	
Apr. 27	Ruth Copeland & TBA	TBA	M&H Jensens	
May 4	Michele Robinson & Eschmanns	TBA	B. Holding A. Svendsen	Denise Keller



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisc. 53404 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net</p> 		<p>1 ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>2 12:30 pm Lydia Circle w/lunch 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:10 pm Pastor's class 6:15 pm Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Worship service</p>	<p>3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Pat's</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>6 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure tests</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Evening book club 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group</p>	<p>9 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:10 pm Pastor's class 6:15 pm Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>10 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>		<p>12 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>13 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 11:30 am Lunch & book study 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>15 May Visitor articles needed in office 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.</p>	<p>16 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:10 pm Pastor's class 6:15 pm Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Morning book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>18 5:30 pm Larsen rehearsal</p>	<p>19 2:00 pm Larsen wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Mary & Jhon Freddy Correa at SCUPE conference in Chicago, April 15-18</i></p>						
<p>20 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER; DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST; PASSOVER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>21 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>22 EARTH DAY 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p> 	<p>23 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:10 pm Pastor's class 6:15 pm Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>24 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>25 St. MARK</p> 	<p>26 10:00 am Fiesta set-up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>27 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana</p>	<p>28 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>29 ARBOR DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Racine Mission Cluster mtg., Resurrection</p>	<p>30 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering & games 5:30 pm Supper 6:10 pm Pastor's class 6:15 pm Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Closing worship</p>	<p>May 1 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Stamping Up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>

Keenagers in April

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 lunch at noon (April 1 and 15).



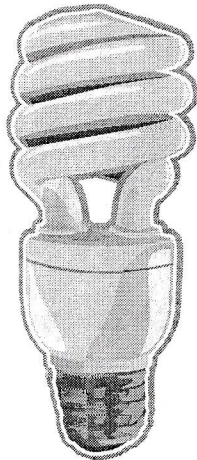
Senior Adult Fellowship

April Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

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

What Do You Know About Compact Bulbs?

Emmaus announced several years ago that it would become a "green congregation." We have all been encouraged to switch our home lighting to CFL bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps. Recently there has been concern about these bulbs because they contain a small amount of mercury which is in vapor form. The mercury cannot be seen.

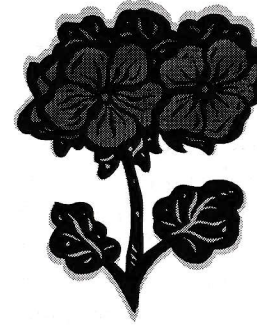


There are precautions to be taken if one of these bulbs should break in your home. The EPA has issued guidelines for cleaning up a broken CFL:

1. Open a window and ventilate the area (use fans) for at least 15 minutes.
2. Remove all materials you can without using a vacuum cleaner. Wear rubber gloves.
3. Double bag all materials. Dispose of properly at your local hazardous waste facility, not in your regular trash.
4. The first time the area is vacuumed – clean the tank or change the bag and double bag it before disposal.

There is concern about the proper disposal of these bulbs. We are being encouraged not to throw them in our everyday garbage. They need to be recycled if we are to be good stewards. Emmaus will place a container in the south entrance to collect used bulbs so they can be disposed of in a proper manner.

Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement



Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 11. These geraniums from Milaeger's will bloom in 5" pots and can be purchased for \$4.75 each or \$54.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 9:15 service on May 11.

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

Geranium order form

Name

Address

Phone..... # 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 1.

Wednesday Campers to Celebrate Easter and Creation

What happens after people discover the tomb is empty; that Jesus rose from the dead? The story does not end here. The kids will learn how Jesus meets us in many different ways in our everyday lives. They will talk about ways they can share Jesus by their words and actions with their family, friends and neighbors.

Wednesday campers will celebrate Earth Day. On April 23, the kids will roll up their sleeves to help the neighborhood. They will pick up trash in the area surrounding the church. Then they will dig in the earth and plant

pansies in the beds and pots on the church grounds. The evening worship will be a service of creation reminding each of us that we are caretakers for all that God has given us – the land, the sea, the air and all that live in these different habitats.

One week later on April 30, the kids will recognize Arbor Day. They will have the opportunity to learn the importance of trees in the cycle of life, how to identify them, how to plant them and how to care for them. They will also participate in the planting of trees.

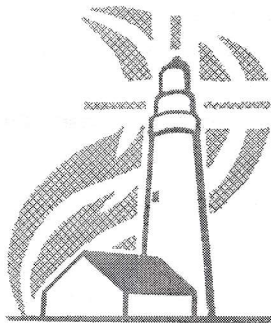
Cluster Meeting Discusses Radio Ministry

Racine Mission Cluster congregations met at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on February 26.

Inter-church Youth Ministry reported that they have incorporated into a Venture Crew #2262. The Wadewitz overnight in Rochester went well. The inter-church youth ministry web site is up and running at www.crew2262.typepad.com.

Gethsemane Radio Ministry broadcasts at 11:30 a.m. Sundays on WRJN AM. Would the Cluster

consider assuming responsibility for it? The estimated cost is \$106/week or \$5400/year. LLOR might help defray costs.



Emmaus, St. Paul's, Emmanuel and St. Andrew reported their plans for the 6:30 a.m. joint Easter worship at Memorial Hall.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran

Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street.

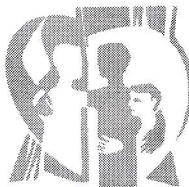
St. John's Brookfield to Host Social Statement Public Hearing

The Greater Milwaukee Synod will be hosting a hearing for members to comment on the text of the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield.

This hearing is a key opportunity for ELCA members to respond to the text of the social statement.

This hearing is a vital part in the development of the social statement. Representatives of both the synod and the Task Force for

ELCA Studies on Sexuality will be present to listen to all member feedback.



A synodical representative will be present to record all comments made by participants. This record of comments

will be submitted to the task force and is considered as they revise the text for 2009.

For additional information about the synodical hearing, please visit the ELCA Web site or call the synod office at 414-671-1212.

Emmaus Well Represented at Sunrise Service

In the darkness, cars began approaching Memorial Hall before 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunday. By 6:30, over 90 people had gathered to be a part of the Sunrise service being sponsored by five Racine ELCA congregations: Emmaus, Emmanuel, St. Andrew, Redeemer and St. Paul's.

Emmaus Council President Randy Sanders brought the welcome; Claranna Vytlačil led the liturgy; and Suzanne Landis

directed the mass choir. Musicians from the other congregations provided additional music on the clavinova, bells and brass. Pastor Michael Mueller from St. Andrew served as the presiding minister; and Pastor Sue Ruehle, Assistant to the Bishop, preached the Easter message.

The total loose offering for the day was \$444.00, which was designated for the HALO homeless shelter.

Emmaus, Redeemer Youth Gather for Fun, Fasting and Prayer

What do growling stomachs, laughter, ping pong, little sleep, and a prayer vigil have in common? Ask Jhon Freddy about his first official duties as Neighborhood Minister of Emmaus.

Middle School and some high school youth from Emmaus and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer joined together for an overnight lock-in as a part of 30 Hours of Famine, with a focus on world hunger. Gathered at Redeemer for the event, the youth were led by Jhon Freddy, Sandy Strini, the Youth Encounter team and adults from Redeemer. Their 30 hours of fasting ended with a

celebration lunch of hot dogs and mac & cheese on Saturday.

The group collected over \$1,000 to be used to help feed the hungry in Africa. Because of the success of the event, other joint youth events between the two churches are being considered.

Book Clubs Meet

The lunchtime book club will meet for lunch and discussion at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 14 to discuss *Pillars of the Earth*.

The morning book club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 18 to discuss *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner.

Pastor Mary, Jhon Freddy to Attend Urban Conference

Pastor Mary and Jhon Freddy Correa will attend the 2008 Congress on Urban Ministry in Chicago April 15-18. "God's Reign in Our Cities" is the theme of the Congress, led by a consortium of seven seminaries, including two ELCA seminaries.

There will not only be speakers and workshops, but there will also be an opportunity to have exposure to some of the successful

urban ministries in Chicago.

Funded in part by the ELCA, the Lilly Foundation and the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, the Congress on Urban Ministry draws participants from the entire nation. As participants, Jhon Freddy and Pastor Mary look forward to this learning opportunity and to the new insights it promises to bring to ministry in Racine.

Fiesta Help & Support

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their tradition of preparing and serving the sumptuous Mexican fare. This year's Fiesta is scheduled for Sunday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Do you know a business or a person who might be able to provide items for our general raffle (\$1.00 tickets) or our silent auction? Gift certificates, gift baskets and small (new!) items are welcome. This year we would especially like more items for kids. Jhon Freddy has a letter available that you can present to those donating items. Look in the narthex for specifics on individual items needed for gift baskets.

Are you able to bake brownies or bars or a dessert for April 27? Would you be willing to sell meal tickets (\$6.00 for adults or six for \$5.00) or super raffle (\$10.00) tickets? Volunteers are

also needed for running errands, decorating, set-up, serving and clean-up. Of the proceeds for this year's Fiesta, 60% will go to the general fund of the church to help defray our elevated deficit (due in large part to weather related expenses of high utilities and snow removal during the winter months).

The remainder of the proceeds will be divided between the youth travel fund and Neighborhood Camp. Matching funds from Thrivent will also be applied for.

Consider the ways you can be a part of Emmaus' major fund raising event of the year. The participation of everyone will continue to make the Fiesta Mexicana a big success.

Emmaus Name: Phone.....

Scrip Address..... ZIP

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Synod Assembly to Convene in May

MILWAUKEE — The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 29 through Saturday, May 31 at the Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, WI 53072.

Pre-assembly reports from committees, clusters must be submitted by March 31. Resolutions from congregations

and committees must be submitted by March 31. Nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by March 20. Display requests must be submitted by April 30.

Registration materials will be sent to all congregations and rostered leaders during the first part of April.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Synod Offers Earth Day Worship and Fair

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Earth Day Worship and Care for Creation Fair will be Tuesday evening, April 22 from 5:00 to 8:00, centrally located at: St. Matthews Lutheran Church: 1615 Wauwatosa Ave. in Wauwatosa. Phone: 414-774-0441.

Activities, Exhibits, and Food—from 5:00 to 6:45.

Pre-school and elementary children's care for the earth activities

Jr. High and High School Youth-jigsaw conversation starts at 5:45

Local environmental organizations

Energy audit and solar information

Urban gardens and Community Supported Agriculture

Recycling information and opportunities

GMS Information on implementing and growing Care for Creation programs

Congregational examples of plans and activities

Local, healthy dinner for all
Worship starting at 6:45.

GMS Bishop, Paul Stumme-Diers, along with other ordained and lay leaders will offer a diverse worship service designed to provide inclusive opportunities to offer praise and thanksgiving and to pray for the healing of all of creation.

Come, be inspired and celebrate God's beautiful creation!

Benefit: SeedFolks Youth Ministry Urban Agricultural Programs

For additional information, contact Heather Albinger from Lake Park Lutheran Church at 414-491-0516 or halbinger@wctc.edu

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
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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, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

December 21, 2007

LSS Offers Non-Parents' Parenting Class

Do you know someone in your congregation who is a grandparent, aunt, uncle or other relative raising another relative's child? Few grandparents or other relatives expect the daily responsibility of parenting a child. However, because of barriers facing the child's biological parent, another family member may choose to nurture and guide the child. This is an awesome responsibility and may be overwhelming, but help is available.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, along with other wonderful partner organizations are offering help to families in need. Beginning April 5, 2008 they will offer a five-week series

focusing on families' needs during this new chapter in their lives.

Series topics will include understanding guardianship, medical and social services available to them, tips on parenting, how to interact with the child's parents, learning effective communication, developing positive relationships and much more. They will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with people going through the same situation.

These classes are free of charge and will begin to meet every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on April 5 through May 3 at 1919 N. 60th St., Milwaukee, in the Catholic Charities Adult Day Center. For more information, please call 414-671-5920.

North Cape Women Host Craft Fair

The Women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, April 19. 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 display their wares. This year, North Cape will feature their own "Antique Roadshow" courtesy of John & Chris Poorman, owners of The Revival Antique Shop in Sturtevant. All in attendance may

bring one antique for a free appraisal.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be served between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The price of the luncheon is \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for ages 4-12) and includes a beverage and 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 the east side of Highway 45 north of Highway K.

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Seminar Focuses on Protecting Youth

It's a scary world out there, isn't it? So many things to worry about. I was visiting in a home recently and the TV set was on. It was 3:30 on a weekday afternoon... just about the time kids are getting home from school. I guess you might call me a "prude" with a capital "P" because I was embarrassed by the program being shown. There was man with a camera taking pictures of a totally naked young woman who was posing for "glamour" shots. Her "private" parts were intentionally blurred to make it "acceptable" for the viewing audience. The woman was down on the floor in a sexually provocative position. What if children were watching this? I was offended.

Recently, I was in a local store walking toward the checkout line. I walked past a large bin of little girls' underwear. Thong under wear for 8 year old girls? Some even had writing on them (it's a wonder there was room for words, they were so scanty). Sayings like "Naughty Girl." I was offended.

A few years ago when I was helping our Confirmation students with a service project, one of them received a call on her cell phone. It was her boyfriend. "He called to tell me I'm sexy!" she gushed. I was saddened.

About ten years ago when I was talking to one our youth at church, she told me that her cousin had a party the past weekend and that kids were having sex. She told me that one of the older boys wanted her to lay down with him. She told me she was scared and said "no." Kids don't tell their parents about these things, but she and I had a long talk about respecting our bodies. I was saddened.

At home, my spam mail is filled with advertisements that I would never share in polite conversation. I am irritated that such garbage enters my home without invitation. I am angry.

I wait at a stoplight. The teenager in the car next to me is playing loud music. The lyrics are basically unintelligible, except that once in a while I can hear with clarity such offensive and violent words that show complete disrespect for women. I am angry.

It seems that the media are pushing the limits on what is acceptable in public society. I can't seem to avoid being bombarded with what I find to be reprehensible. Everywhere I look there are images that defile the sanctity of our lives as children of God. I am angry.

Are you offended, saddened and angry too? Do you want to fight back and try to protect our

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Youth Protection Seminar

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children and grandchildren from this most insidious enemy? If so, please plan to attend a workshop to be held at Atonement on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will present a program geared for teens, parents and grandparents on how to protect our children from being lured by the pervasive culture of sexual exploitation.

Topics will include: Date Rape - An Epidemic; Strip Clubs - A Rite of Passage for our Sons? Internet Safety - A Parent's Guide; Barbie Doll Culture - A Healthy Body Image? Prostitution - Paying

for a College Education? Advertisements - Sex Sells; Lyrics of Love? - How Words Harm.

This workshop will be hosted by Atonement and open to the Cluster and the Public. We will have expert speakers from the Racine Police Department and Adults Saving Kids. The workshop will be facilitated by Pastor Denise Mbise, Scott Olsen and me. We all care about our kids. Let's protect them together.

Shalom,

- Joannie Williams, RN

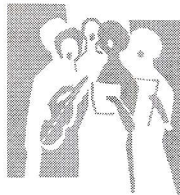
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Lutheran A Cappella Choir Sings

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir, under the direction of David Mohr, will be presenting their Spring Concert, "An American Sampler," on Friday, April 25 and Sunday, April 27. The concert will feature wonderful arrangements of traditional American hymn tunes and spirituals, including "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "There is a Balm in Gilead," "Shall We Gather At the River" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Special guests are the Lake Country Lutheran High School Concert Choir, who will be joining the LAC on some of the

selections, as well as performing a few selections on their own.

On Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., the concert will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 470 North Oak Crest Drive, Wales, WI 53183. On Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m., the concert will be repeated at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213. Tickets are \$12.00 (\$10.00 for seniors and students), and may be purchased at the door, by calling 262-521-4545, or online at www.lutheranacappella.org.



Pastor Mary's Column

Expect the Unexpected!

I recall hearing the story retold many times of the year when my mom, who was then serving as the church secretary at Zion Lutheran Church in Minot, North Dakota, had to throw away every single bulletin she had prepared for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The church was large, and high attendance had been anticipated. Why, then, would she have to toss hundreds and hundreds of bulletins in the trash?

Snow! Wind! The Holy Week blizzard that she'd never forget forced all the churches to cancel not only Holy Week, but the Easter worship services as well. I remember thinking, "Only in North Dakota!"

Little did I expect that decades later I would be serving as a pastor in a Wisconsin church and find it necessary to cancel both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday evening services due to the weather!

Little did I expect on February 17, the Sunday after I had returned from a vacation on the beach, that I would learn that the parsonage furnace had died and been replaced in my absence. Little did I expect that the morning after my return we would be contending with the woes of a virtual skating rink around the

church. Racine was covered with treacherous ice everywhere!

Little did I expect that an out-of-town visitor would venture out on that icy Sunday morning, driving from Greenfield to worship with us at Emmaus. All of the faces were familiar that morning, except for one. Little did I expect that following worship I would have a long conversation with Jhon Freddy Correa, a native of Colombia.

The pastor who heads the ELCA Candidacy Committee for the Greater Milwaukee Synod had recommended that Jhon Freddy come to visit. So Jhon Freddy ventured out that morning, having no idea where that "road to Emmaus" would lead. Little did any of us expect that we would be dining together, in this season of Easter, venturing out - and bumping into new life, new hope and new possibilities in unexpected places!

Let's read Luke 24 again. Let's claim the surprises that come as we encounter the risen Christ as we hear that Emmaus story. What's the next chapter in the Emmaus story? Come and see! Expect the unexpected!

In the promise of the Resurrection,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary

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 - ✝ Stampin' Up
 - ✝ CFL Disposal Bin
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Pastoral Acts

Wedding: Nicole R. Larsen Steven R. Schreiner April 19, 2008	Nicole is the daughter of Alan and Joni Larsen. Steven is the son of Mike and Cindy Schreiner.
Funeral: Richard Halberstadt April 14, 2008	Richard Halberstadt is the father of Joy (Jon) Lippmann and John (Tara) Halberstadt. A retired postal clerk and WWII veteran of the Army's 82 nd Airborne Division, he passed away April 11 at the age of 85.

Changes to Come in Music Leadership

Brenda Trumbauer has accepted the position of Sunday morning accompanist, which will involve choir rehearsals and Sunday morning worship.

In addition to the paid Sunday position, Brenda has offered to be a part of the Wednesday evening worship services, providing music leadership on a volunteer basis. There she will work closely with Nancy Smith, giving children an opportunity to be more active participants in music during worship.

Joyce Kaiser, our "semi-retired" organist, has graciously

said "yes" to playing the organ for funerals, weddings and an average of once monthly for Sunday worship. Because of prior commitments for a portion of the summer, Brenda will be unavailable to play a number of Sundays. Joyce will stop in to play on those weekends.

The leadership of the Worship & Music committee commends both Brenda and Joyce for their collaborative spirit and willingness to work together to make the transition a smooth one.

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.

Suzanne Landis Retires as Choir Director

In a letter addressed to Pastor Mary and to members of the Adult Choir on April 20, Suzanne Landis announced her retirement as Adult Choir director, effective at the end of May. Suzanne has served as choir director since April, 2003.

Suzanne is a music teacher at Wind Point Elementary School. Previous to teaching music in several Racine Unified Schools, Suzanne served as an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

With her retirement as the Emmaus choir director, she will

have the opportunity to reconnect with her own denomination and to have more free time to spend with her grandchildren.

As one of the choir members expressed, "We have appreciated Suzanne's training and musicianship as well as her careful selection of new music for the choir."

On Sunday, May 25, the choir will host a special appreciation reception for Suzanne following the morning worship service.



**CHOIR
DIRECTOR**

Celebrate Pentecost at Special Worship Service

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

How will we celebrate this festival of the church? Worship on May 11, prepared to experience the Scripture read in several languages, to hear children sing, to welcome our 16-year-old liturgical dancer from Chicago.



The Word will come alive as the community shares the Sacrament of Holy Communion together.

Come to hear the kids' choir and the adult choir sing praises to God. Wear something red, the color of the day. Most of all, expect the unexpected as the Holy Spirit moves and blows among us.

Lay Readers Needed

by Karen Christiansen

I would like to thank all Emmaus readers who have so faithfully and willingly read the scriptures each Sunday morning throughout the year. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated. This past year the Lord called home two of our faithful Emmaus readers, Ruth Hlavka and Marion Keller. They will continue to be dearly missed. Several of our young people have gone off to college and we wish them well.



give me a call at 886-0575. Each person is only scheduled to read about two times a year and the six-month schedule can be flexible if needed.

We pray that you will consider being an Emmaus reader.

Blood Pressure Testing Offered

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

EMMAUS STATE WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

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Redeemer to Partner with Emmaus

The church council of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has approved sharing the time of Jhon Freddy Correa as Neighborhood Minister. Redeemer is offering their parsonage for housing Jhon Freddy and his wife, Liliana.



the two congregations.

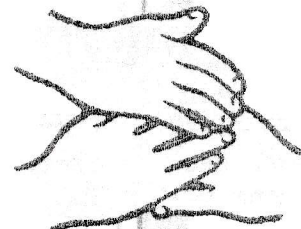
Pastor Mary will serve as Jhon Freddy's overall supervisor and mentor, and Pastor Molly Doreza will supervise the time he spends with the Redeemer community. Details regarding logistics and scheduling are being worked out between the pastors and leadership of

Member Care Seeks Your Help

by Cathy Meyer

Member Care at Emmaus involves many ministries and many people. We still need your help to connect with Emmaus members who may appreciate receiving the comfort of God's love through acts of kindness.

Ministries at Emmaus include visiting members, sending cards, knitting prayer shawls, praying for those on the prayer chain, and sending bereavement messages. In addition, our parish nurse, Carol Eschmann, continues to take blood pressure readings in front of the church office on the first Sunday of each month following the morning worship service.



Member Care

In May, we will begin to contact all members of Emmaus to update address and phone information. You may expect a call from Michele Kreimer sometime in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the Emmaus Member Care Ministries, contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050 (home), 498-4931 (cell) or e-mail cjanemeyer@yahoo.com.

Member Care will meet in the Fireside Room Sunday, May 4 following the 9:15 worship service. All are welcome.

Register for Neighborhood Camp by May 23

With spring thoughts turn to summer. Registration for Neighborhood Camp opens May 1. A mailing will be sent to former campers. Former campers and church members will have priority to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex. Forms must be returned by May 23. At that time those on a growing waiting list will be invited to attend camp.



Emmaus is considered a double site; 50 kids will once again fill the church with excitement as they learn about the love of Jesus through a variety of enrichment activities. Themes this year; Fit As A Fiddle, How Things Work, Power Lab, Singin' in the Rain Forest, and Discovering China.

This outreach ministry to the kids in our neighborhood is beneficial not only to the kids but to their families. Camp is an instrument of hope as many of our kids struggle economically and academically. Many kids are asking questions about themes and staff and field trips.

The congregation's participation and support for this

program has been outstanding. We invite you once again to help with meals; preparing and serving or providing goodies for snacks.

One of Emmaus' own, Kelsey Albright, whose major is Diet and Exercise at Iowa State, will be on board this year as we plan and weave curriculum on nutrition and fitness throughout the camp season. Celia Bagley will coordinate the meals. Returning for their fourth summer to serve breakfast are Marge Zielke, Denise Keller and Kathryn Denneau.

Supply List for Camp

- Colored bottle caps
- Pringles containers
- Ping pong balls
- Red rubber bands from the Racine Journal
- Buttons
- Yarn
- Divided containers from microwave meals
- Clear 2-litre bottles

A box for these items will be in the narthex. Thanks for your help!

Camp runs Mondays through Thursdays from June 23 to July 24.

Middle Schoolers to Attend Retreat

Extreme Faith, a collaborative middle school ministry of Racine ELCA congregations, is sponsoring a weekend retreat at Lutherdale Camp May 2-4. Accompanied by Jhon Freddy Correa, five youth will participate in the retreat.

Mason Bagley, Ryann Mackin, Yesenia Ortiz, Alejandra Sanchez, and Terry Andersen will join more than 100 ELCA Racine youth as they share together in fun, faith and prayer under the leadership of the Lutherdale staff.



Proceeds from the Fiesta Mexicana help pay for this retreat.

Youth Birthdays

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| May 2 | Lauren Longrie, 11 |
| May 4 | Nate Robinson, 8 |
| May 4 | Erin Keller, 8 |
| May 10 | Selina Rodriguez, 13 |
| May 11 | Alexis Christensen, 10 |
| May 14 | Ella Briere, 1 |
| May 19 | Justin Haman, 18 |
| May 20 | Patty Sovelenko, 15 |
| May 24 | Ashley Villalobos, 9 |
| May 29 | Courtney Jansen, 18 |

Wednesday Campers Present Closing Program May 14

On May 14, the Wednesday Camp kids will present their closing program. Captive Free, one of the traveling teams with Youth Encounter, will also participate in worship. Come and see; join us for supper from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m., followed by the program and worship.

The school year 2007-08 has been filled with many learning opportunities. The kids have studied, put on a variety of skits including The Christmas Clinic and participated in various aspects

of worship. Themes included Moses and the Plagues; The Lord's Supper; Luke's Christmas Story; Praying with Jesus; Jesus' Death and Resurrection; and Road to Emmaus.



We extend our thanks to those who ably assisted Wednesday Camp: Claranna Vytlicil, Kristen Clinton, Becca Ruidl, Julia Perkins, Amber Roeben and Maribel Velasquez. Our appreciation also goes to Anthony Eder, Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandy Strini, who led the middle school group.

Captive Free Leads Worship May 14

The West Coast team of Captive Free will bring their dynamic music, relational ministry to Emmaus on Wednesday, May 14.

Captive Free will help with Emmaus After School for Youth and Wednesday evening activities that day, and will lead a

singular worship experience at the 7:00 p.m. service.

The members of Captive Free are Camilla Bendtsen, J.T. Elicker, D.J. Rasdorf, Matthew Norris, Melissa Nicholson, and Kimberly Neeley. Like

Mosaic-Racine, Captive Free is a ministry of Lutheran Youth Encounter.



Who Are Our Graduates?

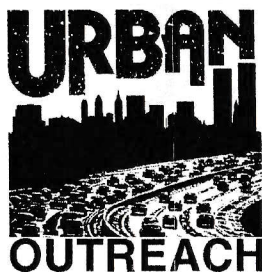
We would like to acknowledge this year's high school and college graduates in the next issue of the *Visitor*. Please send word to the church office by mail or e-mail (emmausracine@sbcglobal.net) telling Paul which school is graduating you, any school



activities or honors you'd like to share, and something of your plans for your summer, fall, or career. College graduates, please let us know what degree you've earned. Thanks!

Outreach For Hope Honors Urban Ministries

To recognize all Outreach for Hope donors, and celebrate recipient ministries, a special Ascension Day worship and reception will be held Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd. (27th Avenue),



Milwaukee. Participating congregations include Ascension, Hephatha, Incarnation and Kingo, Milwaukee; Emmaus, Racine; and Calvary, Brookfield. Celebrate the many ministries in our city neighborhoods that are possible because of your generosity.

¡La Fiesta Mexicana Es un Gran Éxito!

¡Gracias! ¡Gracias! ¡Gracias! The ninth annual Fiesta Mexicana was a huge success thanks to the enthusiastic support of many, many people.

Jhon Freddy Correa, overall coordinator, brought real joy to the planning and preparations for the event.

He gathered volunteers not only from Emmaus, but also from participants in the Racine Family Literacy Council and other friends.

Jose's Blue Sombrero donated all the chips and salsa, and McDonald's, Racine Produce and several individual families donated the majority of the ingredients for the scrumptious meal. Carol Yust and family and friends, together with Manuel Gallardo and family, spent hours preparing the bountiful buffet.

The generosity of members and local businesses made it possible to award many raffle prizes, including a Wii Nintendo, \$400 worth of gas and a \$400 Visa card.

Bids on everything from a golf package to hand-knit baby items to a dinner for six made the silent auction a popular place to stop while enjoying desserts provided by friends and O&H Bakery.

"Wow! Our church pot lucks don't look anything like this!"



"The music was amazing – such high quality!"

"I couldn't believe the food – what variety and quality! And only \$6.00 for all we could eat!"

"Even if we hadn't made a penny on it, the Fiesta would have been worth it because of all the other good that came from it."

"I never realized that Lutherans could put on such a party!"

"Everyone worked so hard; Jhon Freddy, Carol, Manuel and all the volunteers seemed to be having such a good time, too!"

These were just some of the comments made following the ninth annual Fiesta Mexicana. Kudos to all who made the Fiesta such a positive experience for so many.

Although final accounting hasn't been completed by press time, it is estimated that, including the \$850 in matching Thrivent funds to be applied for, the total profit will be approximately \$6,000!

Gracias to all for your support and hard work!

Spring Cleaning Slated May 10

This year's spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come in your fashionably old dungarees and bring your own yard tools (especially rakes). This being a Lutheran



church, coffee and kringle will be provided.

In case of rain, clean-up will be postponed to May 17.

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

Sign Up for Grounds Care

by Cathy Meyer

Thank you to those who have already adopted a plot for summer grounds care. We can still use many more hands to make the work easier. If you do not want to commit to the entire growing season, we appreciate help at any time. Contact Cathy Meyer (321-0050) if you can help in any way.

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

and consider adopting a plant in honor or memory of someone so that we may continue to green up the Emmaus environment.

Our thanks to Loren and Cindi Larsen for adopting two Calgary carpet juniper shrubs in honor of Eric and Ken Larsen, and to an anonymous donor for adopting a tardiva hydrangea in honor of Claranna Vytlacil!



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

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 In memory of: _____
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 Occasion: _____
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E.S.P. Stands for Emmaus Support and Prayers

The following letter was sent out to Emmaus members in April:

Dear members of Emmaus,

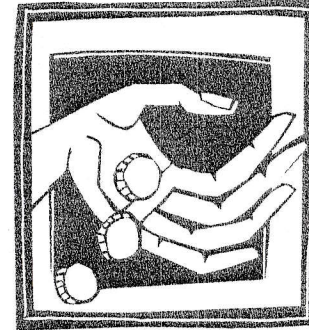
Finally, Wisconsin's brutal winter is over! We have in the past few years become accustomed to much milder winters. Our unexpected weather challenged us all both physically and financially. Emmaus also felt the impact. In addition to increased energy rates, we suffered an unforeseen expense of \$3,700, when the parsonage furnace broke down, requiring its immediate replacement. This expense, coupled with normal operating expenses, has left Emmaus with a shortage of \$16,000. That's a challenge for a parish of our size.

God, however, works in mysterious ways. The good news is that this year we will have the good fortune of receiving an unexpected gift through the President's Economic Stimulus Package. Most of you will receive a check or direct deposit sometime during the next month. We ask that you prayerfully consider tithing (10%) of this amount to

assist Emmaus in overcoming the unforeseen expenses of the past winter. Perhaps you are in a position to even give above and beyond that amount. Prayerfully consider what you can do — no gift is too small!

Please send your contributions to Emmaus with the notation E.S.P. (Economic Stimulus Package or Emmaus Support and Prayers). Thank you for generosity and open-hearted support.

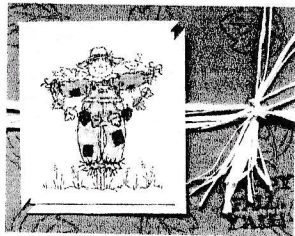
Sincerely,
 Judy Yorgan
 Stewardship Committee
 Randy Sanders
 Church Council President



Sedgwick Leads Stamping Craft Fair

by Karen Sedgwick

On Friday, May 2, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a craft fair will be held in Emmaus' lower level rooms. For those of you who like to shop for quality hand-crafted items, there will be baskets, jewelry, felted and fabric purses, journals, woven and silk scarves, hand-stamped cards and gifts and much more.



Are you looking for a unique Mothers' Day gift? Perhaps you need a gift for that special graduate or teacher. This might be just the place to do all your gift buying!

At the same time, on Saturday only, for those of you who would like to make your own hand-stamped cards and envelopes, demonstrators from Stampin' Up! will hold an All-Occasion Stamp-

A-Stack event. You can create as many all-occasion cards as you'd like for \$1 a card. Choose from Birthday, Get-well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, Congratulations, and Best Wishes cards. Make any or all of the cards the demonstrators will have for your choosing.

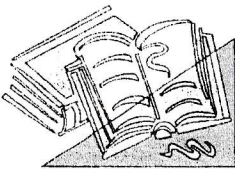
Envelopes will be available for sale (25 cents each) for you to stamp and match your cards. There will be raffles of selected quality stamping products.

You may just drop in to make cards, or if you know for sure that you'd like to participate, please pre-register by calling or emailing Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188 or stampingteacherkaren@yahoo.com so that we can better prepare enough materials.

Evening Book Club Resumes Evening Meetings

The morning Book Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 15, in the Fireside Room.

The evening group, which has been meeting of late for lunch, is returning to the evening format for May. They will meet Monday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. for pizza. The selection



is *Grayson* by Lynne Cox. This narrative took place some 30 years ago as she was swimming off the coast of California. The book recounts the author's encounter with a baby whale and her determination to find the calf's mother.





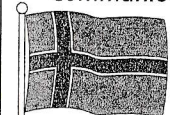
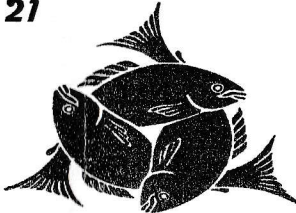

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May Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. May 3 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. May 4 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Diane Melander	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. May 10 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. May 11 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Pat Jensen Carol Eschmann	Karen Sedgwick	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. May 17 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. May 18 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Karen Sedgwick	Al Svendsen	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. May 24 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
San. May 25 9:15 am	Caren Lambertson	Nancy Smith Olga Wilson	Gregg Albright	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. May 31 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. June 1 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Cindi Larsen	David Christensen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. June 7 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. June 8 9:15 am	Valerie Crehan Claranna Vytlacil	Joy Lippmann Kylee Albright	Bev Hansen	Team 4 John E. Cook
May 4	Altar Flowers (\$20) Michele Robinson & Eschmanns	Fellowship Hosts/Treats TBA	Greeters Bea Holding Al Svendsen	Candle Care
May 11	J&L Clinton & Miller grandchildren	Carolyn Wooster	Stan & Betty Breiwick	Denise Keller
May 18	R&A Haman Missy Porcaro	Loren & Cindi Larsen	Steve & Debby Wyma family	
May 25	Cathy Meyer C&C Lambertson	Adult Choir	Oscar & Ginny Haugsbay	
June 1	Julie Field C&D Eschmann	TBA	Marge & Howard Jensen	Ev Larsen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>May, 2008</p>			<p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 Fax 262 634-0835 e-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>		<p>1 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Outreach for Hope at Ascension MKE</p>	<p>2 4:00 pm Stampin' Up</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Stampin' Up 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>4 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service <i>ELW</i> setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Member Care mtg. 10:30 am Blood pressure testing</p>	<p>5 CINCO DE MAYO 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:00 pm Book club 7:30 pm Worship & Music cmte.</p> 	<p>6 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:15 pm TOPS</p>	<p>7 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Adult Study/ Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Worship</p>	<p>8 11:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10 VIGIL OF PENTECOST 9:00 am Spring yard clean-up 12:30 pm Schneider shower 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>11 PENTECOST SUNDAY; MOTHERS' DAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Festival Pentecost worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Knit 1 Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p> 	<p>13 Staff appreciation lunch at Wadewitz 2:30 pm EASY 5:15 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group</p>	<p>14 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Gathering 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Adult Study/ Wed. Camp 7:00 pm Worship & closing program w/Captive Free</p>	<p>15 <i>June Visitor articles needed in church office</i> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 SYTTENDE MAI; ARMED FORCES DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p> 	
<p>18 TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>19 VICTORIA DAY 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:30 am Keenagers 5:15 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p>25 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Reception for Suzanne Landis</p>	<p>26 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Office closed</i></p> 	<p>27 5:15 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Racine Cluster Planning Group, at LC of the Resurrection</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>	
<p><i>Greater MKE Synod Assembly, Waukesha, May 29-31</i></p>							

Keenagers in May



Senior Adult Fellowship

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 lunch at noon.

On May 6, we'll make several all-occasion greeting cards with Karen Sedgwick; Pat Jensen is cooking our lunch.

On May 20, come for a program by Jhon Freddy Correa. Pat Jensen will serve lunch.

May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

May 8	Bill Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Drive	53404
May 15	Don French	Ridgewood, 3205 Wood Road	53406
May 17	Janet Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd. Woodlawn TN	37191
May 20	Marge Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
May 23	John Psiones	Boland Bldg. 31425G Spring St., U.G.	53182
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406
May 27	John E. Cook	5733 Alburg Avenue	53406
May 28	Betty Bernett	1904 Summit Avenue	53404

United Methodist Church Votes for Full Communion with ELCA

The United Methodist Church (UMC) voted and approved in April an implementing resolution of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at that church's General Conference meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

The ELCA Church Council will now consider recommending an implementing resolution for full communion with the UMC to the

ELCA Eleventh Churchwide Assembly for further consideration in 2009.

The UMC and the ELCA entered into a relationship of interim Eucharistic sharing as of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Florida in 2005. Unlike interim Eucharistic sharing, a relationship of full communion would allow for exchangeability of clergy. Full communion is not a vehicle for church-to-church merger.

Order Mt. Meru Coffee

by Diane Melander

Do you like to drink good coffee? Would you like to drink gourmet coffee at church? By drinking Mt. Meru Coffee we are helping small coffee farmers in Tanzania to support their families with dignity.

This coffee project has grown out of a partnership between the ELCA of Milwaukee and the Diocese of Meru in Northern Tanzania. It's bringing economic and social justice to the small farmers and people of the Mt. Meru region of Tanzania. Coffee farmers typically earn between \$130 and \$230 per year. The Mt. Meru Coffee Project sales help farmers feed their families and improve their farms or get health care and education for their children. These farmers consider this project a life giving hope filled project. It creates a direct link from the farmers to the

consumers. Farmers receive a fair price for their high quality coffee. Justice comes from the fair price offered to farmers.

We at Emmaus would like to join the 600 some Lutheran congregations who have become Mt. Meru coffee ambassadors. If you're interested in purchasing Mt.



Meru Select Tanzanian Coffee that is freshly roasted per order, please fill out the form on the table in the narthex. You may select 12 ounce bags at \$8 or 4 pound packages at \$38 of regular or decaf coffee. The coffee may be purchased in beans or ground in either drip or percolator grind. You also may purchase coffee for Emmaus to be served during coffee hour. Look for the Mt. Meru Select Tanzanian Coffee order form.

Mt. Meru Select Tanzanian Coffee ORDER FORM

Sign-up here to drink delicious Tanzanian coffee and help the Mt. Meru farmers. Price includes shipping.

NAME PHONE.....

___ Pkg. 12 Oz @\$8

___ Pkg 4 lb. @ \$38

Regular Decaf

Whole Bean Drip Grind Percolator Grind

Donate to Emmaus

Cards & Letters

Claranna Vytlacil Thanks Choir

To my dear friends in the Emmaus Choir,

Words cannot express the gratitude and joy I feel for all of you! You have truly made me feel welcomed and a part of this family!

Thank you for the thoughtful card and the Barnes & Noble gift cards. I love to read and will use them quickly!

Your sister in Christ,
Claranna Vytlacil

Remember Mama with Scrip

Need an idea for a Mothers' Day gift? We have a variety of gift cards on hand including various restaurants (Applebee's, Olive Garden, Paneras, and many more), department stores (Boston Store,

Kohl's, Penney's, K-Mart, etc.) and specialty stores (such as Bath & Body Works, Pier 1, Bust Buy, and Office Max). Check out the Scrip table after worship service.

Resurrection to Host Lutheran Women

by Marjorie Pagel

All Lutheran women are invited to attend a special meeting on Saturday, June 21 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection to learn more about the Women of the ELCA and to share ideas about strengthening women's organizations within each congregation.

Carole Ropel, President of the Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) has sent out letters to key people in each congregation in the synod, asking them to share this information.

This Saturday morning meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by brief informative sessions. Afterward, women will be asked to share ideas of what is working well within their own congregational units and to learn

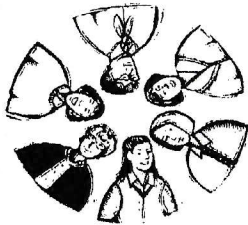
from others how to infuse life into existing organizations.

Morning refreshments will be served. The program will conclude with a bag lunch at 12:15, for those who wish to stay for continued fellowship. A charge of \$5 for expenses is requested - maximum of \$10 per congregational unit.

Please share this information with women in your congregation and encourage at least one person to attend. We would like to see all congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod represented.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is located at 322 Ohio Street.

Questions may be directed to: Nancy Sack, 414-545-5434 nsack@wi.rr.com; Marilyn Day, 414-453-6731 NanaMaddog@aol.com; Carole Ropel, 262-523-4130 caroleropel@sbcglobal.net.



Thank You to Community Meal Helpers

On April 3 Emmaus once again prepared and served the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you so much to all who helped out. It is good to see so

many willing to help out those who are in need.

Our next scheduled date at St. Pat's is Thursday, June 5. Watch for a new sign-up sheet in the narthex this month.

Lunch Expresses Appreciation to Wadewitz Staff

An appreciation lunch for the staff at Wadewitz is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Emmaus has provided this acknowledgement for several years. Anticipation for this event runs high - the staff really appreciates it. The meal consists of subs and fixings, chips, drinks, fruit salad, veggie trays and desserts.

Your help will be appreciated. Check the sign-up sheet in the narthex. You may sign up for one and ½ hour shifts to meet and greet the staff. We need people who will provide, desserts, veggie trays and fruit salads.

We have a good working relationship with the school. Emmaus provides mentors who work with students for an hour a week. Knitters turn out hats, mittens and scarves, school supplies are collected each fall and needy families are adopted by Emmaus at Christmas. Many of the children who attend Wadewitz are connected to Emmaus through EASY (after school program), Wednesday Camp and Neighborhood Camp. We live in a changing neighborhood. Know that our efforts in connecting with the kids are making a difference.

Synod Assembly Meets May 29-31

Wednesday Camp Earth/Arbor Day



On April 23, the kids rolled up their sleeves to dig in the earth and plant pansies in the beds and pots on the church grounds. The evening worship was a service of creation reminding each of us that we are caretakers for all that God has given us – the land, the sea, the air and all that live in these different habitats.



The 2008 Synod Assembly will be held May 29-31 at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha. Representing Emmaus at the synod assembly will be Pastor Mary, Pastor Walter, Claranna Vytlacil, Jhon Freddy Correa and Randy Sanders.

A series of workshops and keynote speakers will reflect this



year's theme, "God's work. Our hands." The public is welcome to attend the opening worship at 6:45 p.m. on May 29 and the closing worship at 10:45 a.m. May 31.

The keynote speaker is Bishop Medardo Gomez of the Lutheran Synod of El Salvador. Music provided by Tom Witt & Mary Preus of Bread for the Journey.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Jim Winch: \$50.00

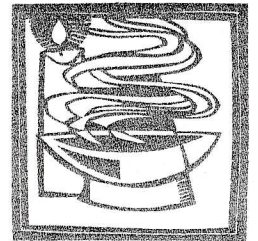
Designated for Kitchen:

In memory of Marion Keller: \$30.00

Designated for Landscaping:


Juniper bush in honor of Eric & Ken Larsen

Tardiva hydrangea in honor of Claranna Vytlacil



Attendance & Financial Figures

Attendance averages in white include both weekend services and services during the following week. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages calculated through April 23, 2008.

	Worship attendance:	2006		2007		2008	
	March weekly averages	124	179	96	151	109	182
	April weekly averages	146	157	205	212	106	153
	May weekly averages	119		117	144		
Financial Figures:		Year to date		Campaign to date			
General fund offerings in March '08		\$15,178.53		\$48,202.51		—	
Mortgage retirement offerings in Mar.		\$ 495.00		\$ 1,335.00		\$57,260.62	
						Principal balance as of 4/14/2008:	
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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
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Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

December 21, 2007

Elsewhere in Our Area

Rev. Jeff Barrow to Lead BWCA Canoe Trip

Our resident, experienced and canoe-crazy Pastor Jeff Barrow (Holy Communion Ev. Lutheran - Racine), is inviting anyone who would like to join him and other Boundary Waters alumni for a week of canoeing in the Wilderness Canoe Base, Grand Marais, Minnesota, June 22-29. This is an opportunity for high school students, youth ministry leaders, and adults to help restore the Wilderness Canoe Base trails and buildings that were destroyed by fire and experience the beauty and team-building opportunity of canoeing as well.

This Synod-wide event is perfect for congregations who may or may not have a Youth Leader but would like to offer a summer adventure/servant event. All you need is one adult chaperon for four students.

Here are the details of the event: Leave Milwaukee on Sunday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. (Transportation will probably be in 15 passenger vans or coach bus. Depending on the size of the group). They'll be taking a leisurely drive up to Minnesota and will stop along the way visiting a few landmarks and sites of interest.

They will stay at church or hotel overnight. Tuesday - Thursday June 24-26 will be service days. (Restoring trails,

buildings and doing minor repairs). Thursday evening, June 24 - Saturday morning, June 28 - Canoeing. Saturday afternoon, June 28 - Sunday afternoon, June 29 - Travel Home - stopping overnight.

Cost = \$450 per camper or adult (Includes meals, travel expenses, lodging and canoeing experience). Contact/Coordinator, Geri Murtaugh, geri@milwaukee.synod.org for a registration form.

Registration deadline is May 10! (It's short notice, but man...will it be fun!)

Redeemer Choir Offers Concert

As part of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's 75th anniversary celebration, the LCR Choir will host a concert featuring music "From Bach to Present" on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. There will be many soloists celebrating their passion for music and sharing the good news of the Lord. Refreshments are offered in the library afterward. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is located at the corner of Drexel Avenue and Gilson Street, two blocks south of Mitchell Elementary; phone 634-7998 for details.

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Redeemer to Hold Service, Picnic at Zoo

by Gail Kudrna

We at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer are very excited and proud to be celebrating throughout 2008 our 75th anniversary and we want you to help in the celebration!

As you were a part of our history in Racine and you continue to play a role in our future, we invite you to a special event on June 22. We will host an outdoor service and picnic at the Racine Zoo and we welcome you to join us in worship and fellowship. We

are only asking that you contact us with the number of people attending this special event so that we may plan the food accordingly.

We will start with our worship service followed by a wonderful meal and then there will be programs and games for children and adults.

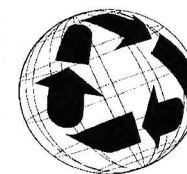
We hope you will consider attending this special worship service. We want to share our joy and excitement on our 75th anniversary with our ELCA family.

Plastics Recycling Is Good Stewardship

by John Berge

Most everyone agrees that one of the easiest ways to save energy and natural resources, make our air and water cleaner, and reduce the rate we fill our land with waste is to recycle. Yet a recent article in *Chemical and Engineering News* stated that "everybody involved in recycling agrees that not enough plastics are being recycled today to ensure the industry's success."

In 2005, only 23.1% of plastic 1 (polyethylene phthalate) and 27.1% of plastic 2 (high density polyethylene) were recycled, up only slightly from the previous year. These two plastics account



for more than 99% of plastic bottles recycled in the U.S. Thus, three-fourths of these plastic bottles end up in the trash, discarded along the side of the road or in our parks and recreational areas.

Good environmental stewardship should mean that all of us who have a concern for our environment, saving energy and raw materials pledge that our recycle rate for these plastic bottles approaches 100%. This is one case that a tithe is not enough. Better still, we should reduce our usage of bottles for water when we have such excellent quality water right out of the tap.

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Pastor Mary's Column

Lost and Found

"Where are my keys?"

Anyone who knows me well is very tired of hearing those words come from my mouth. Absent-minded, on overload, scatter-brained, careless, easily distracted—those may be come apt descriptions of the owner of those keys.

I wish I could claim to be more responsible where those keys are concerned, but I can't. Somehow, (often with the help of my friends), the keys and their owner are always reconnected within a short time.

Recently, I lost something bigger (and harder to replace) than my keys. My Palm Pilot that electronically stores my calendar with all my appointments, together with my electronic data of personal and business phone numbers, addresses and other valuable information was lost! I looked and I looked and I looked. One day passed, then another, then another. Now I was lost! What were the dates and times of upcoming weddings? How could I get in touch with the person with an unlisted number? Do I have any doctor or dental appointments scheduled? To top it off, two weeks of computer-related

technological nightmares meant that I couldn't retrieve the info from my personal computer, either.

I finally gave up after a couple of weeks, deciding I would get a new PDA (the gizmo that holds personal data) and start from Square One. Just as I was beginning the process of rebuilding the data, Jhon Freddy appeared with my old Palm Pilot. It had been buried under

Fiesta Mexicana silent auction items on a table in the narthex!

Was there any going back? I could have, but I had come to realize that it really wouldn't be wise to do so. In spite of the learning curve and new challenges with my new Palm Centro, I had also discovered new possibilities and opportunities. I now have the opportunity to connect the old with the new by "beaming" old information into the new device.

While I am holding my breath, hoping that I won't lose my new gizmo, I pause to give God thanks for some things that have again become apparent to me during this latest challenge.

► When we are lost, God never gives up the search. Remember the

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Pastor Mary's Column

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story where God is compared to the widow who doesn't give up searching for the lost coin — and then throws a party when it is found?

► I need those around me to keep me on track. I get too distracted when I'm trying to go it "solo."

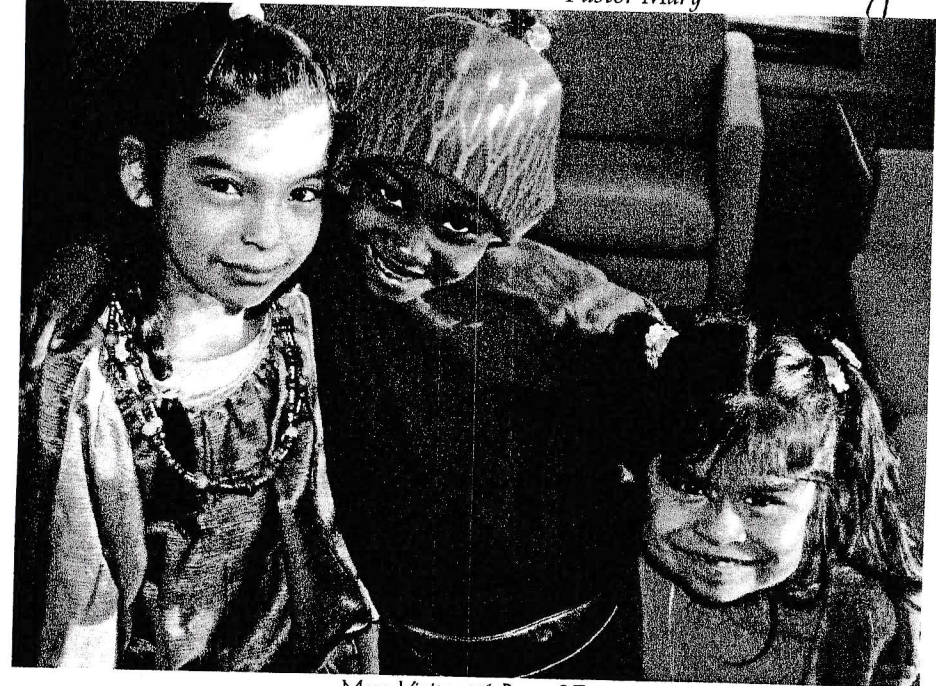
► God has creative ways to help us integrate the old with the new, and we as a church need to pay attention to the possibilities that come with the stretch of doing things in a new way.

As a speaker at a conference I attended recently reminded us, "The church is too often an '8-

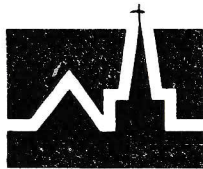
track' church in an MP3 world." (I remember LP's and 8-track tapes, but I don't happen to have an MP3 player, which may also be indicative of how I and others of my era plan worship.) How can we integrate the "old" with the "new" to be the church for all generations? This is the challenge, and we pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us as we anticipate the new life that comes with Pentecost.

Awaiting the next nudges of the Spirit,

Pastor Mary
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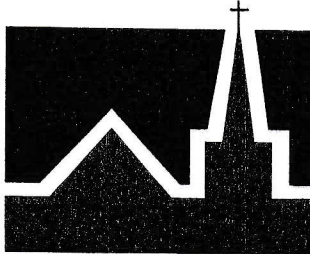


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Worship at the Zoo June 22

We have an invitation to be a part of a Sunday that includes:

- free entrance to the zoo
- 75th anniversary celebration of sister ELCA congregation, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
- collaborative worship in an outdoor lakeside setting at the zoo amphitheatre
- free catered picnic lunch
- games and activities for all ages

Yes! June 22 is a special celebration in the life of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and we are going to be a part of it. The Emmaus church council voted unanimously to close the doors of Emmaus on Sunday, June 22 and to participate in the 10:00 a.m. worship service at the zoo.



(Saturday services will be held as usual at 5:00 p.m. on June 21 in the Sunset Room.)

Parasols are recommended. For more information regarding shuttle service at the zoo or to request chairs for seating, call the church office at 634-5515. You may also call or e-mail the Emmaus church office to sign up for a free picnic lunch on June 22.

Mass on the Grass Slated July 20

Mark your calendar for Mass on the Grass! The Worship and Music committee has set Sunday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Mass on the Grass worship service. Look for more details in the July *Visitor*.

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Help Neighborhood Camp by Donating Material Supplies, Snack Items

Enrollment Status: As the June newsletter goes to print, camp registrations stand at 43. It is encouraging to note that more of our nearby neighbors within a three block radius of the church have inquired about this program. Some of the teachers at Wadewitz have expressed hope that some of their students would attend camp. One teacher said, "They need ongoing encouragement and enrichment."

Supplies: Just a gentle reminder: There are ways you can help the camp program by donating: colored bottle caps, ping pong balls, yarn, knitting needles, buttons, microwave meal containers, clear 2-liter bottles, Pringle containers, red and/or

blue rubber bands from the Racine *Journal*, or magazines with nature pictures such as *National Geographic*.

Meals: Providing nutritious meals and snacks is an important aspect of Neighborhood Camp. Celia Bagley will oversee the coordination of the noontime meals.

This is an opportunity for you to be involved. Check in the narthex for a sign-up poster. While two to four people prepare and serve the meal, the following items can be brought to the church: cookies, bars, jello, fresh fruit. If shopping or baking is not possible, you may also leave a donation in a marked envelope on the sign up poster.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastor: Rev. Mary L. Janz	1909 Summit Ave. 53404 633-3059
Church office: 262 634-5515	E-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net
Fax: 262 634-0835	Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com
Council President: Chris Lambertson	Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net
Outreach Pastor: Rev. Walter Hermanns	Jhon Freddy Correa: jhoncorrea@hotmail.net
Assoc. in Ministry intern: Claranna Vytlacil	Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. On Sunday, June 22, there will be no worship service at Emmaus; we're joining Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at the Racine Zoo at 10:00 a.m.
Neighborhood Minister: Jhon Freddy Correa	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Neighborhood Camp coordinator: Nancy Smith	Neighborhood Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning June 23.
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan	The <i>Visitor</i> is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the July-August <i>Visitor</i> is June 16.
Organist: Brenda Trumbauer	
Secretary: Paul Berge	
Custodians: Abelino & Manuela Mares	
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Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

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

Nathan Albright graduated from Butler University on Saturday, May 10 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. He currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is actively pursuing employment in the area. His parents are extremely proud of his accomplishments but are looking forward to one less tuition bill and a clean bathroom.



Michael Liesch graduates from Case High School this month. He plans to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering for a degree in electrical engineering.

Valerie Yorgan graduates from Massachusetts Institute of Technology on June 6 with a degree in Brain and Cognitive Science.

She will go on to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, for her Ph. D.

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

Youth to Meet During Summer Months

Middle School Youth have indicated an interest in continuing to meet on Wednesdays during the summer. With input from the youth, Jhon Freddy is organizing the Wednesday gatherings.

In addition to fun and fellowship, the youth will have an opportunity to volunteer at such places as HALO, St. Patrick's Community Meal, Our Savior's meal site, and in area nursing homes.

For more details, contact Jhon

Freddy at jhoncorrea@hotmail.com or 414-881-1403.

Youth Birthdays

June 4 Isabella Hulsey, 3
 June 9 Zachary Smith, 10
 June 10 Mason Bagley, 14
 June 16 Ciara Williams, 11
 June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 15
 June 20 Caroline Crehan, 17
 June 23 Ken Krug II, 8
 June 30 Ariyah Brooks, 6
 June 30 Tayshaun Carothers, 2

Women of Emmaus Make Gifts of Money

At the May gathering of the women's Bible study, the group made decisions regarding disbursement of Emmaus WELCA (Women of the ELCA) funds. The funds are the result of monthly offerings made by the women as well as donations made by families to the Women of Emmaus in appreciation for funeral luncheons served.

It was decided by the group to make three gifts, totaling \$1,400.00.

The gifts include: \$500 to the Northside Food Pantry, \$500 to the seminary fund for Jhon Freddy Correa and \$400 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Women's Study

All women are invited to gather in the Sunset Room Wednesday, June 4 at 1:30 p.m. for a study led by Claranna Vytlacil. Coffee and conversation follow.

Knit One, Purl One Breaks for Summer

The knitters and purlers group is taking off for the summer. Thanks to Bev Hansen, Lael Richter, Marge Jensen, Linda Peterson, Claranna Vytlacil, Nancy

Smith, Valerie Crehan, Cathy Meyer and Dorothy Bagley for your steadfast labor of love. See you in September.

Emmaus to Recognize Wadewitz Mentors

During worship on Sunday, June 8, Emmaus will celebrate the end of the school year by honoring those individuals who have witnessed hope and encouragement to some of the students at Wadewitz.

Mentors have worked with selected kids on a weekly basis throughout the year. The activities have included help with homework, reading, conversation, crafts, games and puzzles. Ursula Hamilton Perry, the principal, has

stated more than once that our help is needed and very much appreciated.

To Marty Aiken, Gregg and Kylee Albright, Judy Berndt, Kathy Christensen, Ruth Copeland, Carol Eschmann, Cathy Knuteson, Joy Lippmann, Diane Melander, Missy Porcaro, Nancy Smith, Al Svendsen, Beth Tepley, Judy Yorgan, and Maribel Velasquez; thanks for your caring and being there for kids who need a sprinkling of God's love.

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Emmaus Serves Community Meal June 5

Emmaus' next turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church is on Thursday June 5. We welcome volunteers to help



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

Jhon Freddy Enrolls at LSTC

Following a May 5 interview with a Theological Review Panel at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Jhon Freddy Correa completed the process for admission to the seminary. He is making application for the Master of Divinity program, which may take approximately two years to complete. Under this plan, the seminary will apply for F1 status (student status) for Jhon Freddy.



During the time of his study, Jhon Freddy and his wife, Liliana, will live in Racine. They moved to the parsonage of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer over Memorial Day weekend. During the summer, Jhon Freddy will take an intensive two-week course at Mundelein

Seminary. The Summer Hispanic Program is sponsored by a number of seminaries, including LSTC. Jhon Freddy will also spend six weeks during the summer assisting at two Neighborhood Camp sites.

On Trinity Sunday, May 18, Jhon Freddy reaffirmed his Baptism and was received into full membership of Emmaus. In addition to Jhon Freddy's seminary training in the fall, he will be serving in neighborhood and Latino outreach both at Emmaus and Redeemer.

A Seminarian Fund is being established to support Jhon Freddy. Any contributions may be made to Emmaus and earmarked "JFC Seminary Fund."

Book Clubs Take Summer Break

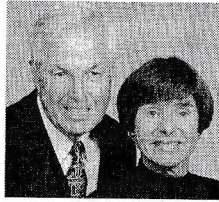
The Monday and Thursday book clubs will take the summer

off. Watch for notice of their next meetings in September.

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Anniversary Congratulations Are Due

Saturday, June 14 is Bill and Shirley Irvine's 50th wedding anniversary. Bill is a former church council member (Building & Grounds), and Shirley is



active in the Altar Guild. They have three sons, Steven, Thomas and Jeffrey.

Congratulations on this golden milestone!

Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

Attendance averages in white include both weekend services and services during the following week. Shaded numbers include Saturdays and Sundays only. Attendance averages are calculated through May 25, 2008.

Worship attendance:	2006		2007		2008	
April weekly averages	146	157	205	212	106	153
May weekly averages	119		117	144	92	120
June weekly averages	95		97			
Financial Figures:		Year to date		Campaign to date		
General fund offerings in April '08	\$13,141.80		\$61,344.31			
Mortgage retirem't offerings in Apr.	\$ 240.00		\$ 1,575.00		\$57,500.62	
April-May 2008 mortgage payments	Principal \$		1,244.39		Principal balance	
	Interest \$		739.64		as of 5/14/2008:	
	Total \$		1,984.03		\$71,817.28	

Memorials & Honoraria

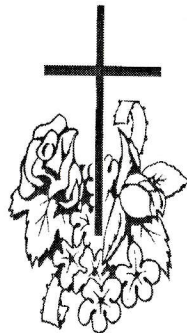
Designated memorials:

- For yew in memory of Chris Hansen: \$66.67
- For dark green yew in memory of Dorothea Neubauer: \$34.00
- For rose of Sharon in memory of Carolyn Smith: \$34.00
- For dwarf burning bush in memory of Lyle Zielke: \$49.00
- For shrubbery in honor of Marge Zielke: \$50.00

Designated honoraria:

- For hydrangea in honor of Valerie Crehan: \$66.66
- For yew in honor of Joyce Kaiser: \$66.67
- For mugo pine and dwarf rose bushes in honor of Mabel Meyer: \$287.00

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June Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. May 31 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. June 1 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Cindi Larsen	David Christensen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. June 7 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. June 8 9:15 am	Valerie Crehan Claranna Vytalil	Joy Lippmann Kylee Albright	Bev Hansen	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. June 14 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. June 15 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Randy Sanders	Cindi Larsen	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. June 21 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
San. June 22 10:00 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Chris Lamberton Caren Lamberton	John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. June 28 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. June 29 9:15 am	TBA	Suzanne Landis Shirley Velzka	Suzanne Landis	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. July 5 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. July 6 9:15 am	TBA	Kathy Christensen	Ron Jensen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
June 1	Sheri & Richard Lewis, Julie Field, Knutesons, Denise & Brian Keller	Bonnie French	Jensens	Evelyn Larsen
June 8	R. Rommelfaenger C. & D. Eschmann	TBA	Bea Holding & Al Svendsen	
June 15	M. Zielke & M. Porcaro Bill & Shirley Irvine	Celia Bagley	Breiwicks	
June 22	Sandy Strini & TBA	Yesenia, Adriana, Isabel, & Irma	Wymas	
June 29	Cathy Meyer C&C Lamberton	TBA	Haugsbys	
July 6	Al Svendsen & Shirley Velzka	TBA	Jensens	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	2 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">June, 2008</div>	3 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS	4 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	5 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's	6 4:00 pm Bell-Stamper rehearsal	7 3:00 pm Bell-Stamper wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
8 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer/ELW Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	9	10 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group	11 ST. BARNABAS 	12 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	13	14 FLAG DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
15 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS' DAY 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	16 July-August Visitor articles needed in church office	17 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	18	19 JUNETEENTH DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST	21 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
----- <i>Neighborhood Camp staff training</i> -----						
22 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 am Worship service at Zoo with Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; Holy Communion 11:30 am Zoo picnic 	23	24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 5:00 pm TOPS 	25 PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530	26 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	27	28 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
----- <i>9:00 am to 3:00 pm Neighborhood Camp</i> -----						
29 7 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ST. PETER & ST. PAUL 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer/ELW Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	30	July 1 CANADA DAY 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office closed 	5 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
----- <i>9:00 am to 3:00 pm Neighborhood Camp</i> -----						

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 Updated calendar on our web site, <http://www.emmaus-racine.org> Phone 262 634-5515; e-mail emmausracine@sbcglobal.net

Keenagers in June

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 lunch at noon.

Our meeting dates for this month are June 3 and June 17.



Seniors' Gathering

June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

June 1	Marcie Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Rd.	53404
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	1450 Westridge Ct. #103	53406
June 16	Doris Jensen	6101 16 th St. #4-B	53406
June 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main St. #231	53402
June 18	Nancy Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 21	Lee Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405

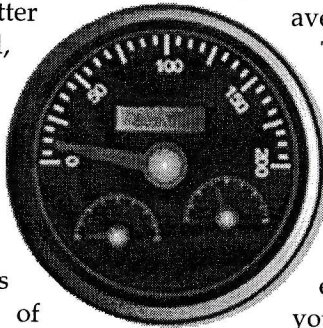
Environmental Stewardship

Slow Down, You Move Too Fast

by John Berge

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, be a better environmental steward, and save money, slow down.

The easiest and most effective way to save gasoline is to slow down on your highway driving this summer. The Union of Concerned Scientists has shown that dropping from 70 to 60 mph improves fuel efficiency by an average of 17.2 percent.



Dropping from 75 to 55 mph improves fuel efficiency by an average of 30.6 percent!

That is like paying 30 percent less for your gasoline ... \$2.80 instead of \$4.00 per gallon. Leaving a little earlier not only is easier on the environment but also on your nerves and your pocketbook ... and that is good stewardship.

Also, be sure to check your tire pressure before starting out.

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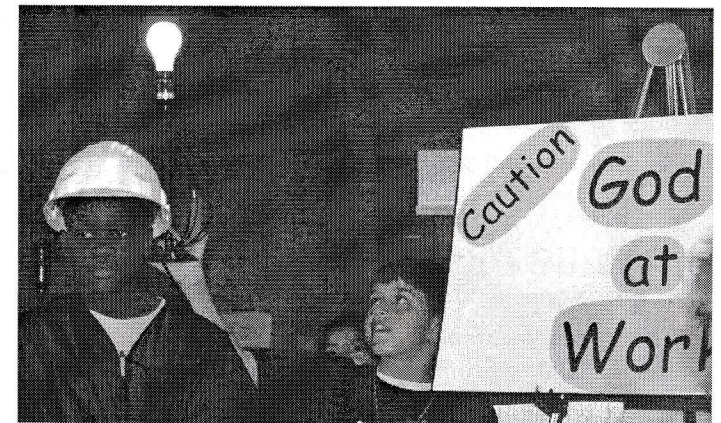
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GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Linens & Things	8%	\$25		
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$10		
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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

December 21, 2007



Wednesday Campers told the story of creation during their closing program on May 14. Photos by Nancy Smith.

LSS Hosts World Refugee Dinner

Lutheran Social Services - Refugee & Immigrant Services Program is hosting its first "World Refugee Dinner" on June 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 13445 Hampton Road, Brookfield. It will be a fun-filled evening with international food, entertainment, and craft sale.

This is a fundraising event and all the proceedings will go toward the "donation fund" that will assist refugees arriving this summer with initial grocery, security deposit, and rent. Please spread the word to your friends. We hope to see many of you there!

Organ Concert Venue Moved

There has been a change in venue for the upcoming organ concert by Dr. Aaron David Miller in Rockford scheduled for Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. The "Pipe-ing Hot" benefit concert was to have been held at First Lutheran Church. Lightning damage to the organ in late April caused concern, but assurances were made that repairs would be completed in time for the concert. Unfortunately, since the full extent of the damage was uncovered, repairs are now expected to take several months.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural Street, Rockford, has graciously stepped forward to offer their site for the concert. Dr. Miller has expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to perform on the Buzzard Opus 23 organ which was completed in 2000.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this "Pipe-ing Hot" concert benefiting the ongoing construction of Katie's Cup coffee bar on Seventh Street in Rockford. There will be a freewill offering and a reception will follow the concert.

GME to Celebrate Global Mission

by Greg Van Dunk

You are invited to attend the 2008 ELCA Global Mission Event (GME) at the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse, July 17-20. This is a multigenerational event that celebrates global mission and skill building opportunities for Lutherans engaged in Companion Synod relationships, short term mission trips, or other global and domestic missions. More details about the program and speakers can be found at www.elca.org/gme.

From 'Me' to 'We' Thinking

"I'll just do it myself; it's easier that way. Besides, then I can do it my way!"

Tackling a challenge or task can bring with it the temptation of trying to accomplish it solo. "Then it will be done the way I wanted!"

How often do we find ourselves caught in the trap of "rugged individualism," either because we don't want to be an imposition or because we feel awkward about involving others? So, we "tough it out" and attempt to go it alone.

If anyone were to ask me what the biggest success of the Fiesta Mexicana was, I would have to answer, "Collegiality and a group of 90 volunteers who each contributed a part to the success of the Fiesta." Jhon Freddy, who was new on the scene here at Emmaus, had the daunting responsibility of organizing the annual event. In a few short weeks the details fell into place — thanks to his leadership and his willingness to ask for help and support at every level.

The coordination of so many people did not happen automatically — there were one-on-one conversations, dozens of phone calls, e-mails and meetings to communicate and coordinate and plan. The result? There was a broadened sense of ownership and belonging. For instance, two new

middle school kids were invited to help. Since the Fiesta, they have been regulars at the middle school youth group, and they also attended the confirmation retreat at Lutherdale. The building of relationships and a sense of community help form a base for the emerging leaders of Emmaus. Which of those middle school kids might be a future church council president or a seminarian?

We look to the months and years ahead, realizing that we as a congregation are stronger when we collaborate and dream and vision with other Racine ELCA congregations. Will we always get our own way? No! Will communication be an easy task? No! Will we be stronger and more whole as a result of our collaborative efforts? Yes — provided we do not lose focus of our relationship with our God and our neighbors.

My vision for this church is that it be said of us, "There is such hope and life there, because they know what it is to be the Body of Christ!"

May God's Spirit continue to guide and lead us, as we are in ministry together!"

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



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10:00 a.m. June 22
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- ❖ Congratulations, 2008
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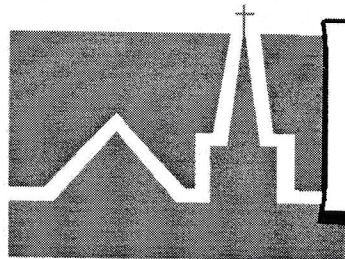
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Redeemer's Praise Band to Lead Mass on the Grass July 20

Emmaus will celebrate our annual "Mass on the Grass" Sunday, July 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Weather permitting, we will gather for a special worship service with Holy Communion out on the lawn.

The musical part of the worship service will be led by "The Call," the praise band of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

We will have some chairs set up, but we encourage all who are able to bring their own lawn chairs



and ground blankets. You may want to bring a parasol as well.

Afterward, we'll have several games for children. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided following the service. Those attending are invited to bring salads or desserts to share.

Dress casually.

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

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:
Leah Ann Talbott
 June 14, 2008

Leah is the daughter of Kate Sanders and Andy Talbott, and the granddaughter of Randy Sanders. Her sponsors are Chris Talbott and Alisa Jorgensen.

Wedding:
Stefanie Voeltz & Nathan Stamper
 June 7, 2008

Stefanie is originally from Reedsville, and Nathan was born and raised in Racine. They met in the UW-Parkside Theatre department, from which they have earned their Bachelors' degrees; Nathan plans to return to school for his Master's degree. This has been an eventful year for them: their apartment was destroyed by fire last June, although thankfully nobody was hurt.

We Extend Condolences to Thomsen Family

We extend our sympathies to Olaw Thomsen on the death of his brother Peter on June 4 at age 90. Peter was lately a member of Calvary Memorial Church, although he was confirmed and married at the old Emmaus church on Mound Avenue,



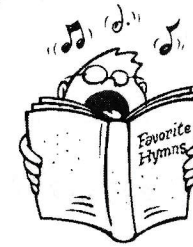
and served on our church council in several capacities. He is survived by his wife, Lucille (Klingberg) Thomsen, son John, daughter Shirley, and grandchildren Rachel and Anna.

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Vote for Your Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn you wish we could sing more often? The Worship & Music committee has designated July 27 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 by July 20. We will do our best to use as many of your favorites as possible.

Openings Abound on Flower Calendar

The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2008 still has several openings. The sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, or you may call the church office at 634-5515.

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

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

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

Synod Assembly Reelects Bishop Stumme-Diers

WAUKESHA — The Rev. Paul W. Stumme-Diers was elected to a second six-year term as bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) during the synod's assembly May 29-31 in Waukesha, Wis.

On the fourth and final ballot for bishop Stumme-Diers received 246 votes, the Rev. John R. Horner-Ibler, Cross of Life Lutheran

Church, Brookfield, Wis., received 121 votes, and the Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Waukesha, Wis., received 15 votes. There were 33 names on the nominating ballot, and all but three withdrew before the second ballot.

Stumme-Diers, 47, served as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran

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Emmaus Serves August 7 Community Meal

The next meal that we will serve at St. Pat's is on Thursday, August 7. Watch for the new sign

Neighborhood Camp Kicks Off Seventh Season

There was laughter and glee as the campers arrived at the door on Monday, June 23.

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

Consider making a batch of cookies or some Jell-o for the campers. Help is also needed in the kitchen in July. If you can help one or more

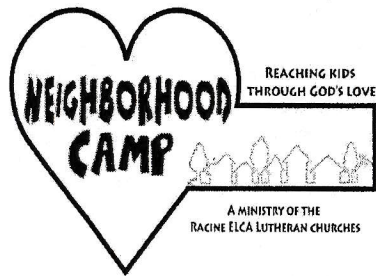
up sheet and the pans to reappear in the narthex in early July.

days, please contact Celia Bagley (835-1215) or sign up in the church narthex.

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

Thanks for all your donations. We have enough for our projects. Appreciation is extended to the cooks in the

kitchen and to those who are making desserts and Jell-o. We couldn't do it without you.



Campers to Present Final Neighborhood Camp Program July 24

Thursday, July 24 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.

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Neighborhood Camp Gets Healthy Start

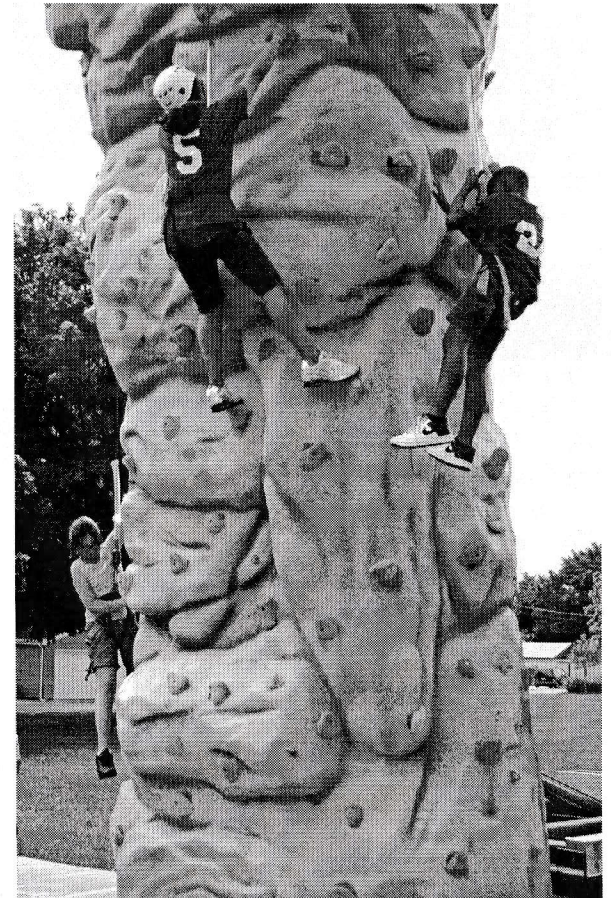
The church and the adjoining field are bustling with activity this summer as 50 Neighborhood Campers are participating in a variety of engaging activities.

During the first week of camp, campers were introduced to a wide array of fruits and vegetables, always being encouraged to try something new. Rhubarb ("That's sour!") and avocado ("Is that what guacamole is made of?") and pineapple ("Mmm... this fresh pineapple is good; I thought I didn't like it!") have been among the taste tests for the campers.

Laps around the block, exercises of balance and coordination, and the chance to climb a 24-foot tall climbing wall transported from Milwaukee have been part of the fitness routine. Squeals of "I made it!" and "We did it!" could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

God Time each morning has included such stories as that of Samson and Delilah, acted out by the kids. Another day a video was

shown of the inspirational story of a young man with cerebral palsy who was part of the Ironman triathlon. As the young man was carried, pushed, pulled and



supported by his devoted father, the campers were reminded of God's constant love and care and devotion for all of us in the midst of adversity in our lives.

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Neighborhood Camp

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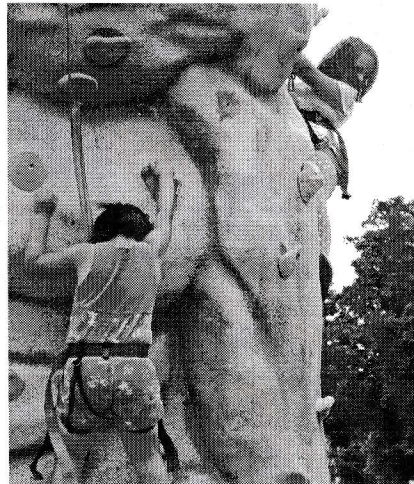
Reading and games are part of the daily schedule for campers. They have expressed their creativity in painting and crafts, and the enthusiasm for the weekly field trips runs high.

The Schlitz Audubon Center in Milwaukee, the Eco-Justice Center in Racine, and a canoe trip on the Fox River are among the weekly trips.

Nancy Smith plans the curriculum and activities for the Emmaus Camp, and Valerie

Crehan is the overall administrator for the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps throughout the city. The camps are free to all campers, with funding provided by individual and church donations as well as grants and in-kind donations of food and other items.

Without the strong support of the Emmaus community, this ambitious endeavor would be impossible. Thank you to all our generous donors and volunteers!



Have You Seen Our Flickr Page?

To see our Neighborhood Camp pictures and other photos in color, check out Emmaus' photo album on Flickr, at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/>

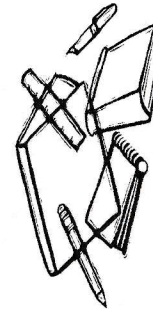
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emmausracine. Our album includes all sorts of things, such as 42 confirmation class photos from the past century.

Help Fill Basket with School Supplies

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

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



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

Youth Birthdays

July 14 Anthony Medina, 12
July 16 Catherine Yunker, 3
July 19 Sydni Matson, 8
July 20 Patrick Jansen, 16
July 22 Gisele Gallegos, 9
July 25 Christina Escamilla, 11
July 26 Alexis Austin, 12

July 28 Ashley Wyma, 7
Aug. 2 William Yunker, 5
Aug. 15 T. J. Andersen, 14
Aug. 17 Henry Perkins, 2
Aug. 24 Hubert Gibson, 7
Aug. 25 Abel Velasquez, 7
Aug. 26 Alexa Ahrens, 9

Environmental Stewardship

Ponder the Price of Plastic

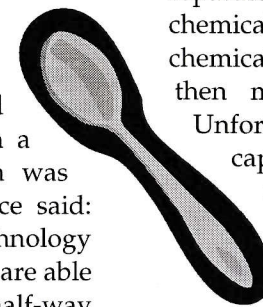
by John Berge

I recently saw a common, plastic spoon mounted in a recessed picture frame, hanging on a wall. Around the spoon was some text which in essence said: Thanks to our modern technology and major investments, we are able to drill for oil, ship it half-way around the world, refine it,

separate out the appropriate chemicals, polymerize those chemicals into long chains and then mold it into this shape.

Unfortunately, we do not seem capable of washing and reusing them.

Do the same technical abilities and inabilities apply to our communion cups?



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Cards & Letters

Suzanne Landis Sends Thanks

To Pastor Mary and the Emmaus congregation,

Thank you so much for making my last Sunday as choir director so special. The prayer and blessing was very touching, as were Pastor Mary's kind words about me. Thank you, too, for the multiple gift cards. What a generous thing to do for me!

Emmaus has been a wonderful church home for these past five years and I will miss you all. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Love,
Suzanne Landis

Horlick Students Enjoyed Work Here

To Emmaus:

Thank you for allowing us to work at your church this year. We enjoyed it so very much.

Sincerely,
Jake Smith, Jasmine Brent, Denise Stark

Editor's note: Jake and Jasmine are Horlick High School students who came over on Thursday afternoons to help out with cleaning and sorting this school year.

Food Pantry Thanks Emmaus Women

To Women of Emmaus Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the churches and the volunteers who work at the North Side Food Pantry, we want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$500.00. Your gift will truly make a difference with our ability to provide food for the increasing number of people who come to the food pantry. It is a real challenge to keep our shelves filled.

We are honored to be remembered by you.

Sincerely,
Interim co-chairs Cindi Larsen & Carol Therkelsen

Remember Emmaus This Summer

by Judy Yorgan

Our minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how she was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for needed repairs to the church building.

She was surprised to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. "Here is a copy of the service," she said, "but you will have to think of something to play after I make an announcement about the finances."

During the service the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof is leaking and we have water damages. We did not expect these added expenses. Any of you who can pledge \$25.00 or more, please stand up." At that moment the substitute organist played The Star Spangled Banner!

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Just a friendly reminder that with warm summer breezes church attendance drops. Please remember to mail your offering if



you cannot attend or are away on vacation. Emmaus counts on everyone fulfilling their pledges. Also those economic stimulus checks have arrived. Please consider tithing yours. Thank you!

Note from Pastor Mary: At press time, we are \$14,000 in the red for this calendar year. The need is urgent. We ask for both your prayers and your financial support. Thank you.

Giving Statements Will Be Out Soon

Second quarter giving statements will be available in the narthex early in July for everyone who has made an offering of record and has been assigned an offering envelope number. Please check your statement for any discrepancies between your records and ours.

Council Meets at Sanders Home

The church council will meet at Randy Sanders' home, 600 Isabelle Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. The council does not plan to meet in August.

Memorials & Honoraria

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In honor of Eric & Ken Larsen: \$100.00

Designated for Landscaping:

In memory of Celia Weber: \$245.00

In memory of Chester Meyer: 5 Korean lilacs

In honor of Mabel Meyer and Art & Nancy Smith's kids: \$100.00



Tuesday, July 1: Fellowship and coffee starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Art Smith will present a program at 10:30. Claranna Vytlacil will serve lunch at noon.

Keenagers will not meet on July 15.

Wednesday, July 30: trip to Lutherdale (cost: \$20.00/person includes bus and lunch). Our bus leaves **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer** at Gilson & Drexel at 9:00 a.m. There will be a morning Bible study and sing-along followed by a picnic lunch served at 12:15. In the afternoon, a pontoon boat ride and wagon tour ending with a visit to Lutherdale Farm at 3:00 p.m. After a stop at the Elegant Farmer, the bus will return to Redeemer around 5:00 p.m. Please make your reservation with the office ASAP (first come, first served). Payment is due by July 27.




Tuesday, August 5: Fellowship and coffee starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunset Room. John & Lila Berge will host a program on their trip to Ecuador and Galapagos Islands. Lunch will be served after the presentation.

Tuesday, August 19: Fellowship and coffee starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Lyle Andersen (Cheryl Dexter's brother), curator of the Racine Lighthouse Museum, will give a presentation on the lighthouse. Pat Jensen will serve lunch after the program.

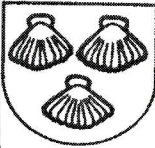
Summer Birthdays: 70 Years and Better


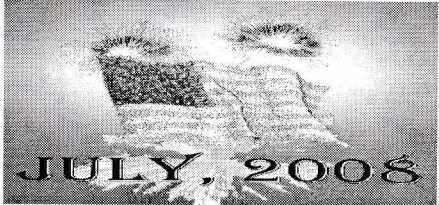
July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 26	Joyce Toslek	2931 Cardinal Drive	53402
July 29	Larry Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 31	Edna Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
August 6	Shirley Irvine	5119 Valley Trail	53402
August 11	Betty Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Drive #102	53406
August 12	Al Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
August 12	Joyce Kaiser	14220 56 th Road, Sturtevant	53177
August 14	Bob Lawrenz	3205 Wood Road	53406
August 19	Rich Christensen	1019 Hwy. V, Sturtevant	53177
August 21	Jerry Doughty	1921 Arcturus Avenue	53404

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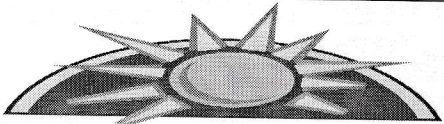
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Pastor Mary on vacation

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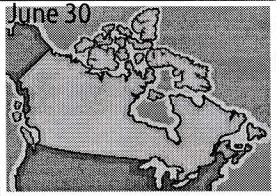

Pastor Mary on vacation

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Jhon Freddy at LSTC orientation, Aug. 24-29

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16 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service: ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	Sept. 1 LABOR DAY Office closed	10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS		11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
<p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 262-634-5515</p>	<p>June 30 </p>	<p>7 CANADA DAY Jhon Freddy at summer school through July 11 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>2 11:00 am deadl</p>
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<p>27 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am "Favorite Hymn" worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Church council at R. Sanders'</p>	<p>30 9:00 am Keena trip to Luthe</p>

Summer Worship Assistants				
	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Jul. 5 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 6 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kathy Christensen	Ron Jensen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Jul. 12 5:00 pm	Boots LeRoux Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 13 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Diane Melander Karen Sedgwick	Claranna Vytlacil	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Jul. 19 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 20 10:00 am	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen	Gregg Albright	Nancy Smith	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Jul. 26 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Jul. 27 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlacil Valerie Crehan	Pat Jensen Carol Eschmann	Lyle Christensen	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Aug. 2 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 3 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kylee Albright	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Aug. 9 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 10 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Shirley Velzka Olga Wilson	Valerie Crehan	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Aug. 16 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 17 9:15 am	A. Villalobos Bev Hansen	Claranna Vytlacil	Jhon Freddy Correa	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Aug. 23 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 24 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Nancy Smith Cindi Larsen	Kylee Albright	Team 5 Wm. Meteyard
Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 31 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Randy Sanders	Carol Eschmann	Team 1 Harold Miller

Candle care in July: Cheryl Dexter. In August and Sept.: Evelyn Larsen.

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Worship Assistants

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	Altar Flowers	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Special music
July 6	Al Svendsen Shirley Velzka		Jensens	Jill Lomasney
July 13		Bonnie French	B. Holding A. Svendsen	Gary Wee
July 20		Mass on Grass	Breiwicks	The Call
July 27	Tosleks		Wymas	Jenn Haman
Aug. 3	Jeff & Linda Clinton		Haugsbys	Kelsey Albright
Aug. 10		Grace Falaschi Lynn McCray	Jensens	Suzanne Landis
Aug. 17	Sedgwicks	Stacy Steinike Melissa Lemke	B. Holding A. Svendsen	Jim Yorgan
Aug. 24			Breiwicks	David Schulz
Aug. 31			Wymas	C. Vytlicil

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Hosts Ice Cream Social August 14

The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary hosts its 35th annual Ice Cream Social, rain or shine, on Thursday, August 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 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 representative, Virginia Haugsby, or at the social.

The Belle Aire Combo will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Proceeds will be used for the Auxiliary's current projects of four pediatric wheelchairs for Lincoln Village Convalescent Center, picnic tables for Lincoln Manor, and evacuation chair for Bay Pointe, an exercise bike for Trinity Terrace, and equipment to set up a multi-sensory room at Becker-Shoop.

Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Parking will be provided courtesy of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Lists Summer Needs

by Cindi Larsen and Carol Therkelsen,
Co-Directors (Interim)

With schools out for the summer and the needs of our area families increasing, your continued support of the Northside Food Pantry which serves families with providing three days of meals is greatly appreciated and needed. The Food Pantries in the city do receive support from the Racine-Kenosha Community Action Agency and the Racine-Kenosha Food Bank, but we still often face shortages during the month. Special food item needs are listed below.

- ☉ Instant mashed potatoes
- ☉ Rice
- ☉ Hamburger Helper
- ☉ Spaghetti sauce
- ☉ Beef stew
- ☉ Soups- tomato, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, chunky soups
- ☉ Fruit juices
- ☉ Canned meat
- ☉ Dried pinto beans
- ☉ Toilet paper
- ☉ Bar soap
- ☉ Paper and plastic grocery bags
- ☉ Pancake mix, syrup

If you would prefer, monetary donations are always welcomed to purchase those items that we often run short of and/or are not available for a particular month. Checks can be made out to the



Northside Food Pantry and given to your church office for them to be submitted to the Northside Food Pantry, which is housed at Trinity United Methodist Church at 3825 Erie Street.

We are always in need of volunteers to work at the Pantry. Work hours are from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each month. If you would like to see your Pantry in operation or have any questions, please contact Cindi Larsen at 681-2082. Each of our supporting eight churches also has dedicated volunteers who volunteer to serve in this important ministry. They are a valuable source of information if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your continued support through your time, donations, and prayers as we all work to support and maintain this important ministry within our community.

Visitor Takes Vacation

There will not be a separate August edition of the Emmaus Visitor. The deadline for the September edition of Emmaus' newsletter will be August 15.

Historic Floods Devastate Wisconsin

by Rev. Kevin Massey, BCC

In the past weeks crippling storms have afflicted wide parts of the Midwest. In Wisconsin, recent storms have brought disastrous flooding to many communities, including communities devastated in last summer's floods.

In the midst of these disastrous floods and storms that have struck our community, we lean on our faith for support. The Lutheran community always generously serves those in need in times of trouble and disaster. There will be many opportunities to serve in the weeks and days ahead. Your prayers are especially needed at this time. Please pray for those affected by the floods. Please pray for the first responders still working to ensure that all are safe.

Flood buckets are collections of cleaning supplies that can be given to help households clean up after a flood. Flood buckets will be needed down the road in this recovery. If individuals or congregations wish to assemble and donate flood buckets, please visit the following link for items to include in them. http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/print/kits/flood_bucket.stm For information about where to drop off assembled flood buckets, please call Keith Lang, Disaster Human Services

Coordinator with Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan at 608-834-4444.

If you have been affected by the floods, please visit or have someone provide you the information available that the State of Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services has provided about immediate recovery needs.

This information is available at: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/eh/DisasterHealthSafety/flooding.htm>



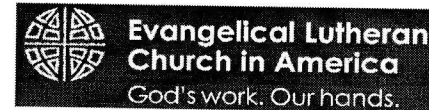
Please do not send unsolicited gifts of food, clothing, or other materials. If local food pantries and other social service distributions centers need these donations at a later

time, they will make those requests of the local community. Please do consider giving to the long term recovery needs of those affected by flooding through Lutheran Disaster Response.

Give through your congregation or send your check directly to: ELCA Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. With a credit card, give online at www.elca.org/giving or call 800-638-3522. Visit www.elca.org/disaster to learn more.

ELCA Domestic Disaster Response Widespread Flooding in the Midwest

A series of heavy storms have swept through the Midwest, causing extensive flooding and damage in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The floods have destroyed homes, damaged schools and camps, and displaced thousands of people. In some communities, these floods follow tornadoes and other disasters that occurred earlier this spring. With more rain predicted, anxieties and fears are high.



In cooperation with synods and congregations, ELCA Domestic Disaster Response is already at work. Through Lutheran Disaster Response and affiliate agencies, disaster coordinators are assessing

the destruction, evaluating clean-up and rebuilding needs, and providing care and counseling services.

The ELCA Domestic Disaster Response connects people with hardship grants, spiritual and emotional care, volunteer coordination, and long-term recovery. Gifts designated for "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full—100 percent—to help households and communities recover from the flooding.

Your prayers and support bring healing and grace to a region in desperate need. Through ELCA Disaster Response, this church will walk with neighbors on the long road of recovery..

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1*

Yes! I want to help!

- For Domestic Disaster Response: U.S. Floods \$ _____ DDG0069
- For Domestic Disaster Response: U.S. Tornadoes \$ _____ DDG0020
- For ELCA Disaster Response—where needed most \$ _____ DDG0060

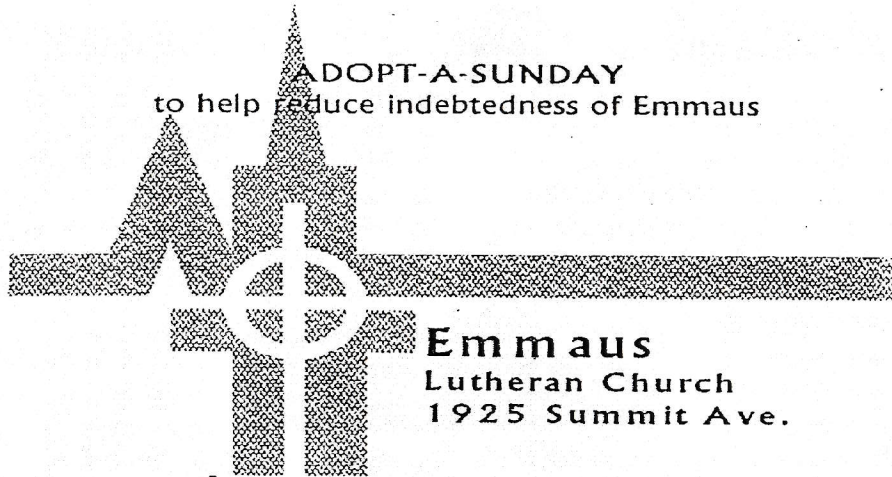
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Attendance Statistics & Financial Figures

	2006	2007	2008
May worship attendance averages	119	117 144*	94 120*
June averages	95	97	99**
July averages	97	98	
August averages	89	109	

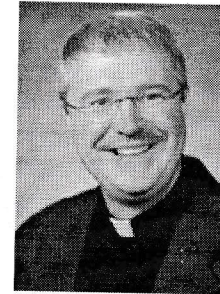
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Financial Figures		Year-to-date	Campaign-to-date
General fund offerings in May '08	\$12,665.60	\$74,009.91	
E.S.P. offerings in May	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 2,220.00	
Mortgage retirem't offerings in May	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$57,830.62
Principal balance as of 6/13/20008:	\$71,190.32		

Synod Assembly

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Church, New Berlin, Wis., and All Saints Lutheran Church, Wales, Wis. The ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod elected him bishop in 2002. Stumme-Diers serves on the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and on the boards of Carthage College, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, and Wartburg Theological Seminary. The bishop is married to the Rev. Laurie K. Stumme-Diers, Cross Lutheran Church, Ixonia, Wis.



In other action, the Assembly approved an amended mission plan (financial budget) for 2009, reflecting current economic realities. Synod Treasurer Roger Schroeder explained that many difficult cuts were made, and in the original budget money passed along to partnership ministries was less than the synod typically contributed. An amendment was proposed and passed to reduce Synod mission support to the ELCA Churchwide Ministry from the traditional 61% to 60.1%, while funding at the previous year's levels partnership ministries.

A resolution declaring the Synod a "Book of Faith Synod," participating in the ELCA Book of

Faith initiative begun at the 2007 Churchwide Assembly in Chicago, was easily passed by the Assembly. The Assembly also declared its support to urge

congregations to find ways of partnering with the three free medical clinics housed in congregations and the global medical partnerships with our companion Synods, to provide resources for health and wellness articles in newsletters and bulletins, to talk about health and wellness issues in worship, and to organize collections of medicines within the parameters of the law.

Representing Emmaus at the assembly were Randy Sanders, Jhon Freddy Correa, Claranna Vytlacil, and Pastors Mary Janz and Walter Hermanns.

During the pre-Assembly gathering time, the Synod Council held town hall meetings in preparation for the bishop's election and a visioning and planning process for the upcoming years.

The full results of voting are available for download on the Synod web site, www.milwaukesynod.org. Video highlights are also posted.

The 2009 Synod Assembly will be held May 28-30, 2009 at Country Springs Hotel.

Women Offer Pine Lake Retreat

Please make sure the women of your congregation know about this opportunity regarding the September Women's Retreat at Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca. The retreat is scheduled for September 19-21, 2008. The theme is "Balancing Martha and Mary" inspired by the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life* by Joanna Weaver.

Contact Lynda Van Dien, lvandien@gmail.com, 612-868-0277 cell

Milwaukee Choir Needs Men's Voices

Tenor and bass voices: The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee is currently holding auditions for Tenors and Bases for the upcoming 2008-2009 concert



Rev. Molly Doreza leads children's sermon at Racine Zoo, June 22

season. Rehearsals begin at the end of August. To schedule an audition or for more information, contact David Mohr at 414-774-1775 or by email at mohr4@wi.rr.com.

Chick-Fil-A Benefits Shepherds on Tuesdays

Shepherds Ministries of Union Grove announces that Tom Cutts, the owner of Chick-Fil-A of Regency Mall has offered to give them 10% of every sale that takes place between the hours of 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in July. In addition, to celebrate their 50th anniversary of ministry, he has also offered 20% of every sale between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25.

Fit As a Fiddle

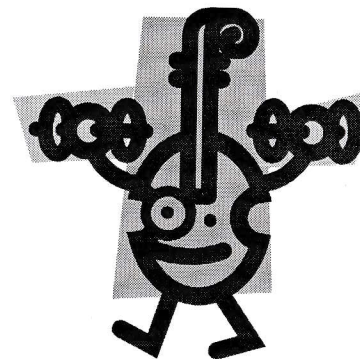
"Fit as a fiddle" is the theme of one of the Neighborhood Camp posters near the front entrance of the church. While the expression is apparently over 400 years old, there seems to be no known origin of the phrase.

When I asked some campers what they thought fit/fitness meant, several responded "Not fat." A cartoon I saw recently pictured a doctor talking with his overweight patient, telling him, "You are fit as a bass fiddle."

How does the overarching Neighborhood Camp theme of health, nutrition and wellness affect the lives of the rest of us? Perhaps aging or illness makes us question how we can hope to be fit or healthy or well in the future. The campers have motivated me to commit myself to a renewed discipline of exercise and healthy eating during the five weeks of camp.

Campers are cheering me on. "Did you ride your exercise bike, Pastor Mary?" "How many pounds are you going to lose?" (The campers know that I have pledged \$1.00 for every day I do

not exercise and \$10.00 for each pound I lose between June 23 and July 24. The money I have pledged will go to the special offering that the campers will make this summer to a cause of the campers' choice.



"Shalom" is that image of wellness and wholeness and peace that is the vision of God's kingdom. Prayer, worship, and serving others are components of that healthy lifestyle to

which we are called.

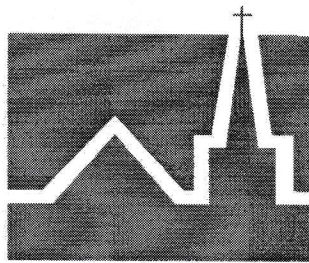
"Eat your vegetables. Drink plenty of water. Get enough exercise." That's just part of healthy living. Remember the one who makes you whole in spite of your brokenness, the One who makes all things new and the One who is the author of life. Let's fully embrace healthy living as we worship, study, pray and serve together.

May the Body of Christ, the church, be a center of Shalom and wellbeing where all members are valued and loved.

Shalom,
Pastor Mary
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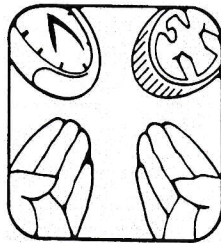
Emmaus Visitor

September, 2008

Congregation Brunch Launches Stewardship Emphasis September 14

September 14 is the date of our official fall programming at Emmaus. It is also the date of the kick off of our annual stewardship drive.

The entire congregation is invited to a brunch that Sunday following the 9:15 a.m. worship



service. That event is being coordinated by Stewardship Chair Judy Yorgan and the Chair of Congregational Life Activities, Celia Bagley.

We Say Yes as Stewards of God's Mysteries

"Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." — 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

There are at least two ways to read a mystery novel. The quickest way is to skim through the first few pages, find out who was killed and who the suspects are, and then skip immediately to the end to find

out who did it. That's the quickest way, but it's not the most exciting.

There's another way to read a mystery novel. You settle down into a warm cozy chair, dim the lights, put on your reading glasses, and start at page one. You read every single word, following the twists and turns the writer has intentionally included to keep you guessing. You find yourself

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Braydon John Price July 26, 2008	Braydon is the son of Derek Price and Josie Hermann and the granddaughter of Heidi Hermann. His sponsors are Tanya Rasmussen and Amanda Larsen.
Weddings: Maggie O'Shea & Ryan Halsey August 23, 2008	Pastor Mary officiated at the outdoor wedding held at Wustum. Ryan, the grandson of Bob Christensen, is the son of Cindy Bodnar and Bill Halsey. Ryan is a manager at Applebee's, and Maggie is employed by Johnson Bank.
Heidi A. Hermann & Walter J. Wiegand August 29, 2008	Heidi is a hospitality supervisor at the Chancery. Walter, originally from Racine, has recently resided in New Mexico, where the couple plans to make their home.
Memorial service: Karen Ruth Kennedy August 13, 2008	Karen, daughter of Hans Munch, passed away in Milwaukee on August 7 at 66. She enjoyed gardening and outdoor activities. She is survived by her father and by daughters Kathleen (Mark) Kennedy-Klassen and Molly Kennedy.

We Comfort Those Who Mourn

We extend our sympathy to the friends and family of Diane Boyd, who passed away on July 1. Diane is a cousin of Evelyn Larsen. She was a REST volunteer at St. Edward's Catholic Church, and also a volunteer reader at Bullen School in Kenosha. She retired from Barnes & Noble in 2006. Survivors include her husband Thomas, and their children Thomas and Jill Boyd.



We also offer our condolences to Rick Haman, whose father, Ralph, passed away on July 29. The elder Haman served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War, and later was a Boy Scout leader. He enjoyed gardening, repair work, and motorcycles. Survivors include his wife, Caroline; four sons, two daughters, and their families.

The End of the World Is Coming!

by Pastor Walter

Have you ever wondered about the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation? Some people see it as a detailed list of prophecies for the "end times." Others see it as a book of frightening and confusing images, best ignored if at all possible.



Come join us for the Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study beginning September 17 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will discover that a faithful reading of Revelation unveils a message of hope even in times when it seems that the world is coming to an end. Will you join us for these eight weeks?

Fall Schedule Takes Shape

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. 17)

Education Opportunities

Adult Study/Discussion – Wednesdays – 6:15-7:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 17)
Wednesday Camp for Kids – 5:00-7:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 17)
Bible Study for Women – First Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (Sept. 3)
Emmaus After School for Youth – Monday-Thursday – 2:30-5:00 p.m. (begins Sept. 17)

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Neighborhood Minister: Jhon Freddy Correa Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.
Council President: Randy Sanders Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Childrens' Education/Mentoring: Nancy Smith Monday through Friday. (closed Labor Day)
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.
Organist: Brenda Trumbauer The deadline for the October VISITOR is September 15.
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Wednesday Night Schedule Begins September 17

Mark your calendars and spread the word! The official kick-off for Wednesday Camp is at 5:00 p.m. on September 17. There are several age group offerings. Claranna Vytlacil and Nancy Smith will team teach the preschool and elementary kids. Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandi Strini will team teach the middle and high school group.



Plans for the year are being developed. The first study will revolve around the subject of Stewardship – God’s Generosity: Our Response-ibility.

Something new this year: the kids will have the opportunity to learn about African drumming. A member of All Nations will join Emmaus once a month to work

Wednesday Program Set for Teens

Wednesday campers and Emmaus members and friends now in middle and high school will want to be sure to mark their calendars for Wednesday nights. Following Wednesday night

with the kids. Emmaus has a number of djembe drums for the kids to use.

The Wednesday evening schedule includes a buffet supper, Bible study for kids and adults and a brief worship service at 7:00 p.m. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 14
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 17
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 12
- Sept. 15 Cody Andersen, 11
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 16
- Sept. 16 Kylie Talbott, 2
- Sept. 16 Cloey Briere, 3
- Sept. 16 Emily Maranger, 18
- Sept. 19 RyAnn Mackin, 14
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lamberton, 16
- Sept. 27 Anikha Kalia, 12
- Sept. 27 Ajay Kalia, 12

supper (5:30-6:15 p.m.), this group invited to the Youth Room to meet with Jhon Freddy and Sandy Strini from 6:15-7:00 p.m. Worship follows from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew Hosts Harvest Festival to Benefit Food Pantries

“Food pantries looking for help; record high demand drains donated supply,” read the July 6 headline in the Racine supplement to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Record numbers of Racine residents are without food because of the flooding, gas and food prices, and economic recession. We may grumble about gas or food costs, but it is easy to remain unaware of the profound difficulties a family already living on the edge of poverty is now facing.

That is why Emmaus, St. Andrew, Church of the Redeemer, and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches are putting together a Harvest Festival called “Feeding the Hungry” September 7 as a benefit for the Racine County Food Bank and some of the local food distribution centers.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, will host the festival. Admission to the event will be a bag of non-perishable food items. Opportunities will also include pledging volunteer service time at a local food bank.

The festivities begin with a family-friendly Walkathon to raise

much needed money for the Racine County Food Bank. Our goal is \$10,000.

So join us. In a spirit of gratefulness for all we have, help us nurture a spirit of generosity for the disadvantaged of our area. And have a fun-filled day celebrating that spirit.

Walkathon for Food Bank

Here’s something for the whole family. We will have a short one-mile course through the St. Andrew neighborhood. Walk it once, or several times with your friends and families. A walkathon is a great way to let your friends and neighbors participate in a tangible way to help eliminate hunger in Racine.

Sign up in the narthex and take an envelope with a pledge form. All pledge donations should be prepaid in cash or with checks made out to the Racine County Food Bank. Bring the form to the event with the pledged money in an envelope, enjoy a complimentary brunch, and start your walk to feed the hungry!

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in

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Member Care Connects Us All

Member Care at Emmaus involves many ministries and many people. We need your help to connect with Emmaus members who may appreciate receiving the comfort of God's love through acts of kindness. Please review the following list of activities and see where you may fit in.

For more information, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050 (home phone), 498-4931 (cell phone) or cjanemeyer@yahoo.com (e-mail address).

Visitation Ministry

Help us reach out to our members in need, those who have

Harvest Festival

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pledges. If every participant raises \$100 in pledges, 100 walkers would be enough to reach our goal! Multiple laps of the course can double and triple the donations. Challenge all of your acquaintances to support you and this great cause.

Volleyball Tournament

This is an opportunity for our churches to challenge each other in a volleyball tournament. Each church is invited to bring two

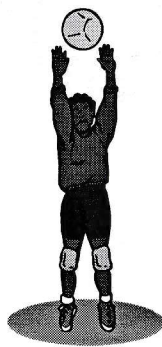
experienced a loss, sickness or are in need of a compassionate visitor, such as homebound members and persons living in assisted care facilities.

Give Cathy Meyer a call to be a part of this rewarding ministry. Let Pastor Mary or Cathy know about persons who could benefit from home visitation.

Cards Ministry

For many years, Ruth Estep has been remembering Emmaus seniors on their birthdays and continues to do so. In addition, we send cards to those experiencing

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teams of at least five players (one team of 9-14 year olds, and one team of 15 years to adult players).

Play will continue through the afternoon with two courts for simultaneous play.

Games will be scheduled on the half hour, with finals at 4:15 p.m., and awards presented at the 6:00 p.m. closing ceremonies.

Help Fight Hunger with CROP Walk

by Diane Melander

Sunday, September 21, 2008 is the date reserved for Racine's annual CROP Hunger Walk. Registration is at noon with the walk beginning at 12:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, Racine. You're invited to pre-register at Emmaus with Diane Melander, 681-2796, or come by coffee hour on Sunday morning.

The CROP walk stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. It's sponsored by Church World Services. One quarter of the proceeds from this walk go directly to the Racine County Food Bank. The balance of

the money goes to help victims of natural disasters, as Hurricane Katrina or to feed the world's hungry.

The walk will go down the bicycle path near the lake, from the church to Melvin Avenue and back. Walkers are invited to walk as little or as much as they want. You may also donate money if you aren't able to walk.

This is one more opportunity to help the hungry and to enjoy a walk by the lake. If you can't walk, you can help the walkers by pledging. If you have questions or need more information, contact Diane at 681-2796.

Food Bank Cupboards Are Bare

by Diane Melander

The Racine County Food Bank is very low on food supplies. Many unemployed Racine families need help for the first time! You can help!

On Sunday, September 7, the Northside churches are sponsoring a Walkathon, following the joint worship service at St. Andrews Lutheran Church. All of the pledges and donations from the Walkathon go to the Racine County Food Bank.

You may walk the one mile route and have your family and friends pledge, or make a

donation. Pledge/donation envelopes are located on the hall table in front of the office. When you take an envelope, please sign your name and envelope number on the form next to the envelopes. The walk begins at 10:30, immediately after the joint worship service. It will complete no later than noon, just in time for lunch and the festival activities. A little or a lot, every donation will help feed someone in Racine.

Do you have questions or need a receipt? See or call Diane Melander at 681-2796.

Emmaus Hosts Solutions for Success Training

Racine Vocational Ministries (RVM) will hold employment preparation classes in our Sunset Room from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 22-25. "Solutions for Success" is a basic training program for unemployed and underemployed adults.

Emmaus members are needed to make and to serve coffee and lunch to participants in the Solutions for Success program at Emmaus. Can you bake bars or cookies or make a salad for 10-15 people?

Volunteers are needed to serve a light lunch on September

22, 23 or 24. (The group will order out for pizza on September 25.) Funds are available to reimburse for groceries purchased for the lunches.



RVM began Solutions for Success in 2003. After participants complete the four-day Solutions for Success training, they become eligible for job placement. RVM works with employers to match participants with jobs, and provides continuing one-on-one job counseling after its graduates are employed.

For more information about RVM, call 633-8660.

Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Lay Leadership Program

by Pastor Walter & Jim Bjugstad

The diakonia™ Program equips people to teach, empower and befriend the needy in our midst, feed the hungry and witness to the power of the Gospel. We are beginning classes in Racine on Tuesday evenings this September. For further information about this two-year theological program for lay people, please contact Jim Black at 637-7640, or go to www.milwaukeesynod.org and click on the "for Leaders" tab.

Due to generous donations by individuals from the members of

the 2008 graduating class of the Diakonia program and a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, there is now a scholarship fund for participants in the Diakonia lay discipleship program.

Scholarship explanations and application forms can soon be accessed on the Synod website at www.milwaukeesynod.org. New students are accepted at Lincoln Lutheran, 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine (Series A) Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Emmaus Again Named RUSD Lighted Schoolhouse Site

Wadewitz children in kindergarten through third grade are eligible to attend this year's EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) program. The program is led by Claranna Vytlačil, with Nancy Smith and Valerie Crehan completing the teaching team.

This year's program will have special emphasis on homework help, reading skills and enrichment activities. Teens and adults from the congregation and community

are invited to read with one or more students once a week.

The after school program is funded by Racine Unified School District Lighted Schoolhouse grants and a grant from Outreach for Hope.

Racine Unified's registration fee is \$30 per student. Anyone wishing to sponsor a student's registration is encouraged to mark an offering designated for EASY registration.

The program runs from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Thank You to Community Meal Casserole Makers

Thank you to all the Emmaus members who pitched in to make casseroles, salads, and desserts for the August 7 Community Meal at St. Patrick's.

Our next turn to serve the Community Meal will be on October 2. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in September.

Help Emmaus 'Go Green'

Bring in your aluminum cans, cell phones, computer ink cartridges and compact fluorescent bulbs. Thanks to the "can man," Jim Larrabee, for his good nature in taking the cans to the recycling center on High Street. The money from the cans



goes to help with landscaping costs.

Please, do not mix foil in with the cans. Receptacles for these items are located by the back door. Plastic bags for the Northside Food Pantry go in the small green container.

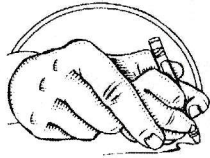
Make New Friends by Mentoring a Child

Last September, Missy Porcaro had mixed feelings about becoming a mentor. At the end of the year told Nancy Smith, "I'm so glad you asked me to be a mentor."

An hour of your time and a heart for kids is all that is required. Many of the students at Wadewitz are lagging behind.

Test results indicate that Wadewitz had the lowest scores in both reading and math. Homework help, conversation, reading, games and crafts are some of the activities you can provide.

Those who have mentored are



invited to remain with the program and their student. Building relationships is one of the keys to developing kids who succeed in school. Several

students who were mentored this past year participated in Wednesday and Neighborhood Camps. There is also a presence of mentored students in the Emmaus Lighted Schoolhouse Program that meets after school Monday through Thursday.

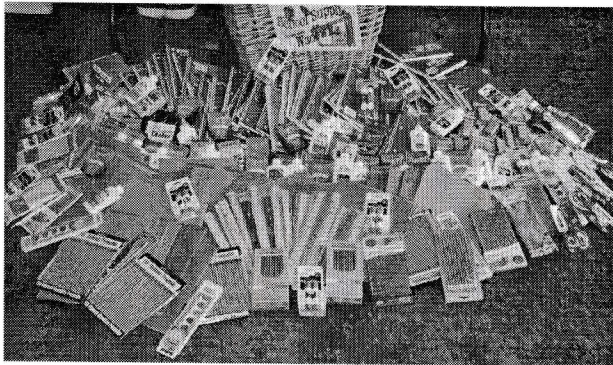
Please consider this most worthy opportunity. Be a friend. It does take a village. We are community! For info: contact Nancy Smith (634-5515).

Students' Start-up Supplies Sought for Wadewitz

Last call! The staff at Wadewitz is always wowed and most appreciative of the outpouring of supplies for students. Many families are

unable to purchase the numerous items on the list of required supplies for class. Check the table in the narthex for a list of what is needed. Your help is welcome and needed. Thank you!

Note: Jhon Freddy will also be "going back to school" in September. If you'd like to help defray the high cost of textbooks, make a check out to Emmaus with "Seminary fund" in the memo line or on the upper right blank of your offering envelope.



Neighborhood Campers Collect Funds for Children's Hospital

Dragons, music, awards, drama, appreciation and presentations at the closing program helped to conclude our seventh summer of Neighborhood camp. Fifty-two children were registered this year. They were guided by a caring and capable group of teens who were assisted by middle school volunteers.

Some of the highlights included a climbing wall, "water day," and the hatching of three chickens and a duck. The duck, dubbed "Speedy" by the kids, stole everyone's heart. The older campers presented Bible story skits each week. While the older campers canoed seven miles down the Fox River, the younger



They had read eight books during their time in camp. It was an awesome sight to see campers spread throughout the church as the older kids read to the younger campers.

The campers selected Children's Hospital as the recipient of their fundraising drive. Lots and lots of aluminum cans were collected and the kids put fistfuls of loose change into a huge bottle. Pastor Mary also contributed \$40.00 — \$10 for each pound she lost during



camp. The campers presented a check for \$345.66 to David Matson, a former camper who has had several surgeries at the hospital.

camp. The campers presented a check for \$345.66 to David Matson, a former camper who has had several surgeries at the hospital. Reading was encouraged. Each of the younger kids received a free book from Barnes & Noble.

Thank You to Emmaus Volunteers

You are special! Many, many hands and hearts were busy in the background providing healthy meals for our campers. Breakfast, lunch and snacks; how many times a day do the kids eat? How many batches of lemonade do you serve to this thirsty group?

The kitchen was busy almost the entire day; prepare the food, wash the dishes only to turn around and repeat the same routine; prepare the food, wash the dishes. The kids were appreciative of the varied menus. Because of one theme, Fit as a Fiddle, the campers got to taste test many new fresh fruits and vegetables.

Thanks to Celia Bagley who headed up the lunch program and thanks too to Marge Zielke, Kathy Denneau and Denise Keller, who

Eschmann, Grace Falaschi, Manuel Gallardo, Marge Jensen, Pat



Jensen, Cindi Larsen, Boots LeRoux, Albelino Mares, Pastor Mary, Cathy Meyer, Rosa Ortiz, Mario and Missy Porcaro, Stacey Robe, Sandi Strini, Willine Svendsen and Claranna Vyylacil. These folks provided help in the kitchen and /or provided cookies, jello and juice. A pat on the back to Paul Velasquez and Miguel Vega who spent many hours standing in front of the dishwasher.

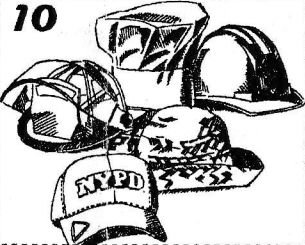


A special note of interest: Shirley and Bill Irvine provided the ingredients for health muffins. The older groups put together a few batches that were tried by all. Some said, "Yum!" and some said, "I'm not so sure." What was that going into the batter - flax?



served breakfast. Additional thanks to Kylee Albright, June Beck, Karla Bielewicz, Kathy Christensen, Marlyn Christensen, Linda Clinton, Valerie Crehan, Cheryl Dexter, Carol and Dennis

September Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Aug. 31 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Randy Sanders	Carol Eschmann	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Sep. 6 5:00 pm	Boots LeRoux Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 7 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann	Chris Lamberton	Celia Bagley	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Sep. 13 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 14 9:15 am	Valerie Crehan Claranna Vytlacil	Karen Sedgwick Caren Lamberton	Zach Robinson	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Sep. 20 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 21 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Kylee Albright	Melissa Lemke	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Sep. 27 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine Cheryl Dexter	—	—	—
Sun. Sep. 28 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Pat Jensen Kathy Christensen	Chris Lamberton	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Oct. 4 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 5 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Carol Eschmann	Bev Hansen	Team 1 Harold Miller
	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
Aug. 31	TBA	Bonnie French	TBA	Evelyn Larsen
Sep. 7	Celia Bagley; Yorgan	Harvest Fest at St. Andrew	Haugsbys	
Sep. 14	Tosleks; TBA	Cong. brunch	Jensens	Evelyn Larsen
Sep. 21	TBA	TBA	B. Holding A. Svendsen	
Sep. 28	Marge Zielke; Missy Porcaro	TBA	Breiwicks	
Oct. 5	TBA	Celia Bagley	Wymas	Pat Sodke

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2006	1 LABOR DAY Office closed	2 1 ST DAY OF SCHOOL 10:00 am Cluster clergy at Atrium 5:00 pm TOPS	3 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes	5	6 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
7 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; GRANDPARENTS' DAY 9:15 am Worship service ELW Setting 10 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Walk for hunger at St. Andrew, followed by Harvest Festival	8 9:00 am Staff mtg. 5:30 pm ESL classes	9 PRIMARY ELECTION 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group	10 	11 PATRIOT DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes	12	13 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Emmaus After School for Youth: 2:30 - 5:00 P.M.</i>						
14 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY CROSS 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Stewardship kick-off brunch	15 9:00 AM Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 <i>October Visitor articles needed in church office</i> 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Book club	16 10:00 am Keenagers 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	17 CITIZENSHIP DAY 5:00 pm Gathering 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Wed. Camp; youth group; Adult study 7:00 pm Worship service	18 10:00 am Morning Book Club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes	19 	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in September

The Keenagers group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and lunch at noon.

Sept. 16: Lyle Andersen, Cheryl Dexter's brother and curator of the Racine Lighthouse Museum, will give a presentation on the lighthouse. Pat Jensen will serve lunch after the program.



September Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Bob Christensen	5311 Douglas Ave. #320	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1520 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 7	Betty Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Blvd.	53403
Sept. 11	Howard Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	5215 Douglas Ave. #108	53402
Sept. 16	Ray Olesen	1320 Wisconsin Ave. #	53403
Sept. 25	Robert Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 30	Vic Johnson	7131 Fieldview Dr. #4	53406
Sept. 30	Carole Wildenberg	1916 Wisconsin Av. #328	53403

Thank You for Adopting Sundays

We give our thanks to Jeff and Lynn McCray for adopting September 7 in honor of Lee and Betty Woodward on their 52nd

wedding anniversary and Grandparents' Day.

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 23, please contact the church office.

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Pick 'n' Save 'We Care' Program Benefits Emmaus

Emmaus has participated in Pick 'n' Save grocery stores' "We Care" program since 1999. Our account number is 205100.

Advantage card users may register to have a small percentage of their totals forwarded to Emmaus by registering our account number to their card. If

you have already filled out an Advantage card registration form, you may apply for a change in account numbers without having to fill out a new form.

So far this year, Emmaus has received \$213.51 from the "We Care" program.

News of Our Members

Alverno Names Cathy Knuteson Full Professor

Cathy Knuteson, Ph.D., RN, has been promoted to the rank of full professor of nursing at Alverno College. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses, makes clinical placement arrangements and chairs the college's Social Interaction Ability committee.

Knuteson is president of the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO).

Thursday evenings, and the third is an on-line course.

In addition to his seminary work leading to a Master of Divinity degree, Jhon Freddy will be doing his required supervised field education at Emmaus and Redeemer. During the week he will dedicate Monday mornings and Wednesdays to the outreach ministry at Emmaus. He will spend time at Redeemer Tuesdays as well as Thursday mornings. His worship leadership will also be shared by the two congregations.

Jhon Freddy will receive scholarships and funding from the Siebert Foundation, LSTC, Bethania LACE fund, and the ELCA.

Individual gifts for the support of Jhon Freddy should be earmarked JFC Seminary Fund. Those gifts will help defray costs of text books, transportation and related expenses.

Jhon Freddy Begins LSTC Courseload

On Sunday, August 24, Jhon Freddy Correa headed to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago for his new student orientation. Registered as a full-time student, Jhon Freddy will be taking three classes this semester. One of the classes meets on Monday afternoons, another

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Book Clubs Pick New Titles

Longer evenings, cooler nights and thoughts return to quiet reading. The morning book group resumes Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. They will discuss *Still Summer* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. High school friends meet up years later on a Caribbean cruise where they are confronted with a crisis situation.

The evening book group will kick off the year on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. *The Zoo Keeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman is the selection. The setting of this title is Poland under Nazi occupation during World War II. Keepers of the Warsaw Zoo shelter Jews from the Warsaw ghetto. The book illustrates how narrow the Nazi worldview was, and what tragedy it wreaked.

Those interested in reading, discussion and fellowship are invited to join either one of these groups. Info: contact, Marge Jensen (634-8754) or Nancy Smith (634-5515).

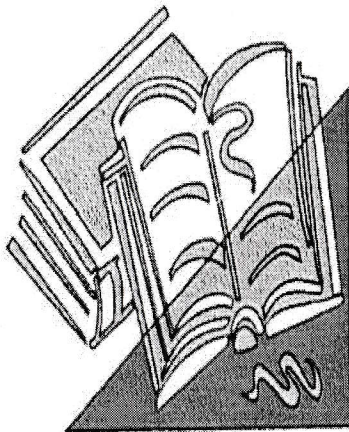
Note that the left hand corner of the bookshelf in the Sunset Room has many of the selections that the book groups have read

plus additional titles of interest for your reading pleasure. You are invited to borrow these books. We ask that you return them in a timely manner.

October Guest Author

On Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. the book groups will join together to discuss the October selection, *Procula*. *Procula* is an historical fiction about the wife of Pontius Pilate. There is a single reference to Pilate's wife in the book of Matthew. To quote the author, "Pilate should have listened to his wife. He would have saved himself a lot of trouble."

The author, Marion Youngquist, will be our guest for the evening. She is the wife of a retired Lutheran pastor and has been involved in the literary field most of her life. She was synodical editor and correspondent for *The Lutheran* for 10 years. She has written plays and won prizes for her poetry. Books will be available to anyone interested in joining this special study. See Claranna Vytlačil.



Start Your Needles September 15

Knit 1 Purl 1 resumes weekly meetings beginning Monday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in knitting and/or crocheting is welcome. Come and see! Prayers shawls, children's



hats, mittens and scarves are some of the items that the group creates.

Conversation and laughter are guaranteed. Contact Bev Hansen (551-8095) or Nancy Smith (634-5515).

WELCA Bulletins

Lydia Circle Begins Fall Meetings

Women's Bible study meets in the Sunset Room at 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning September 3. All women are invited to take part.

Synod Convention

The annual synodical women's convention, "Here Am I Lord, Send Me," will be held Friday evening and all day Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa.

The cost for both days, including meals, is \$75. Persons attending Friday program only (including banquet) is \$35; the Saturday only fee (lunch

included) is \$45. Scholarships are available.

Representatives from various outreach organizations will present workshops on Saturday, including: Habitat For Humanity, Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Lutheran Social Services; Interfaith; Youth And Family Ministry; and Next Door Foundation.

Questions - Call Convention Chair Jan Fox at 262-782-5680 or Convention Registrar Robin Fatla, 262-377-0046.



Newsletter Articles Due September 15

Articles for the October edition of September Visitor

are due in the church office September 15.

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Member Care

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illness or challenging times.

Karen Sedgwick will be creating and sending special cards for this purpose. Let Karen (681-3188) know if you would like to participate in this ministry, or if you know of a member who needs a card.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Carol Eschmann is our parish nurse. She will be taking blood pressures in front of the church office on the first Sunday of each month following the morning worship service. If you have questions, contact Carol at 835-2372.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Knit One Purl One group meets every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room and all are welcome. Shawls may

be knitted or crocheted, and there is an ample supply of yarn.

If you would like to support this ministry without taking up knitting or crocheting, consider a donation toward additional yarns. For more information, contact Nancy Smith (633-3059) or Bev Hansen (551-8095).

Prayer Chain Ministry

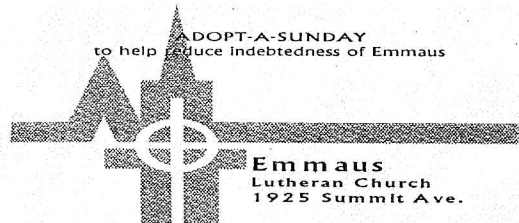
Do you know someone who needs prayers? The Emmaus prayer chain prays continuously, as its members receive prayer requests by mail, e-mail or phone. Perhaps you would like to become a part of this special team; please call Karen Christiansen (886-0575) to learn more.

Also, if you know of someone in need of healing prayer, please contact Pastor Mary or Paul Berge in the church office (634-5515).

Bereavement Ministry

All of us experience sorrow and loss at some time in our lives. Emmaus Member Care is sending a series of booklets entitled *Journeying Through Grief* to members who have recently lost a loved one.

Let Cathy Meyer (321-0050) know if you are aware of someone who may benefit from this ministry.



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: _____

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages	2006	2007	2008
June averages	95	97	97
July averages	97	98	103
August averages	89	109	73*
September averages Sat. & Sun. only	115	92	117 76

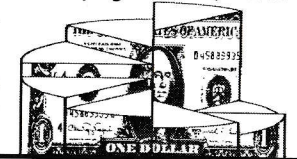
* Calculated as of August 24, 2008.

Financial Figures

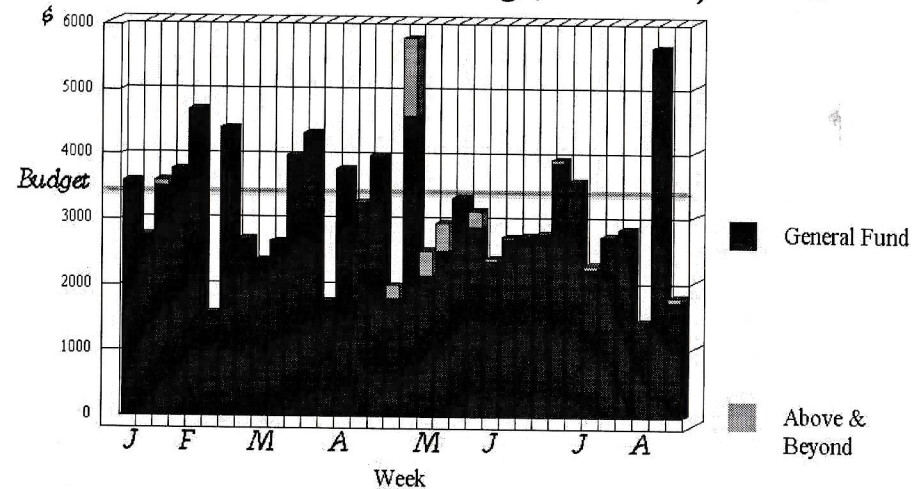
	Total for month	Year to date**
General Fund offerings received in June 2008:	\$13,569.25	
+ Initial offering, ESP, & Adopt-a-Bill:	\$415.69	\$91,843.85
General Fund offerings received in July 2008:	\$12,501.55	
+ ESP & Adopt-a-Bill:	\$2,653.28	\$106,998.68
Annual budget for General Fund offerings:	\$180,000.00	
Weekly budget for General Fund offerings:	\$3,461	Deficit as of August 20, 2008: \$14,058

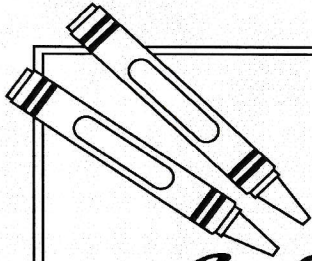
** Includes \$5,933.39 received in 2007 for 2008 pledges.

Mortgage retirement offerings received in June	\$260.00
in July	\$270.00
..... Campaign TD:	\$58,360.62
Mortgage payment, June-August: Principal	\$1,263.44
Interest.....	\$1,050.56
Extra principal.....	\$0.00
Total.....	\$1,984.00
Principal balance as of July. 14, 2008:	\$70,560.20



General Fund Offerings, Week by Week





Just for KIDS

As for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

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	I	L	M	V*	W*	Y*



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JOSHUA 24:15B

Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Emmaus Name: Phone.....

Scrip Address..... ZIP.....

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Sentry		\$10, \$20		
Walgreens	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
BP		\$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOUSEWARES				
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		
Boston Store	8%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Dick's Sporting Goods	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		
The Limited	4%	\$25		
Old Navy	9%	\$25		
Pay Less Shoes	13%	\$20		

Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
Toys/Kids/Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books/Borders	9%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	4%	\$25		
Office Max	5%	\$25		
COFFEE, FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Arby's	10%	\$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		
Noodles	8%	\$10		
Old Country Buffet	5%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Paneras Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$10		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Subway	8%	\$10		
TGI Fridays	8%	\$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONICS, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$25		
			TOTAL:	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services, or charge service fees on cards held for extended periods of time.

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

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Elsewhere In Our Area

Lutherdale Auctions Quilts

Lutherdale will hold its Fest and Quilt Auction on Saturday, September 6. All quilts and specialty pieces will be on display for silent bids starting Friday morning.

Booths open at 9:15 a.m. Saturday; the auction begins at 10:00.

Pre-fest day is Friday, September 5 from 10:00 to 4:00 and 5:00 to 8:00. Food, bakery, and crafts will be available as well as leisurely viewing of the quilts.

Heart Association Holds Start Walk

The American Heart Association is making a "Start!" to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in our community: the American Heart Association Southeastern Wisconsin Start! Heartwalk, at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27 at UW-Parkside.

Recruit a team within your church and make a difference. To learn more visit them on line at www.heartwalk.kitnera.org/sewisconsin or contact Melissa Mitchell at 414-227-1463 or melissa.mitchell@heart.org. Your support allows them to continue their life-saving programs and services.

To register, please call 1-800-499-5736 or 262 767-7100.

North Cape Lutheran Hosts Fish Boil

North Cape Lutheran Church invites you to their 25th annual All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 27, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6-11. Reservations are accepted for groups of ten or more.

The menu includes boneless, skinless ocean cod smothered in butter (or margarine on request), new jacketed potatoes, boiled carrots and onions, homemade dessert and a beverage. Watch the masters cook the meal outdoors over an open wood fire while "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.

Your Response of 'Yes!' Touches Lives

Just last Sunday, one of our newer members walked into church with two brand new bulging backpacks slung over her shoulder. Inside those colorful backpacks were notebooks and scissors and glue and crayons and so much more.

The response of Yes! to the request for school supplies for Wadewitz students can be witnessed at the entrance of the church where dozens and dozens of items are being collected. Lives are touched by your generosity!

A generous heart does touch and change lives. While I was on vacation in the Twin Cities in August, a friend of mine whom I had not seen for about twenty years reached out to another Racinian. Racine artist and dramatist Mary Helena was performing a one-woman show in Minneapolis as part of the Twin Cities Fringe Festival.

After learning that Mary Helena needed a place to stay for a week, my friend, Nancy Nelson, responded without hesitation. Yes, Mary Helena could stay at her home.

Mary Helena returned to Racine filled with gratitude for the generosity and hospitality shown her, sharing stories of laughter and connection and of her new friend, Nancy. Lives have been mutually

touched and changed as the result of that outpouring of generosity.

Upon returning from vacation, I learned that the offering for the weekend of August 10 had been the lowest of the entire year. Unlike the extremely low attendance on a couple of winter Sundays when wind and ice and snow kept folks at home, the beautiful August weekends had invited many of us to be elsewhere to spend time vacationing or with family and friends. The financial consequences to Emmaus were brutal. How would God respond to our prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

At the moment I wondered how we would meet our most urgent financial obligations of the week, a letter came to us from former members who now live out of town. Aware of Emmaus' financial need, that couple surprised us with an unexpected check for \$2,000! Once again, God has touched lives through the generosity of two of God's precious children.

I am so grateful for the generous hearts of the Emmaus community — from the widow who regularly hands me a crumpled \$5.00 bill and says, "Pastor Mary, this is for someone who needs help," to the person

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Pastor Mary's Column

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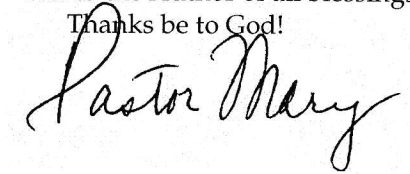
who is planning to leave a legacy of care and compassion by naming Emmaus in her will and her life insurance policy. The spirit of generosity touches both the heart of the giver and those who receive.

We worship a God who is all about unconditional generosity and grace. Unconditional forgiveness and immeasurable love and acceptance are what we receive through the ultimate

sacrifice of Jesus' life on the cross. It's the uncalculated generosity of God's love that brings us life — today and forever.

How can we help but respond in gratitude and generosity to such a gift? How can we help but say Yes! to the Author of all blessings?

Thanks be to God!



Stewards of God's Mysteries

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enthralled. You can't put the book down, even though it's way past your bedtime. You read and you read until finally you come to the dramatic ending.

Impatient readers might prefer the quicker method. Yet true mystery fans will tell you that the second way is much more fulfilling. Likewise, some people say it doesn't matter how we do things, as long as we get them done. All that matters is the end result. It appears that Jesus would disagree with that. He described the Christian life as a process, not merely a final product. He calls us to take up our cross daily, to say "Yes" to God in every moment of our lives. There are no shortcuts in the Christian journey. Yet God walks with us every step of the way.

We are stewards of God's mysteries. Christ is not as concerned about the end product of our lives or all that we accomplish as he is that we be found trustworthy along the path of our life journey. Following Christ and living as a faithful steward may include a few unexpected turns. Yet we are caught up in Christ's story. We might just be amazed at how fulfilling the whole process can be.

Say "Yes" to God's call. God has wonderful surprises in store for you.

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In the September Visitor:
Wednesday Evening
Activities Start Sept. 17
The End of the World?
St. Andrew Harvest Festival
CROP Walk Sept. 21
Emmaus After School for
Youth Opens Sept. 8
Neighborhood Camp
Wrap-up



YOU ARE INVITED TO A BLOCK PARTY
On National Night Out! Join the Celebration



Time: 7:00 P.M. - ???

Place: St. Emmaus - Carlisle Avenue Alley

Theme: Movie In The Moonlight

We are asking each family to bring:

Childhood photos and see who can win "Name that Baby."

Chairs to sit on, your own meats or food to grill, 1 salad or desert to share, your own beverages, non-breakable plates, cups and cutlery.

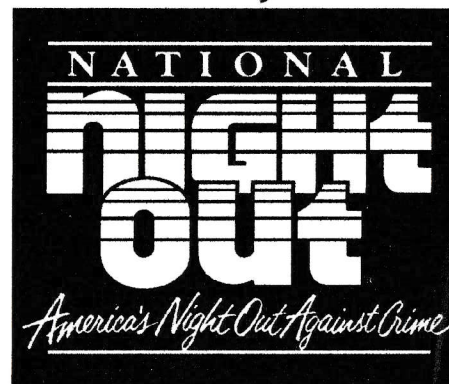
In Addition...

Anyone have a grill, or table that could be used?

Do you have a special talent that you would like to share?

Or suggestions for activities you could organize?

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To Help Out or Rsvp, Please Phone Ivan Barra at 898-9824 or Tracy Trentadue at 637-1196



Emmaus Visitor

October, 2008

Meet Our New Choir Director, Becky Smurawa

Emmaus welcomed Becky Smurawa as the director of choral music at a pot luck dinner hosted in the home of Brenda Trumbauer. Choir members and members of the Worship and Music Committee were part of the get-acquainted event.

Becky, her husband and their 19-month-old son are Racine residents. A graduate of an ELCA college in Kenosha, Becky is currently a middle school music teacher in Kenosha.

Becky's long-term goals include advanced study in choral directing. A lifelong member of the



Episcopal church, Becky brings with her a deep appreciation for church liturgy and music. She is delighted to direct the Emmaus choir.

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- ✿ *Wednesday Night Activities*
- ✿ *Confirmation October 26*
- ✿ *2009 Mission Trip Planned*
- ✿ *Where Are the Banners?*
- ✿ *Meet Author Marion Youngquist*
- ✿ *Blessing of Prayer Shawls*
- ✿ *Keenagers See Eco-Justice Center*
- ✿ *All Saints' Flower Form*

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Pastoral Act

Baptism:
**Glenndon Gilbert
Toslek**
September 14, 2008

Glenndon is the son of Eric and Brittany Toslek, the grandson of Gil and Barb Toslek, and the great-grandson of Joyce Toslek. His sponsors are Brian and Stacy Lawrence.

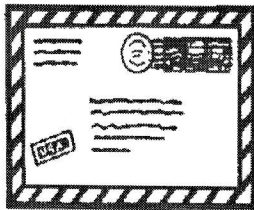
We Extend Condolences to Haman Family

We extend our sympathy to Rick Haman and family upon the sudden death of his sister Debbie

on September 16 at age 49. She leaves behind a husband, daughter and stepson.

Please Excuse Some Stilted Language

Sparked by mention in several Lutheran churches' newsletters last month of a certain Elkhorn-located Lutheran Bible camp that must remain nameless, the Racine office of a well-known mail delivery service has informed church newsletters throughout Racine that we are forbidden to name any enterprise which has not filed its non-profit status with the Racine office of the well-known mail delivery service. That is now considered advertising, and disqualifies us from using non-profit postal rates.



What that means is that the September *Visitor* was mailed at the business rate instead of the non-profit rate, hiking the cost by over 30%.

In addition to several businesses named in the

September *Visitor*, we were told we could not print the web address of our synod, the name of a Racine County entity which coordinates food pantries, or the name of an ecumenical global church organization which sponsors an annual walk for hunger relief.

There is no list of what organizations we may safely mention, and apparently, common sense will be of no help to us, either. Accordingly, this newsletter may resort to some awkward language to avoid referring to outside organizations by name.

For clearer and more accurate details of any articles in the Emmaus *Visitor*, please visit our own web page at <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>.

'Expect Grace, Dare to Hope'

Pastor Walter will help lead an Advent weekend retreat at a Dominican center north of town off Erie Street December 5-7. Do we have the right to expect Grace from God in the midst of our suffering world? How do we dare

to hope when we are so often stuck in ruts of despair and stress?

Join presenters Pastor Walter Hermanns and Carol Poston for a time of renewal and healing. For information, call Sister Rita Lui at 639-4100.

Food Pantry Needs Substitute Help

The north side food pantry needs substitute workers in the event a regular helper cannot work. Are you willing to have your name on a substitute list? Can you



help out once in a while? If you can help, call or see Diane Melander, 681-2796, or rmelander@wi.rr.com.

Third Quarter Statements Will Be Available in Narthex

Third quarter giving statements will be available in the narthex early in October for everyone who has made an

offering of record and has been assigned an offering envelope number.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Organist:	Brenda Trumbauer		
Secretary:	Paul Berge		
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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday morning at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

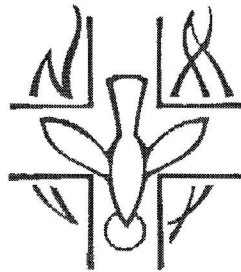
Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Haman, Bagley to Be Confirmed on Reformation Sunday

As part of Emmaus' observation of Reformation Sunday, two young members of the congregation will publicly affirm their baptism.

Jen Haman and Mason Bagley have undergone instruction in the Christian faith. All parents, baptismal sponsors, friends and relatives are invited to attend this special



CONFIRMATION

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

album and boutonniere pinned at 9:00 a.m.

Middle School Youth Meet Here October 19

This year, our church is doing something a little different for our middle school youth. In addition to the weekly evening gatherings (Wednesdays, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.) led by Sandy Strini and Jhon Freddy Correa, there will be a special time of Faith Formation once a month.

Pastor Mary, Jhon Freddy Correa, and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer's Pastor Molly are leading the first semester of Faith Formation, "Life in Baptism." The

first meeting was Sunday, September 28 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

The next meeting is Sunday, October 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Emmaus Lutheran Church.

Later meetings will be Sunday, November 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and a special December activity with date and time to be announced.



Middle School Notes

Emmaus Offers Wednesday Night Youth Activities for All

There are several age group offerings for Wednesday night studies. Claranna Vytlacil and Nancy Smith will team teach the preschool and elementary kids. Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandi Strini will team teach the middle and high school group.

The first study will revolve around the subject of Stewardship - God's Generosity: Our Response-ibility.

This year, the kids will learn about African drumming. A member of All Nations will join Emmaus every other week beginning October 1 to work with the kids. Emmaus has a number of djembe drums for the kids to use.



The Wednesday evening schedule includes a buffet supper, Bible study for kids and adults and a brief worship service at 7:00 p.m. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

High School Group Topics

- October 1: Stewards of Time: What do I do with my time?
- October 8: Are there positive or negative consequences of what I do with my time? Guest: Maribel Velasquez on AIDS.
- October 15: How do we communicate with each other? Hearing impaired guest.
- October 22: How do we decide who we want to be?
- October 29: Hallowe'en. Costumes, dinner.
- November 5: How would we feel if we were homeless?

Can You Help with Wednesday Meals?

Something new is being introduced. We need your help! We are asking members to help prepare and serve one meal a month for our Wednesday program.

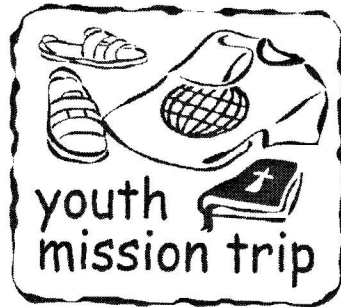
It has been on the shoulders of one family to provide wonderful meals for this vital outreach program. We are encouraging a

few people each month to step up to the plate. There will be a set menu with recipes, much like the St. Patrick's community meal.

The cost of the food is covered by the Outreach budget. Turn receipts in to Valerie Crehan. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Youth Travel to Yakama Reservation in Summer, 2009

Youth leaders from Emmaus and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer have been working together to plan a mission trip for seventh to twelfth graders for the summer of 2009. A limited number of spaces have been reserved for a trip to Yakima, Washington from July 28 to August 9, 2009.



The total cost of the trip is \$930.00, which includes round-trip train transportation from Milwaukee. Also included are 90% of the meals, a two-night stay in Portland, Oregon, with sight-seeing and 4½ days on the Yakama Indian reservation (the site where mission work will be done). The adults traveling with the group of 20 are Pastor Molly Doreza, Pastor Mary Janz, Jhon Freddy Correa, and Sandy Strini.

Our goal is to cover all but \$230.00 per person for the trip through fund raising and special donations and gifts. It's a challenge, but we know it is possible! To guarantee a space on the trip, please make a payment of \$30.00 (non-refundable) to reserve a place by October 15.

The Yakama Reservation is located in south central Washington, to the east of the Cascade Mountain Range and Mt. Rainier National Park. It covers 1,300,000 acres and is home to the 14 tribes and bands that make up the Yakama Nation. At present, there are approximately 10,000 enrolled members in the Yakama Nation.

This experience is an opportunity of a lifetime, and we hope your son or daughter will be able to participate.

Youth Birthdays in October

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	7
Oct. 9	Joe Ford	14
Oct. 14	Collin Christman	12
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	8
Oct. 16	Henry Yunker	7
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith	15
Oct. 20	Sydney Johnson	11
Oct. 28	Madeline Horejsi	1
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson	10



Adult Group to Discuss 'Good God Questions' Video Series

Something new for adults at Emmaus is coming. Valerie will host a discussion group at Emmaus on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. starting October 1. She will use the DVD *Good God Questions* to start each session and spark discussion.



The DVD series features four teachers from Luther Seminary discussing topics of interest to Christians. After the 15-minute presentation, the Emmaus group will have 30 minutes for their own

discussion. A study guide will be available.

Our first topic will be "What is the Trinity?" On October 8, we'll discuss "How do I know the Holy Spirit is active in my life?" The next topic will be chosen by the group.

A buffet supper is available from 5:00 to 6:00.

It should be fun and stimulating. Come join us; all are welcome.

Where Have All the Banners Gone?

Many individuals have noticed that the banners along our church walls were in desperate need of cleaning. A work day was therefore planned to clean the banners and also work on several other cleaning projects in the sanctuary. As these preparations were being made, several people took a closer look at the banners and determined that they were falling apart.

It was then decided that the banners should come down. The Worship and Music committee will form a group of interested individuals to suggest and possibly design and create some new art work for that space.

The banners have enhanced our sanctuary walls approximately 30 years. It is with many thanks and an appreciation to the ladies for all the time spent making the banners that we bid farewell to the banners.

We look forward to some new and inspirational art work to take their place. If you are interested in joining a group to look at all the possibilities for these walls, please contact a member of the Worship and Music committee. They are: Caren Lamberton, Brenda Trumbauer, Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen, Joyce Kaiser, Claranna Vytlačil, and Becky Smurawa.

Author Youngquist Meets Our Book Clubs

Join us for an all church read: *Procula* by Marion Youngquist "Procula was a woman born to privilege, grows up in Rome amid trials in a troubled household. After a whirlwind courtship, she marries Pontius Pilate. In Palestine, she discovers the strength of the



Judeans as they confront Roman authority. When Pilate is recalled to Rome, Procula executes a daring escape to save her family. Read about this woman, an eyewitness to the crucifixion, who almost changed human history."

After you read the book, come and join us for discussion with the author on October 20. A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.

and discussion will be at 7:00 p.m. If you can't make the dinner, you can still join us for the discussion at 7:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

The author, Marion Youngquist, will be our guest for the evening. She is the wife of a retired

Lutheran pastor and has been involved in the literary field most of her life. She was synodical editor and correspondent for the monthly magazine of our national church for 10 years. She has written plays and won prizes for her poetry. Books will be available to anyone interested in joining this special study. See Claranna Vytlačil.

Knitters' Work to Be Blessed October 12

The knitters and some who prefer to crochet have been busy over the summer. Prayer shawls, hats, mittens and scarves are in abundance. These items will be blessed on Stewardship Sunday, October 12. Some of the hats, mittens and scarves will be donated to the kids at Wadewitz. Other sets will be distributed as part of the Giving Tree Christmas project.



Prayer shawls are given to people who can use a spiritual boost. If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving a prayer shawl please notify Bev Hansen or Nancy Smith.

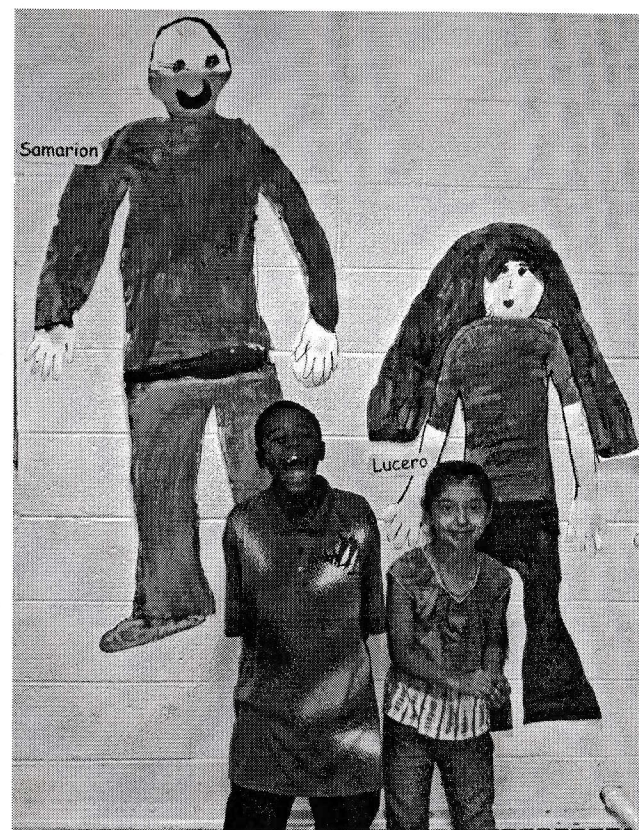
Knit 1, Purl 1 meets every Monday at 10:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Come and join us for laughs, conversation, some treats and, yes, a bit of creating with needles and hooks.

22 Enroll in Emmaus After School Program

EASY has started its programming for the 2008-09 school year. We have 22 students this year including several helpers from the older grades.

The children are very excited to be here. Lighted Schoolhouse has provided us with several students from Horlick High School to help us this year.

These first weeks, we have been adjusting to new schedules. Kids have been making life-size self-portraits as we learn "All About Me." At right, Samarion and Lucero pose in front of their self-portraits.



Our next topic will be "Fall."

Help a Child Attend Emmaus After School

Once again Emmaus is a Racine Lighted Schoolhouse site. We have 20 first though third grade students enrolled. In addition, three older students are part of the program as helpers. Claranna Vytlačil, Valerie Crehan, and Nancy Smith are team teaching the program.

Many of our students are at or below the poverty level. The registration fee this year is \$30 per student. Please consider a donation to help support a child in this enrichment program. It is truly heartwarming to turn these kids on to learning, and it is vital to their future. Donation envelopes are in the narthex.

Price Paid to Coffee Farmers to Increase

by Diane Melander

Our source for fair trade coffee made a decision over eight years ago to pay the coffee farmers a significant premium over market and fair trade prices. The price we have been paying to the farmers has not changed since the program began.

Because the cost of living and the cost of producing coffee have increased over the years, it is time to increase the price paid to our friends in Tanzania. The price we pay the farmers for this year's production will be increased by 10% and will continue to be higher than prices established by the market and the Fair Trade standard.

Beginning this fall, we will be paying the farmers more for their coffee. At the same time, the costs

of transportation and shipping, along with other operating costs, have increased. Therefore, beginning October 1, a 12-oz. package of coffee will be priced at \$9.00. This price will be the same for regular and decaffeinated coffee. The price for 4-lb. packages will be increased to \$40 at the same time.

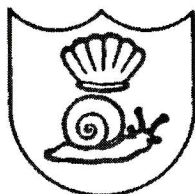


Emmaus has been enjoying fair trade coffee since last spring. Did you know that we serve this delicious coffee at coffee time after worship on Sunday? If you would like to purchase coffee and can't get to coffee hour, call Diane Melander at 681-2796 to arrange a convenient pick-up.

One or two volunteers are needed to help sell coffee on Sunday mornings. Please let Diane know if you can help out a few Sundays a year.

Pastor Walter Leads October Women's Bible Study Meeting

The women's afternoon Bible study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 8. All women of the church are invited to participate in a special study

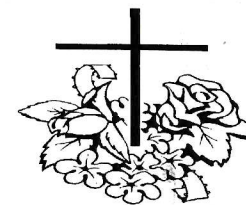


led by Pastor Walter. Lydia Circle will resume meeting on the first Wednesday of the month in November.


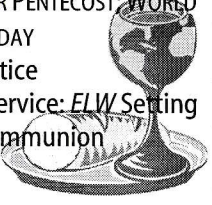
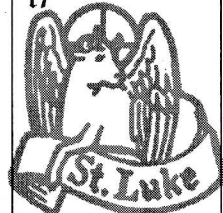


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October Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Oct. 4 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 5 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Carol Eschmann	Melissa Lemke	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Oct. 11 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 12 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Diane Melander Claranna Vytlacil	Lee Woodward	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Oct. 18 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 19 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Gregg Albright	Sandy Strini	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Sat. Oct. 25 5:00 pm	Boots LeRoux Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sun. Oct. 26 9:15 am	Valerie Crehan Claranna Vytlacil	Cindi Larsen Olga Wilson	Caroline Crehan	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Nov. 1 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 2 9:15 am CST	TBA	Joy Lippmann	Randy Sanders	Team 5 W. Meteyard



	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
Oct. 5	TBA	Celia Bagley	Wymas	Pat LeRoux- Sodke
Oct. 12	Eschmanns; Kellers	Carol & Dennis Eschmann	Haugsbys	
Oct. 19	Lyle Christensen	McCrays	Jensens	
Oct. 26	Cindi & Loren Larsen; TBA	TBA	B. Holding A. Svendsen	
Nov. 2	Lynn & Jeff McCray; TBA	TBA	Breiwicks	Valerie Crehan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October, 2008</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net ☎ 262 634-5515</p> 			1 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wednesday Camp 6:00 pm Adult study 7:00 pm Closing worship	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 ESL classes	3 Synod Women's convention, St. Matthew, Wauwatosa	4 8:30 am Green congregations mtg., Covenant PC 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Keenagers in October

The Keenagers group will meet **only on the third Tuesday of the month** for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m., and lunch at noon.

October Birthdays: 70 Years and Better



Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Blvd.	53405
Oct. 10	Marlyn Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2401 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	1724 Michigan Blvd.	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 28	Kathy Cook	5733 Alburg Avenue	53406
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	c/o 333 Lake Ave. #306	53403
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Ave. #608	53403

Keenagers to Visit Eco-Justice Center

On Tuesday, October 21, the Keenagers will meet at the church and carpool to the Eco-Justice Center which is located just off Four Mile Road.



Eco-Justice is run by the Racine Dominican sisters. It is dedicated to environmental education and care of Earth.

Sister Janet, the enthusiastic director, will give a tour and share

the history of the old Michna farm. What is interesting is how they have developed the center to be "green."

Eco-Justice is handicapped accessible. They just opened Education Station where programs for the community take place. We will return to Emmaus for lunch provided by Pat Jensen. If you are interested in this program, please sign up or call the church office.

Emmaus to Remember Our Saints

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' Day worship bulletins, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Sunday, 2007. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors officiated.



All Saints' Day

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.

Floral Arrangement Honors Our Saints

In celebration of All Saints Sunday on November 1 and 2, 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 printed in the bulletin.

These dedications need not be limited to the memory of those who have passed away within this year.

Please complete the enclosed form and include \$4.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the church office by October 21.

ALL SAINTS' DAY MEMORIAL GARDEN

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$4.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: \$ _____

My/Our name: _____

In memory of: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____ 7. _____

Emmaus Serves Community Meal Oct. 2

The October 2 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex along with the casserole recipe; cake pans with lids are available in the plastic storage container under the table. Casserole recipes are again

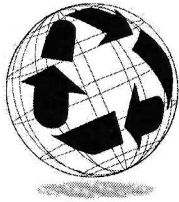


available on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

If you cannot help on October 2 but would be available to 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.

Trinity United Methodist to Host Green Congregation Meeting

The fall meeting of the Green Congregation Program will be on Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 to 10:00 at Covenant Presbyterian, 40 Ohio Street. Green teams and interested individuals all denominations are invited. The meeting will review



the Green Congregation Program, share reports of activities, and make plans for the year. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dave Rhoads (drhoads@lstc.edu) or Betty Brenneman (e_bren@sbcglobal.net)

Openings Remain on Flower Calendar

There are still a few open Sundays on the Emmaus altar flower schedule. At press time, one or both displays are available for anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers every



Sunday from October 26 to the end of the year.

We ask \$20.00 to sponsor altar flowers. The church secretary will give you a call during the week before your sponsored Sunday to ask how you want the dedication to appear in the worship bulletins.

Cards & Letters

Hospital Thanks Neighborhood Campers

Dear Nancy:

The smiles of the faces of kids when they start feeling better. The relief on the faces of parents when their child turns the corner on a serious illness. These are some of the rewards that those of us who work at [a Milwaukee hospital specializing in treating children] receive every day. For you, please accept our thanks on their behalf for the part you played in creating these wonders.

Thank you for choosing to involve the children of Emmaus Neighborhood Camp through the

donation of \$345.66 collected during the five-week camp session benefiting [a Milwaukee hospital specializing in treating children] because this kind of support is what makes this all happen. The patient care, education, advocacy and research that you help create bring smiles to more faces that you can ever know. [The Foundation of the Milwaukee hospital specializing in treating children] is a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Best wishes,
Linda Schieble
Director, Special Events

Think Green for Yard Construction Projects

by John Berge

With summer's heat and humidity behind us, you may be starting an outdoor construction project. If you are, remember to choose products that that conserve resources and minimize pollution.

When buying lumber, look for labels that indicate the wood comes from sustainably managed forests (Forest Certification Programs). Consider composite lumber made from recycled plastic and wood wastes.

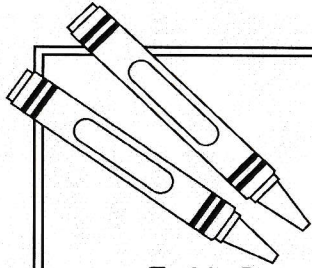
Avoid pressure-treated wood when possible; but if necessary, be sure to properly dispose of sawdust and scrap. Do not try to



compost or burn this waste, especially in an indoor fireplace.

For ground-based patios, consider brick or paving stones. Compared with poured concrete, they allow better water drainage and minimize storm run-off.

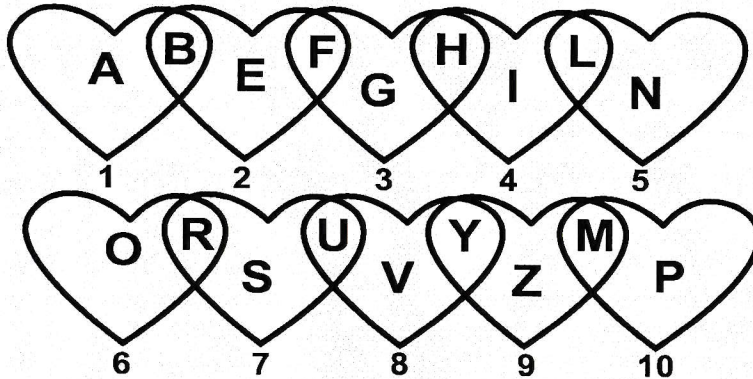
Consider the lifetime of your project and the furniture on it. It is better to buy quality than to frequently throw out and replace cheaper products. Furniture constructed with composite materials made with recyclables can save frequent replacements while protecting our natural resources.



Just for **KIDS**

THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV).
Do you remember what the second great commandment is?
Use the code below to discover it.

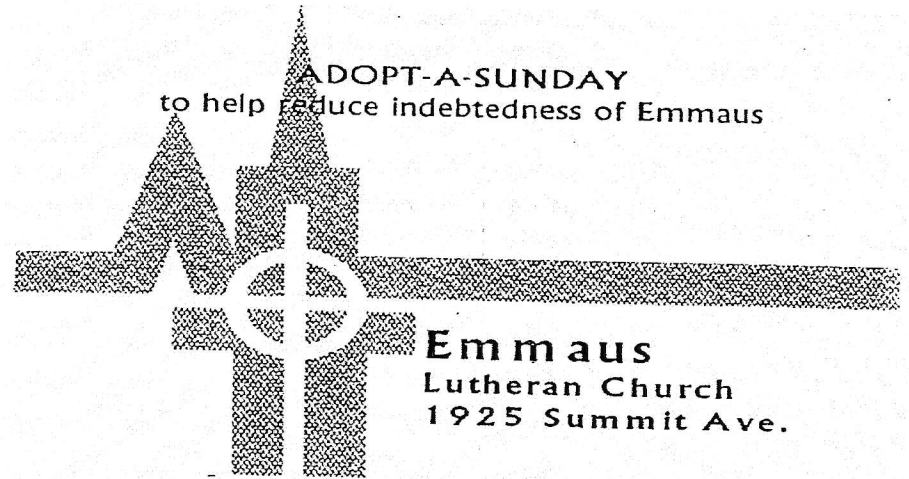


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Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
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: _____

Crunching the Numbers

	2006	2007	2008*
August worship attendance averages	99	109	74
Sept averages	Sat. & Sun. only	115 92	117 76
Oct. averages		166 114	138 85

* Averages calculated as of 9/24/08.

Financial Figures	Total for Aug.	Year-to-date	Campaign-to-date
General fund offerings	\$13,752.70	\$ 121,051.34	
E.S.P. + Adopt-Bill + Lawn care	\$ 299.96		
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,755.00	\$58,680.62
Principal balance as of 9/12/2008:	\$69,290.34		

Dean Candler Speaks Near DeKoven Street

The Very Rev. Sam Candler, Dean of a cathedral in Atlanta, will speak at the Great Hall of the center at the corner of DeKoven Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Saturday, October 18.

Dean Candler will address the question, "How can Christians live creatively when Fundamentalism has taken center stage, not only in Christianity, but in other great religions as well?"

According to Dean Candler, the majority of mainline Christian communities are committed to bringing Christ's creative justice and reconciling love to everyone. Lately, the religious right has become vocal enough to threaten Christianity's credibility of message in the eyes of the very world "God so loved." Too often, the word Christian is equated with narrowness, judgment, rejection — all of which are in direct opposition to Jesus' own life and ministry.

Dean Candler will address this problem and suggest possible solutions. Hope for our world today may lie in the ability of mainline Christians communities to be faithful to the Kingdom of God Jesus lived and preached — and perhaps, in that way to encourage extremists in other religions to be faithful to their own center ground. There will be time

for conversation, questions and general discussion, as well as a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The suggested donation of \$35 includes a luncheon.

College Music Department Sponsors Concert

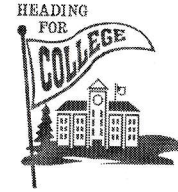
Please check your Sunday bulletin for information about chamber music concerts at a Lutheran college on the northeast side of Kenosha. A piano, violin and cello trio is playing there at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 5. If you call 551-8500 for ticket information, be sure to mention that you are a member of Emmaus.

Redeemer Bridge Club Invites Players

The Marathon Bridge Club of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer invites bridge players to join them for the coming year. They play in members' homes, four couples at a time, once a month. For details, call Marie Jensen at 554-1252.

Area Churches Invite High School Juniors on Tours of Lutheran Colleges

There will be not one but two ELCA College Tours this fall, over Teachers' Convention weekend.



A one-day tour is offered on Thursday, October 30 to the ELCA affiliated college northeast of Kenosha, and to our Lutheran Campus Ministries at a college and a university in Milwaukee. Contact Andrea Godson at Holy Communion in Racine: hlc.youth@gmail.com.

There will be minimal cost, if any, for the one-day tour. (Freshman may be eligible for this trip, too. Ask Andrea.)

There will also be a three-day road trip Thursday, October 30 through Saturday, November 1 to ELCA Colleges in Minnesota and Iowa. The cost: for the three-day trip is \$40-50. Contact Paul Mittermaier at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jackson, 262-677-3176 or pastorstjohns@nconnect.net to sign up.

This is a great experience, whether you're the only student from your church, or a whole bunch come from your church!

Additional details are printed in Emmaus Sunday worship bulletins.

Vigil Marks Mental Health Week

"You Are Loved (Don't Give Up)" is the theme of the candlelight vigil sponsored by the Racine chapter of a national mental health awareness organization at Cristo Rey Parish Sunday, October 5. After a 4:00 p.m. non-denominational prayer service, there will be a procession around the courthouse, speeches and proclamations, then a dinner at Cristo Rey. The event marks the beginning of Mental Health Awareness week.

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran to Host Pilot Program

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, will host a pilot study program for adults in the early to middle stages of Alzheimer's disease or related memory loss. The Friendship Club pilot study will consist of four sessions on every Wednesday from October 22 through November 12, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To learn more or to volunteer, please call Ellen Mutter, 898-2709, or e-mail emutter@llor.org.

God's Work. Our Hands

National news is barraging us with somber economic realities: As we hear about financial powerhouses falling into bankruptcy, it triggers emotions including anger anxiety, fear and even panic.

What's next? How did we get here? Who is in control? What about a bailout?

It's in this national context of fear, chaos and confusion that we as a congregation are asking our own questions. What are we going to do about:

- the problems with leaks and the water gushing through downstairs windows during heavy rains?
- the 1980's phones that often need to have wires jiggled to work properly?
- the 50+-year-old stove that now has only one working oven?
- the current deficit of \$19,900?
- the lack of funds for Wednesday night music?
- the need for volunteers to prepare food for so many events and programs?

You, the people of Emmaus, historically are people of faith and resilience who say "Yes!" to God's call - especially during difficult

times. You are very invested in God's work in this place. You are the echo of this year's stewardship theme, "We Say Yes!"



We need to celebrate and acknowledge the many ways recently that the people of Emmaus have responded "Yes!"

- **Water leaking through windows?** Rich, Loren and Lyle spent hours hauling rock, digging, rerouting drain pipes and placing window wells to address the cause of the problem.
- **No funds for Wednesday music?** Brenda and drummers from All Nations are volunteering their musical talents and their time.
- **No funds for a professional landscaper/gardener?** Take a look at the fruits of the labors of volunteers Melissa, Douglas, Nancy, Cathy, Linda, Olga, Loren, Pat, Kathy, Cheryl and Lyle.

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Pastor Mary's Column

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As one of our longtime neighbors recently commented, "I've never seen the church grounds look so beautiful!"

- **Emmaus members struggling during tight economic times?** Several anonymous donors have contributed generously to assist fellow members through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Those funds have provided for many needs: groceries, gas, a used stove, tutoring for a dyslexic child, help with escrow, and medications. I only wish I could adequately convey the genuine gratitude of those who have received these gifts.
- **Volunteers needed to prepare and serve meals?** Up to 75 people are served at a time for many of the meals. Some of the volunteers who make that possible are: Carol, Kim, Dale, Karen, Jen, Maribel, Mary, Rick, Celia, Paul, Judy, Pat, Kathy, Marge, Cindi, Denise, Carol, Cheryl (and any others I may have overlooked).
- **Floors need waxing? Walls need painting?**

Mops and paint brackets and ladders have been tools for Richard, Nancy, Julie and Abelino, who have gone above and beyond to keep costs down.

The important question for each of us to prayerfully consider is how do we respond to God's call? Where are we being challenged to say "Yes!" to the ongoing ministry of Emmaus?

How are you being called to make a financial commitment? How will you say "Yes"? By a pledge to the General Fund, or a contribution to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund? Perhaps you are in a position to give an "Above & Beyond" gift for deficit reduction.

How are you called to say "Yes!" through commitment of time for worship, study and serving?

Fortunately, we don't answer to a selfish, greedy CEO or even to government officials. We answer to a generous, extravagant God who has given us all we have in the first place.

God's work. Our Hands. We Say Yes!

In Christ's service

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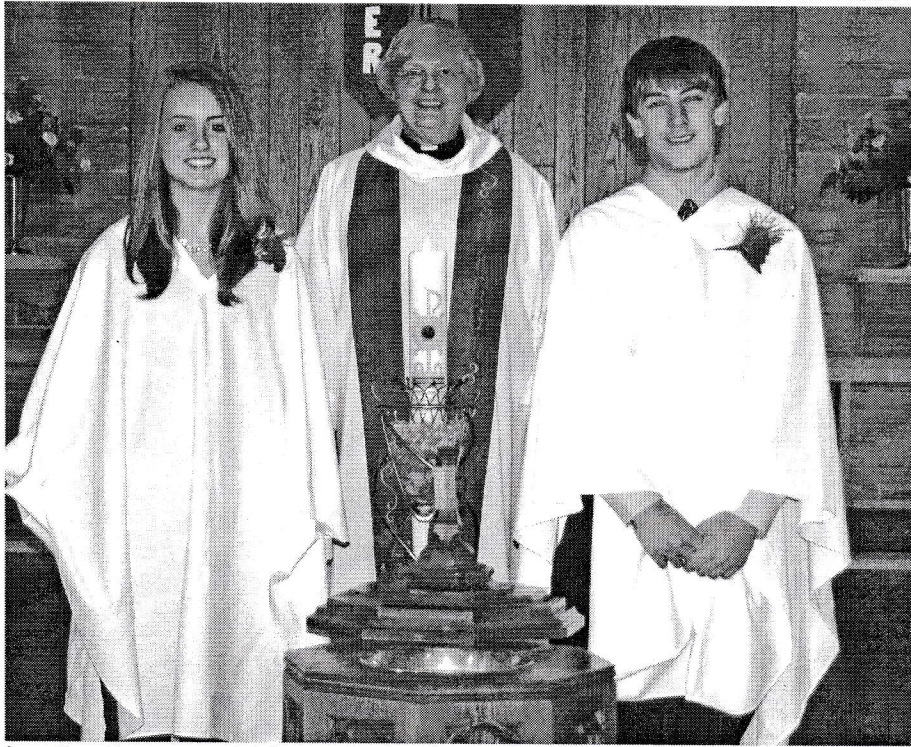
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Emmaus Visitor

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Jennifer Haman and Mason Bagley became full, voting members of Emmaus through the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Jennifer is the daughter of Rick and Amy Haman. Mason is the son of Randy and Celia Bagley.

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Emmaus Remembers Dearly Departed on All Saints' Sunday

During All Saints' Day worship on November 1 and 2, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year. These are our members who have died and others at whose funerals our pastors have presided since last All Saints' Sunday:



Shirley Galloway Sedgwick Mourad	Apr. 15, 1917 – Jan. 22, 2008
Celia Verboomen Weber	Apr. 21, 1920 – Feb. 6, 2008
Marion Dorsey Keller	Nov. 11, 1923 – Feb. 12, 2008
Junette Lillian Sorensen Johns	June 22, 1923 – Mar. 4, 2008
Richard Halberstadt	Jan. 15, 1923 – Apr. 11, 2008
Karen Ruth Munch Kennedy	Jan. 26, 1942 – Aug. 7, 2008
Carla Marie Roy Carson	Nov. 25, 1964 – Sep. 23, 2008
Ruth Violet Halberstadt Squires	Aug. 7, 1918 – Oct. 13, 2008

A 100-flower display commemorating these and other persons dear to our members will decorate the front of the church.

Pastoral Acts

Funeral:
Ruth V. Squires
October 16, 2008

Ruth Squires enjoyed travel, ceramics, knitting crocheting and gardening. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Clayton, and their two children, Donald (Lani) Squires and Judy (Bill) Edwards.

We Extend Condolences, Congratulations

Emmaus offers its sympathy to the family of Gary Lakvold, son of Earl and the late Carolyn Lakvold. Gary Lakvold was 46 when he lost his battle with diabetes on



October 7.

On a much more joyous note, we rejoice with Harold and Evelyn Larsen as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on November 6.

Thanksgiving Eve Fellowship

'For the Harvests of the Spirit, Thanks Be to God'

Everyone is invited to join in for a simple supper of pizza at 6:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, November 26. Following the meal in Fellowship Hall, we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of worship and thanksgiving.

The 7:00 p.m. worship time will include music by the kids' and adult choirs, a processional offering of money and food, and Holy Communion.

Immediately following the worship service, the youth traveling to Yakima on next summer's mission trip will serve pie, coffee and milk. Free will donations at the pie social will go to help defray costs of the mission trip. Donations of pies are more than welcome and may be dropped off in the upstairs kitchen anytime during the day on Wednesday, November 26.



Can You Help with Wednesday Meals?

We are very grateful to Carol Yust and family for providing wonderful meals for our Wednesday evening program week after week.

In order to give them an occasional week off, we are asking members to help prepare



and serve supper on the second Wednesday of each month. A sign-up sheet with the evening's menu is in the narthex.

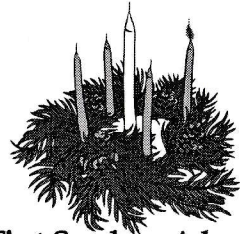
The cost of food is covered by the Outreach budget. Turn receipts in to Valerie Crehan.

Special Worship Planned for November 30

Awake! Awake! Something new is coming!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 30. The first Sunday of Advent will bring some surprises at Emmaus this year.

Come and see! Come and experience! Caren Lamberton, together with members of a newly formed worship planning team, have



First Sunday of Advent

prepared a worship service that will introduce the age-old message in fresh new ways.

Be sure to invite youth and young adults to this worship experience. This worship experience is especially designed to connect with their experience.

Begin this Advent season expecting the birth of new life!

New Advent Devotional Booklets Are Free

Living in Hope, a booklet of daily Advent meditations compiled from the writings of Henri Nouwen, is available free in the narthex.

According to editor James Adams, Nouwen's writings are

"soul-searching expressions of longing for God, an apt theme indeed for the weeks when we renew our hope in Christ and strive to deepen our appreciation of the redemption of Christ in reconciling us to God."

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Neighborhood Minister:	Jhon Freddy Correa	Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Thanksgiving Eve services will be	at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26.
Children's Education & Mentoring:	Nancy Smith	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Monday through Friday.
Outreach, Coordinator:	Valerie Crehan	The VISITOR is published monthly September to July.	The deadline for the December VISITOR is November 15.
Organist:	Brenda Trumbauer	Vol. 37, No. 3	November, 2008
Adult Choir Dir.:	Becky Smurawa		
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Custodian:	Abelino Mares		
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Wednesday Evening Participation Grows

The popularity of the Wednesday night ministry continues to grow. Added features include African drumming for elementary children every other week. Volunteers from All Nations Church lead the drumming circle.



Mary Steege, Presbyterian minister and counselor, is currently leading a weekly session for women from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The stories of women in scripture begin each session and are a starting point for discussions centering on challenges and stress

faced by today's women. The series, entitled "Women's Voices, Then and Now," is offered Wednesdays through November 19.

The youth group, led by Sandy Strini and Jhon Freddy Correa, continues to grow in attendance each week. The group meets from 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and has outgrown the space in the youth room. An alternative location for the gatherings is being studied.

Members of the youth group discuss topics of interest and are also planning Thanksgiving and Christmas service projects.

Moses to Meet Wednesday Campers

Wednesday Campers have begun studying the Ten Commandments. Thunder, lightning and trumpets could be heard as they enacted and witnessed the encounter between Moses and God on Mount Sinai. In the coming weeks they will dig into each of the commandments and discuss how they relate to their daily lives.



Soon there will be a tower of cartons which will represent each of the Ten Commandments in the sanctuary. This visual tower will be a reminder of the laws that God

gave Moses and a tool for teaching what each commandment means.

A team from All Nations is working with the kids every other week on drumming. The beat of the drums can be heard throughout the church. The kids think community drumming is cool. Soon they will share their enthusiasm for this music in church. Kid's Choir works out the other weeks. They will sing for Sunday worship on November 9 and Thanksgiving Eve.

Donations Enable Kids to Attend After School Program

Emmaus is once again a site for the Racine Lighted Schoolhouse Program. Twenty children are registered and Claranna Vytlacil, Nancy Smith, and Valerie Crehan staff the Monday – Thursday program.

Thank you to all who have contributed toward registration

fees. Most of our students' families would have a difficult time paying the \$30/child registration fee for the program. If you would like to sponsor a child in honor or memory of a loved one, you may make a check for \$30 payable to Emmaus Outreach.

EASY Students Feed Giraffes at Zoo

As we have gotten into October, we have begun to settle into a more regular routine. We have conducted some interesting experiments with water, heat, cold and balloons. The students have made play-dough, and examined a yellow-bellied sapsucker! We have also decorated the tree in the fellowship hall for fall with woven leaves, had an apple tasting, and then painted with the remaining apples.

When doing homework, the staff sometimes learns as much about math as the children! Our most exciting experience this month though, was a trip to the zoo to feed the giraffes. Did you know that their tongues are 21 inches long and black?

Please feel free to visit us anytime or come to the fellowship hall and see our handiwork.

Samarion offers a treat to one of the giraffes.



Youth News

Youth Offer Coupon Books for Sale

by Cathy Meyer

Youth are selling a coupon booklet for a familiar department store for \$5.00. In the booklet, you receive a \$10 gift certificate and many 20% off coupons to use at this particular store on November 15.



an Emmaus youth.

The youth group is able to keep the \$5.00 as a fund raiser. To discover the name of this mysterious department store, see the weekend bulletin or ask

Youth Get Busy Ahead of Mission Trip

Plans continue for the youth mission trip next summer. The group will travel by train from Milwaukee to the West Coast, planning several days of mission work on the Yakama Indian Reservation in the state of Washington.

Pastor Mary, Sandy Strini, Jhon Freddy and two adults from Redeemer will lead the group. The dates of the trip are July 28 to August 9.

Throughout the coming year, the youth will seek support to help finance their trip. The November fund raising projects include the sale of coupons for a local



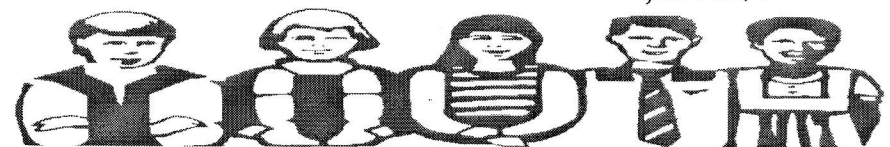
department store as well as donations at the Thanksgiving Eve pie social following the worship service.

Upcoming events will include "Invest in Mission Shares" and the annual spring Fiesta Mexicana.

Thank you for the support of our youth!

Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 4 Gaby Gallegos, 11
- Nov. 11 Gabby Ludwig, 11
- Nov. 14 David Matson, Jr., 14
- Nov. 18 Bety Mares, 8
- Nov. 23 Rachael Cox, 5
- Nov. 29 Melanie Andersen, 16
- Nov. 30 Tavijon Yust, 5

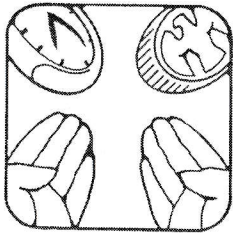


We Say Yes!

The spirit was positive, and, as of October 27, initial commitments made in response to the October 12 invitation totaled \$126,860 for the general fund plus \$1,200 for mortgage retirement.

Taken together, those pledges would come to \$2,462.69 per week.

Members and friends are encouraged to continue to make financial commitments for the 2009 ministry through the November 1-2 weekend. After the majority of



the commitments are in, Emmaus leaders will then be better able to make plans for future budgeting and ministry opportunities.

A big thank you to Stewardship chair Judy Yorgan and to all who helped her in so many ways - with phone calls and mailings, temple talks and the September brunch.

Your efforts and hard work have borne much fruit. We couldn't have accomplished what we did without a strong team effort! Thanks to one and all!

October 12 Music Brings a Message of 'Yes'

The October 12 Sunday worship was enlivened by the music of Joyce Kaiser and the Adult and Kids' Choirs. The kids enthusiastically sang "Yes, Lord, Yes!" and the adults shared "Digo Sí, Señor" (I say Yes, Lord) in song.



The sanctuary was decorated with hand-painted banners made by the children.

The children's choir is next scheduled to sing on November 9.

Pastor Walter, Carol Poston to Lead Retreat

Pastor Walter will help lead "Expect Grace, Dare to Hope," an Advent weekend retreat at a Dominican center north of town off Erie Street December 5-7. Do we have the right to expect Grace from God in the midst of our suffering world? How do we dare

to hope when we are so often stuck in ruts of despair and stress?

Join presenters Pastor Walter Hermanns and Carol Poston for a time of renewal and healing. For information, call Sister Rita Lui at 639-4100.

Financial Deficit Is Addressed

An open discussion of the financial situation of Emmaus took place following the October 12 worship service. The current deficit of \$19,000 has been partly attributed to an aging congregation and to escalating fuel and energy costs.

The funds to cover the deficit have been borrowed internally from designated funds in our general account.

Concerned members raised questions about energy conservation. Plans are in place to turn off heat on the second floor Friday through Monday each week.

Grant-supported outreach ministries will increase their monthly contributions for utilities to cover 40% of the estimated monthly expense of \$1,900 from September through May.

Overall, temperatures will be lowered throughout the church, and lap robes and afghans will be

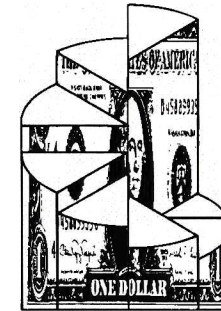
scattered throughout the sanctuary. Worshippers are encouraged to dress warmly.

Following the official October 12 discussion, several members discussed the possibility of member loans to the church to help alleviate the strain of the deficit and the current mortgage of just under \$69,000. As these and other suggestions are considered, members will be informed.

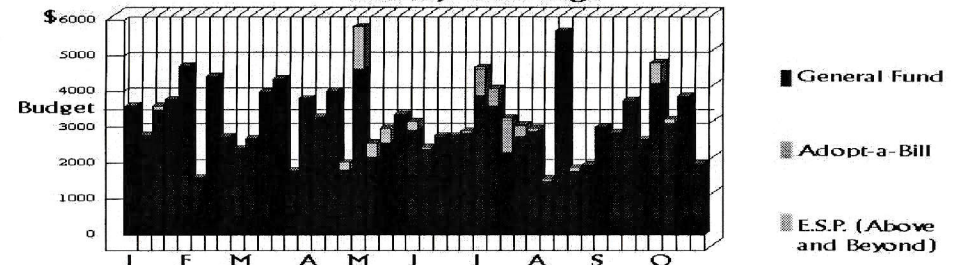
Further questions arose regarding the closing or consolidation of struggling ELCA congregations.

Although no concrete discussions had taken place prior to the October 12 discussion, the clergy and lay leaders of a number of ELCA congregation have since been making plans to convene professionally facilitated discussions.

These discussions would center on the topic of the future viability and sustainability of 14 ELCA congregations in Racine.

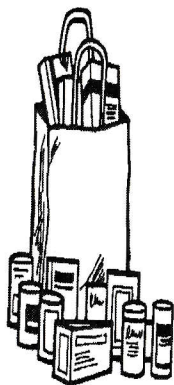


Weekly Offerings



Grab a Bag, Feed the Hungry

Grab a brown paper bag from the narthex or use the list below as a guide for some suggested items to help feed hungry mouths. Emmaus Outreach will prepare food baskets both for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the donated items will be used to bring a bountiful feast to a family in need.



Items not used for the Emmaus baskets will be taken to the Northside Food Pantry (where the shelves are quite bare this fall!).

Gifts of money are welcome to help purchase turkeys and other perishable items for the baskets. Checks for this purpose should be made payable to Emmaus Outreach with "Food Basket" on the memo line.

All loose offering money on Thanksgiving Eve will be used to help feed the hungry of Racine.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Basket Suggested Items

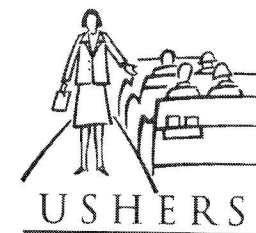
- Canned meat/vegetables (corn, beans, carrots, peas, tomatoes, refried beans, jalapeños, chicken, tuna)
- Canned soup
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Ground meat helper/macaroni & cheese
- Pasta, rice, dried beans, tortillas, taco shells
- Sloppy Joe seasoning mix and tomato paste or taco seasoning mix
- Granola bars
- Spaghetti sauce or taco sauce
- Cookie mix or muffin mix
- Pudding or gelatin dessert
- Sugar
- Canned fruit or apple sauce
- Peanut butter or jam
- Hot chocolate, tea, coffee, or juice

Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages		2006		2007		2008*	
Sept. averages Sat-Wed.	Sat & Sun. only	115	92	117	76	122	84
Oct. averages		166	114	138	85	148	89
Nov. averages		175	114	153	101		

*Averages calculated through October 22, 2008.

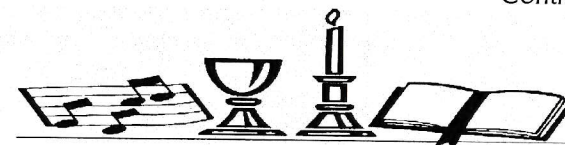
Financial Figures	Total for Sept.	Year to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings	\$12,179.27	\$133,437.61	
E.S.P. + Adopt-Bill + AJLC inc.	\$207.00		
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$60.00	\$ 2,815.00	\$58,740.62
Mortgage payments in Oct. '08	Princ. \$639.77 Int. \$352.23	Principal balance as of 9/12/2008: \$69,290.34	
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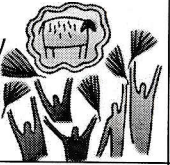

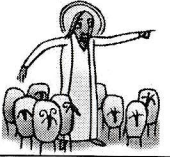



November Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Nov. 1 5:00 pm CDT	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 2 9:15 am CST	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Joy Lippmann	Randy Sanders	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Nov. 8 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 9 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Nancy Smith Shirley Velzka	Ruth Copeland	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Nov. 15 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 16 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	Randy Sanders	Al Svendsen	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Nov. 22 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 23 9:15 am	Kathy Christensen Marlyn Christensen	Chris & Caren Lamberton	Karen Sedgwick	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Wed. Nov. 26 7:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen	TBA	—	Team 4 John E. Cook
Sat. Nov. 29 5:00 pm	Judy Berndt Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sun. Nov. 30 9:15 am	Claranna Vytlicil Valerie Crehan	Karen Sedgwick Pat Jensen	Carol Yust	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 6 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Boots LeRoux	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 7 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Carol Eschmann	John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Keenagers in November

Fellowship will start at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18 in the Sunset Room. At 10:30, Sandy Strini will discuss her work as a Master Gardener and her gardening work with youth offenders as part of her service to the community.



Seniors' Gathering

A delicious lunch, prepared by Pat Jensen, will be served in the Sunset Room around noon.

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

November Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 2	Myra Nielsen	3502 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
Nov. 12	Vernon Svendsen	1539 Ostergaard Ave.	53406
Nov. 13	Hans Munch	3950 N. Main St. #205	53402
Nov. 26	Judy Berndt	1525 Howard St.	53404

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	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Candle Care
Nov. 2	Lynn & Jeff McCray, M&H Jensen	Judy & Jim Yorgan	Breiwicks	Valerie Crehan
Nov. 9	Lisa LaFontese H&E Larsen	Bonnie French	Wymas	
Nov. 16	TBA TBA	TBA	Haugsbys	
Nov. 23	D&D Hansen Nancy Smith	TBA	Jensens	
Nov. 30	TBA TBA	TBA	Bea Holding Al Svendsen	
Dec. 7	TBA TBA	Grace Falaschi & Lynn McCray	Breiwicks	Pat Jensen

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Keenagers Treated to Tour of Eco-Justice Center

Sister Janet, an ardent and passionate advocate for our environment, gave the Keenagers senior fellowship group a grand tour of the Eco-Justice Center in October.

The Racine Dominicans purchased the old Michna Farm off Six Mile Road in 2004. With the help of grants, family, and interested community groups who donated their time, talent and funds, the farm has slowly been converted



into green space. The sisters spend considerable time tending their organic garden and a variety of livestock.

The center is dedicated to environmental education. The

farm includes a renovated house, a barn, a granary and an education center, all of which have either been refurbished or built with recycled or earth friendly materials. With grants from Focus on Energy and WE Energies, much of the energy that supports the Eco-Justice Center is supplied by solar panels and a geo-thermal heating and cooling system.

The farm also supports a variety of animal life. (Ask Valerie about her encounter with the geese.) Other residents include turkeys, rabbits, free range chickens, goats, guinea fowl, ducks and alpacas.

The sisters use the wool from the alpacas to weave and knit. It's truly amazing what a group of "keenagers" are doing to live in a dedicated way that takes care of the Earth. Visitors are welcome.

Knitters Bring Warmth to the Community

Soft prayer shawls, colorful caps, mittens and scarves, and cozy lap robes and afghans were blessed at the October 11 and 12 worship services. These gifts of love, created by the Monday Knit One, Purl One group, were presented and blessed by those who knit and crocheted them.

Thank you to Bev Hansen, Ruth Copeland, Valerie Crehan, Marge Jensen, Boots LeRoux, Diane Melander, Cathy Meyer, Linda Peterson, Lael Richter, Nancy Smith, Claranna Vytlačil, Marge Zielke and Nancy Smith for



your gifts of warmth and healing and comfort!

Newcomers are always welcome to join the knitting circle, which meets around the inviting fireplace and engages in open conversation every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Note: laughter and instructions are guaranteed!

Memorials

Non-designated memorial:

In memory of Ruth Squires: \$20.00

Giving Trees Offer Blessings

Each year, the Emmaus family bestows food and gifts to those in need. Many families in our immediate neighborhood are experiencing the financial crunch of this recent economic crisis. It is an opportunity to remember families from Wadewitz, EASY, Racine Family Literacy and our own at Emmaus.

The Giving Trees are decorated with gift tags. Each gift tag describes an individual (sex and age) and the specific gift (clothing, toy/game, book or gift card). Please take a tag(s); when you purchase the gifts(s), wrap them, attach the gift tag to the

gift(s), and return them to Emmaus. Each tag has a code which matches a master list. Return all gifts by Sunday, December 7, so they can be delivered in a timely manner.

Monetary gifts are welcome. Place checks payable to "Emmaus - Giving Tree" on the memo line in the envelopes provided. Special shoppers will do the walking for you.

This special outreach has always been received with glad hearts and a few tears. Thank you for remembering our brothers and sisters.

Scrip Is Still for Sale

by Cathy Meyer

Although we no longer print the order form in the *Visitor* listing businesses by name, we are still selling Scrip gift cards after the weekend services. We keep a



supply on hand of the favorite gift cards, and we are able to obtain those we don't have by the following weekend.

Stop by the Scrip table to see a complete list of gift certificates available.

Author Youngquist Visits Book Clubs

Marion Youngquist, author of *Procula*, and Ted her (retired Lutheran pastor) husband joined several book groups and visitors for an evening of dinner, dessert and discussion. The Sunset and Fireside Rooms were transformed by seasonal decorations into a congenial setting for a time of conversation and a candlelit dinner.

Marion shared that she wanted to write this book after experiencing firsthand the aftermath of 9/11. She has done extensive research into early Roman history. *Procula*, which is fiction, presents the author's viewpoint of Procula's life as an educated woman who was transformed by Jesus. She feels Pilate was put in a no win situation when it came time to condemning Jesus to the cross.



Emmaus' reading groups have made their selections for November. The evening book group is reading *The Shack* by William P. Young. Patrick M. Roddy calls this best seller "one of

a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God." Mike Morrell says, "Finally, a guy-meets-God novel that has literary integrity and spiritual daring. This story read like a prayer."

Come and join in the conversation on Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. in the

Fireside Room.

The morning group will read *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. Join them in the Fireside Room Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Poinsettias to Grace Chancel

Poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for Christmas will be ordered this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.



Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each
 (# ___ red # ___ white # ___ pink)

As a MEMORIAL for:

.....

and/or to HONOR:

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My/Our name:

Deadline to order and make payment is December 1, 2008. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

- I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24. Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Office use:
 Pmt: \$ _____ Order list: Bulletin:

2009 Flower Chart Will Be Posted Soon

The 2009 Altar Flower sign-up sheets will soon be 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.

There are also several Sundays still open in 2008, including

November 16 and 30.

Recycle Tech Products at Church

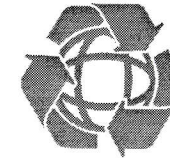
Something new: we now recycle used computer ink cartridges. Look for the container on the table in the narthex.

We also recycle batteries, cell phones and CFL light bulbs. Containers for these items are also in the narthex. By the back door is a receptacle for plastic bags which are used by the Northside Food Pantry.

Please save your aluminum cans. Next to the back door is a

huge container for cans. The cans are taken to the recycling center on

High Street for cash. The cash from recycled cans goes for designated projects at the church. Please, no tin foil. Remove cans from plastic bags and put the cans in the large trash bags in the cans. Thank you. Note: the green container by the back door is for plastic bags which are used by the Northside Food Pantry.



Green Team Suggests Eco-Friendly Tips

by John Berge

An organization called EcoMom™ inspired the following EcoChic Tips:

Shop Green: Read labels. Clothing is changing. Look for organics, sustainables, renewables and ingredients that help extend a product's life cycle.

Don't Shop, Swap: Clothing swaps refresh a wardrobe.

Go Vintage: It's recycling and reusing.

Drive Less: Walk, bike or use mass transit.

Drive More... Efficiently: Carpool; don't idle during drop off and pick up; or drive a hybrid.

Buy Local And Organic Produce: Or grow it yourself.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle And Rot: The latter means composting

– good for the earth, your garden and lawn.

Change A Light Bulb: Compact fluorescent lamps and LEDs are energy efficient.

Turn On, Turn Off, Unplug: Your home appliances don't need to work while you're at work.

Celebrate Green: Let nature inspire your holiday and party themes.

Rethink Laundry: Only run full loads, use cold water, and line dry.

Plant A Plant: It will beautify your home and absorb CO₂.

Choose Wisely: Inform yourself about companies making an effort to improve the environment – ask questions, read labels and share information with friends.

Speaker Discusses Geriatric Depression

Dr. Barbara Murray will present a program on geriatric depression Monday, November 3 at the NAMI (National Alliance on

Mental Illness) office, 2300 DeKoven Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Milwaukee Congregation Hosts Jazz for Justice Concert

The Lutheran Church located at 3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee invites you to a dinner and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, November 8, followed by a "Jazz for Justice" concert by the quartet SELAH (Sounds Enriching Life And Holiness) and Master of Ceremonies Jose Miquel de Jesus at 7:00.



Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$20 in advance (\$10 for seniors and students), or \$25 (\$12) at the door. A Lutheran association, dedicated to confronting racism and working for justice and reconciliation, is handling ticket information at 414-536-0585.

Daylight Savings Crisis Rocks Wall Street

Because Congress failed to pass a Daylight Bailout Bill by Hallowe'en, Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. Saturday night, November 1. Much of the United States will fall back an entire hour overnight.



Daylight Banks around the country have fallen into insolvency due to risky loans of sunshine to

people who couldn't afford the payments. Now the sale of those debts to Wall Street daylight investment firms has spread the crisis around the globe. Some luminescence experts are even predicting a return to the Dark Ages if daylight failures continue unchecked.

Nevertheless, both presidential candidates promise to resume Daylight Savings Time again on the second Sunday in March.

King of Kings Closes Doors

by Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers

King of Kings Lutheran Church (9540 West Good Hope in Milwaukee) has, after considered and prayerful deliberation, decided to conclude its congregational ministry. Its closing worship service was held on Sunday, October 26, 2008.

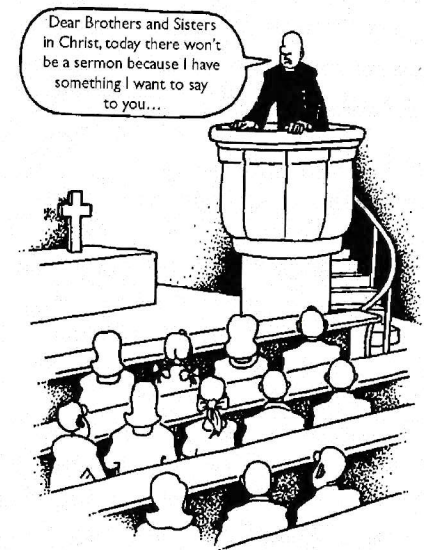
In its announcement, the King of Kings congregation begins by stating that "Dying and Rising Are the Substance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It is in this truth that we celebrate the life and ministry of this community of faith over the past 49 years, and give thanks for the resurrection promise that accompanies us together into a faithful future.

Pastor John Schummel served at King of Kings since 1960, a long and faithful tenure that brought a rich liturgical tradition and a strong educational direction to the life and ministry of this congregation. Since Pastor Schummel's retirement in 2006, Interim Pastor Paul Peterson has given attentive and pastoral leadership to this congregation as it has been measuring the course of its future. I am appreciative for the care and the spirit he has brought to this community at this time.

I have had repeated conversations with the King of Kings community, and in the

course of these discussions I have shared my concern over ensuring the pastoral care of the remaining members in these days, and in the days ahead, even as the membership has wanted to maintain its autonomy in its decisions in closing their congregation. I am pleased that a good number of the congregational members will be transferring, en masse, to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church so they can continue to gather together as a worshipping community.

I thank God for the witness and the faithfulness of this congregation, and I thank you for your prayers which will accompany the King of Kings community on this occasion.



What Is God Up To?

"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old; I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
— Isaiah 43:18-19

"And the one who was sitting on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" — Revelation 21:5

In the past weeks I have been engaged in conversations at many levels regarding "the church" (at times referring to Emmaus, at times the ELCA churches of Racine and at times the wider church). While it is often financial difficulties or declining attendance that may initially drive these conversations, we eventually ask ourselves, "Where is God calling us in this 21st Century?"

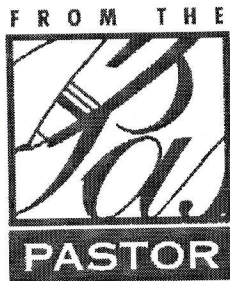
Jim Wallis, a public theologian and faith-based activist, states, "[Prophet of faith] understands that the big struggle of our times is the fundamental choice between cynicism and hope. The prophets always begin in judgment, in a social critique of the status quo, but the end in hope – that these realities can and will be changed. The choice between cynicism and hope is ultimately a spiritual choice."

Wallis goes on to say that cynics are realistic, critical and not naïve, and that cynicism is a "refuge from commitment," saving us from changing, taking risks, and becoming too vulnerable. "Perhaps the only people who view the world realistically are the cynics and the saints."

How does hope, grounded in faith, influence us as a community of believers at Emmaus? I see signs of hope and a renewed sense of commitment among a growing number at Emmaus. Some are asking how they may be called to be creative about making personal loans to the church. If that isn't a willingness to risk and to commit, I don't know what is! Others are working hard to make worship more relevant to the "under 50" population.

Still others come weekly to delve into scripture on Wednesday nights and to join into lively discussion. Others are about to embark in conversations with other lay leaders of Racine ELCA congregations, asking the tough question, "What must die before there can be true signs of resurrection – new life?" Still others are extending the invitation to friends, co-workers and neighbors, "Come and see."

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Pastor Mary's Column

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Why, in the midst of declining attendance and financial resources and in the times of what is being called a global recession, are we energized and hopeful? Because, at the same time we honestly name those stark realities swirling around us, we know that God's Spirit is at work.

We know that God is faithful and is calling us to be bearers of hope and the news of God's unconditional love.

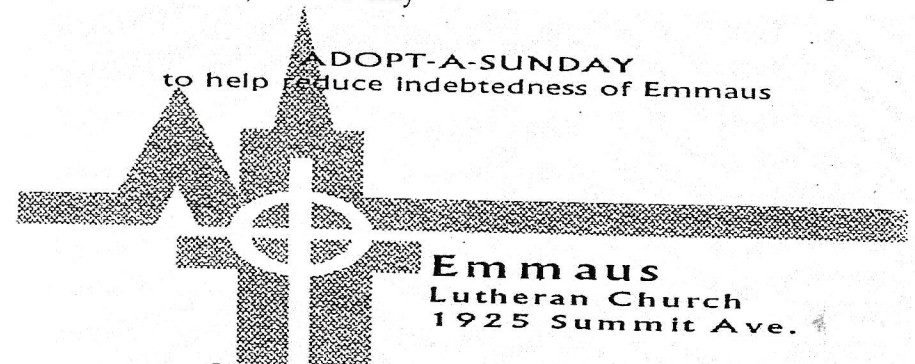
Is this easy work? Absolutely not! It requires dedication, passion, commitment and prayer. On this All Saints' weekend, we not only

give thanks to God for all the saints who have gone before us. We also pray that we, as saints in this time and place, might also be resurrection people, acknowledging that God in Jesus Christ does make all things new!

These are exciting times as we are called to be swept up in the creativity, imagination and energy of the Spirit as God makes "all things new."

In the hope of the resurrection,

Pastor Mary
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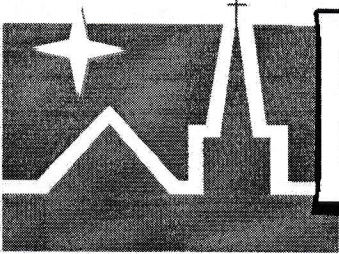
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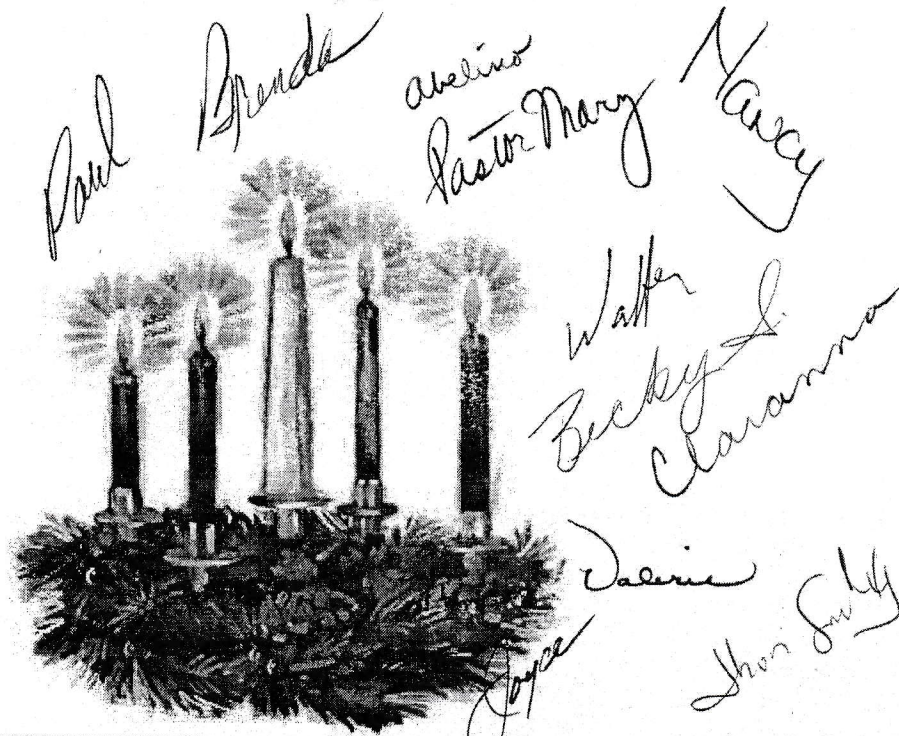
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Pastoral Acts

Funeral:

Nancy Hatlem Brown
November 20, 2008

Nan Brown passed away November 16 at age 73. She enjoyed golf and music; she was a member of the choir until the time of her illness. She leaves behind her husband, James, and their children, James Brown, Robert (Christine) Brown, Charlie Brown, and Linda (Michael) Honan, and grandsons Conner and Jacob Brown.

Hold the Family in Your Prayers

Warren Scheel, brother of Bonnie French and uncle of Julie Field, died November 3 at age 84. He was a member of Bethania Lutheran Church.

Deck the Church with Boughs of Holly

by Kathy Christensen

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. There are lots of areas to decorate so we can use lots of helpers. If you can only spare an hour or two, please consider lending a hand for a short time. Many hands make light work and a fun time together.



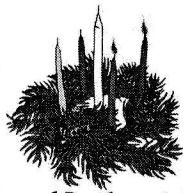
We can also use some strong men and boys to bring the decorations down from the attic on Thursday or Friday evening.

A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, call

Kathy Christensen at 886-2151.

Services Focus on Prayer for Healing

Our liturgy on December 6 and 7 will focus on hope and healing. In addition to a liturgy and prayers for healing, those who



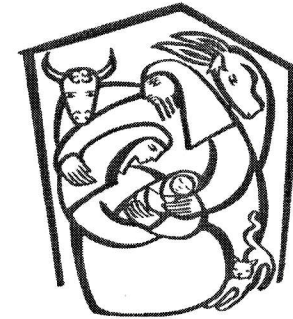
Second Sunday of Advent

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would like will be invited forward for a laying on of hands and anointing with oil. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at services both Saturday and Sunday.

Celebrate Christ's Birth at Emmaus

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid



our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh--in Christ's body and blood--so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

At the 4:30 p.m. service, organist Joyce Kaiser, together with the Brass Nickel, will lead us in familiar carols. There will be a children's time. The afternoon service ends with Holy Communion and the congregation singing "Silent Night" in the midst of candlelight.

The 10:30 p.m. service brings us the music of the Adult Choir under the direction of Becky Smurawa. Brenda Trumbauer will join us as organist for the late-night service. Holy Communion and the singing of "Silent Night" in candlelight will bring the service to a close.

Join us for one or both of the December 24 worship services as we welcome the Prince of Peace!

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00, Sunday mornings at 9:15, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 24.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the January VISITOR is December 15.

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Giving Trees Keep On Giving

Check the Giving Trees for any remaining tags. We will reach out to three families each from Wadewitz and Racine Family Literacy. We will also be remembering families from Emmaus and the EASY boys and girls.



Please return the wrapped gifts to the narthex by Sunday, December 14. It is important to return the gifts with the tag. The tag is the key for distribution. Thanks for your ongoing and amazing generosity.

Knitting Group to Wrap Giving Tree Gifts

On Monday, December 15, the knitters will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. to sort and wrap the Giving Tree gifts. The annual Christmas lunch will follow. The K1P1 women have been busy finishing up hats, mittens and scarves which will be used as some of the gifts. The group continues to meet weekly on Mondays at 10:00 p.m. in the



Fireside Room. There is a standing invitation to all who would like to learn how to knit and to join in conversation and laughter.

The reaction at Wadewitz was one big "Wow" when two large bags of hats, mittens and scarves were delivered. Thank you, thank you was echoed as the office staff reported that many kids were coming to school without the benefit of cold weather attire.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 4

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 4 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello?

The pans and covers



Lord,
when did we see
you hungry...

thirsty...
a stranger...
naked...
sick...
in prison?

are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Response to Call for Food is Strong

At a time when shelves of the food pantries are bare and more families than ever are in need of assistance, the people of Emmaus are responding generously. The youth group has used a number of grocery bags filled with food to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for five families in need. In addition to non-perishable food items, three turkeys and grocery gift cards have been donated.

On Monday, November 17, representatives of the youth group made a presentation at United Way for a Youth as Resources grant. Provided funds are granted, the youth will prepare an additional twelve baskets to be distributed the weekend before Christmas.

Jhon Freddy Correa and Sandy Strini are organizing the shopping and basket preparation and distribution with the youth. Youth from Lutheran Church of the

Redeemer have also been invited to participate in this project.

Would you like to make a gift to help feed the hungry of Racine? You may do so by bringing in a bag of non-perishable food items,



buying a grocery store Scrip card and donating it, or giving a gift of money earmarked "Gift of Food." (Check worship bulletins for

the name of the store.)

All items not needed for the Christmas food baskets will be given to the Northside Food Pantry.

Memorials

Designated for Adult Choir:

In memory of Nancy Brown:
\$45.00

Consider These Gift Giving Alternatives

Emmaus is offering alternatives for gift giving. There are many local ministries that could use additional funding to keep on giving to others. In lieu of tangible gifts, consider the following as gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones and friends:
HALO
Giving Tree

EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) - Lighted Schoolhouse Program
Neighborhood Camp
Racine Family Literacy
Northside Food Pantry

A display and envelopes will be available in the narthex. Make notation on check which ministry you would like to support.

Please Remember Northside Food Pantry

Now more than ever, there is great need this year for gifts of food or money to the Northside Food Pantry.



Remember the hungry as you fill up the grocery cart in the narthex. Useful items include:

Meat and 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."



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Kids Present Pageant December 21

Get ready: the kids' pageant is coming. The kids are working hard to prepare this year's pageant which will be presented on Sunday, December 21 at the 9:15 a.m. worship. *Matt & Lucy's Version Births* is the title.



Little did Matt and Lucy know when they agreed to help out with this year's Christmas pageant that the director would give them each a different script and leave them to work out their differences.

Moses Greet Wednesday Campers

Much to the delight of the kids and adults at a recent Wednesday night worship, Moses gave a mountaintop experience. With the help of the audience, Moses retold his story from the time he was found in a basket to his encounter with God and the Ten Commandments. The kids had created a visual "Big Ten" tower using cartons one for each of the commandments.

As the boxes were removed from the tower, the kids described each of the commandments to a very attentive Moses.

The Ten Commandment study was wrapped up with a rap done by several of the boys. "Moses, Moses, a cool, cool guy, hiked up a mountain to the sky, Thunder 'n lightning, smoke and fire, caused Moses to shake but not to tire. . .".



The Old Testament Players performed a creative version of "The Top Ten."

Youth Birthdays

- Dec. 6 Clarissa Hansen, 1
- Dec. 6 Matt Escamilla, 9
- Dec. 7 Zach LaVassor, 7
- Dec. 9 Jacob Dresen, 16
- Dec. 18 Jasmine Krug, 7
- Dec. 21 Ashlynn Meteyard, 6
- Dec. 30 Alex Villalobos 11

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Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping?

by Cathy Meyer

A variety of Scrip gift cards are available for sale after Saturday and Sunday worship services. These make great holiday gifts, and we now have free gift card enclosures for your use.

If you don't see what you need, please ask; we can often

order additional gift certificates by the following weekend.

The last order before Christmas will be made on Monday, December 15. If you have questions or special requests, please contact Cathy Meyer at 321-0050.

WELCA Bulletins

Women Pack Goodies at Christmas Party

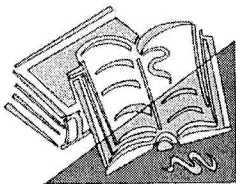
The women's Christmas gathering and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 3 in the Sunset Room. Please bring two dozen cookies to share with a shut-in and a Christmas memory, story, etc. to share (if you so desire).



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 1 and 2 — be sure to mark what they're for!

Evening Book Group Returns in January

The evening book group reinvents itself as the "Fireside Exchange." The group will skip a meeting in December and reconvene Monday, January 12. The January selection is *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide* by Immaculée Ilibagiza. This book is a sequel to



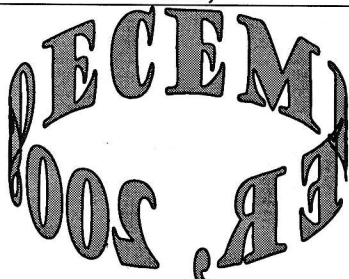

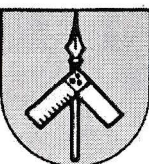



Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.

In 1994, Immaculée was a young university student who was caught up in the most vicious and bloody genocide. Most of her family, many friends and a million of her fellow citizens lost their lives. This book is an account of her faith journey which she credits for her survival.

December Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Communion Assts.	Readers	Ushers
Sat. Dec. 6 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Boots LeRoux	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 7 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Carol Eschmann	John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Dec. 13 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 14 9:15 am	Kathy & Marlyn Christensen	Diane Melander Kathy Christensen	Gregg Albright	Team 2 R. Christensen
Sat. Dec. 20 5:00 pm	Cathy Meyer Linda Clinton	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 21 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Gregg Albright	Cindi Larsen	Team 3 C. Chan-A-Sue
Wed. Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen Evelyn Larsen	Pat & Ron Jensen Joy Lippmann	—	Team 4 John E. Cook
Wed. Dec. 24 10:30 pm	TBA	Shirley Velzka Cindi Larsen Kylee Albright	—	Team 5 W. Meteyard
Sat. Dec. 27 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Sun. Dec. 28 9:15 am	Caren Lamberton	Chris Lamberton Olga Wilson	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 Harold Miller
Sat. Jan. 3 5:00 pm	Marge Zielke Missy Porcaro	—	—	—
Sun. Jan. 4 9:15 am	Audrey Villalobos Bev Hansen	TBA	Brenda Gieszler	Team 2 R. Christensen

	Altar Flowers (\$20)	Fellowship Hosts/Treats	Greeters	Advent Candles
Dec. 7	TBA TBA	Grace Falaschi Lynn McCray	Breiwicks	Randy Sanders Laura Busch
Dec. 14	Tosleks TBA	TBA	Wymas	L&B Woodward J&L McCray
Dec. 21	Yorgans TBA	TBA	Haugsbys	Mentors & kids
Dec. 28	TBA TBA	TBA	Jensens	
Jan. 4	Tosleks TBA	TBA	TBA	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WORLD AIDS DAY 9:00 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	2 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	3 1:30 pm Cookie pack 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wed. Camp 6:00 pm Adult study 7:00 pm Worship service	4 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	5	6 9:00 am Church decorating 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
7 2 ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Service of Prayer for Healing; Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Blood pressure testing	8 9:00 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	9 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm MS support group	10 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wed. Camp 6:00 pm Adult study 7:00 pm Worship service	11 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	13 ST. LUCY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
14 3 RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	15 <i>January Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 9:00 am Staff mtg. 10:00 am Knit 1, Purl 1 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	16 <i>Last Passadas</i> 10:00 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	17 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm Wed. Camp 6:00 pm Adult study 7:00 pm Worship service	18 10:00 am Morning Book Club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Children's Christmas program rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
21 4 TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT; ST. THOMAS 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Children's Christmas program; Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 	22 HANUKKAH BEGINS 10:00 am Christmas bulletin deadline	23 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service w/Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle Light service w/Holy Communion	25 CHRISTMAS <i>Office closed</i> 	26 ST. STEPHEN; KWANZAA	27 ST. JOHN 5:00 pm Worship service 
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation December 25-31</i>						
28 1 ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS; HOLY INNOCENTS 9:15 am Worship service 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	29	30 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	31 NEW YEARS' EVE IRS deadline for 2008 tax-deductible contributions	Jan. 1, 2009 NAME OF OUR LORD <i>Office closed</i>	 <p>Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. PSALM 90:12</p>	3 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation December 25-31</i>						

Keenagers in December



Seniors' Gathering

Keenagers in December will meet for a holiday brunch on Tuesday, December 16. At 10:30 a.m. Marty Aiken will share his experience of rafting down the Colorado River. This fall Marty spent days on the river. Come and see his pictures and hear his description of his time on the water.

Pat Jensen and Claranna Vytlačil will serve æbelskiver and other holiday goodies at 11:30 after some holiday music and activities.

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

December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	1450 Westridge Court #103	53406
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	6720 Mariner Dr. #104	53406
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

Member Care Offers Rides to Church

by Cathy Meyer

Seniors, would you like to continue attending worship services, but are unsure of driving in winter weather? We have some Emmaus volunteers who would be happy to transport you to and from the Saturday or Sunday service.

Need a Ride?



transportation.

If you would be interested in getting a ride to church, please call Paul in the church office (634-5515) and give him your name and number. A driver will contact you to arrange the

Pastor Walter's Class to Discuss Video Series

The Wednesday evening Bible study group invites you to join them in December for *Good God Questions*. Our conversation will

key off video presentations by Luther Seminary theologians. A study guide will be available. We meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

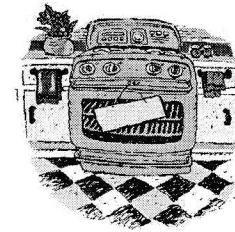
Agging Equipment Makes Work Challenging

"It's over 50 years old and we no longer have parts to repair it." That's the challenge volunteers and staff members face when serving food to approximately 75 people three times each week at Emmaus.

Those preparing supper Mondays and Thursdays for the Racine Family Literacy Program and on Wednesdays for Emmaus and Neighborhood families are currently doing so with a 50+ year-old stove with only one working oven.

Replacement of a commercial stove, together with a hood and venting system that meets code, would range between \$15,000 and \$20,000. A fund has been started for the eventual replacement of the stove, and any designated gifts or memorials should be earmarked for that purpose.

"It's over 50 years old, and we have to send to Edgerton, Wisconsin for a part to repair it." That's what Loren Larsen learned when trying to repair the front door of the church.

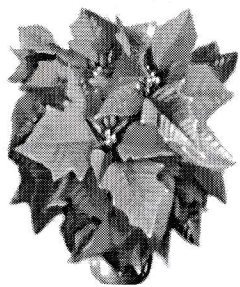


The part needed is no longer made, but Loren was resourceful and found a source in Edgerton that could solve the problem for only \$70.00! Loren installed the new part as soon as it arrived, so that the front door would properly open and close again.

"Missed another call," explains office manager Paul Berge. "I picked up the receiver, but the phone just kept ringing." "I couldn't hear a word the parent said," laments one of the EASY after school teachers when trying to communicate by phone.

Our current phone system, originating in the 1980's, is on its last legs. Research has been done, and the cost of installing eight new phones with caller ID and voice mail capabilities is approximately \$3,000. When learning of the need, an Emmaus family has come forward and offered to purchase the needed phones.

We continue to be grateful for the on-going generosity of our members. Thank you!



Emmaus has placed our order for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas this year. If you didn't get your order in before December 1, please place your order today.

My/our name/s:

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$10.00 each
 (# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

As a MEMORIAL for:

and/or to HONOR:

No orders can be accepted after December 15. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24.

Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Office use: Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

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.

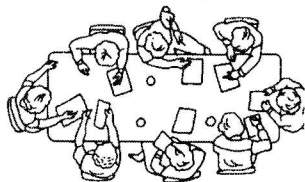
In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the February 2 annual meeting, the office would like

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reports turned in by January 15.

Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail. If you submit a report by e-mail, it works best to

have the report in the text of the e-mail in case there is any difficulty opening the report as an attached file.



Gift Helps Lower Emmaus Deficit

Words of support for the outreach ministry of Emmaus, together with the words "We are blessed to be a blessing" accompanied a \$5,000 check recently sent to Emmaus by former members.

Made aware of the elevated deficit of Emmaus after reading the last issue of the *Visitor*, this couple extended their generosity just when Emmaus could most use it.

The church council at the November meeting voted to dedicate \$4,000 of undesignated memorial money to the General Fund. That money, which was originally an internal loan, will now not have to be repaid.

As a result of the major gift and of the forgiving of \$4,000 of the loan we had made to ourselves, the total deficit stands at \$9,006, as opposed to a high of \$19,085

earlier this fall. Consistent giving by a number of our members has also helped lower our deficit.

Thank you to each and every one who has responded generously!

Newsletter Deadline Is December 15

Articles for the January *Visitor* need to be in the church office or e-mail by December 15.

Now that all bulk mailings take the scenic route through the Milwaukee post office, it takes a few extra days for delivery of the *Visitor*.

Moreover, both the bulk mail office and the church office will have shortened hours during the holidays, so we hope to mail the *Visitor* before Christmas.



Crunching the Numbers

Weekly worship attendance averages		2006		2007		2008*	
Oct. averages Sat-Wed.	Sat & Sun. only	166	114	138	85	148	89
Nov. averages		175	114	153	101	141	94
Nov. averages		175	114	153	101		

* Averages calculated through November 19, 2008.

'08: Financial Figures	Total for Oct.	Year to date	Campaign to date
General fund offerings	\$13,185.00	\$147,447.61	
Above & Beyond + AJLC inc.	\$825.00		
Mortgage retirem't offerings	\$1,280.00	\$ 4,095.00	\$58,740.62
Mortgage payments in Nov. '08	Princ. \$643.03 Int. \$348.97 Total \$992.00	Principal balance as of 11/14/2008: \$68,007.54	

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How Green Is Your Kitchen?

by John Berge

How green is your kitchen? Not the paint color, but how environmentally friendly is it?

Washing dishes by hand in a dish pan is more energy and water efficient than the dishwasher, but both are more efficient than using throwaway, single-use paper and plastic plates, cups, napkins, etc.



Big environmental savings are also available by being a "locovore," that is, eating foods that are as locally raised as possible. Your own garden is best; buying from local farmers' markets and food stands being next best, especially if it does not mean a special trip.

When buying at the grocery store, check for place of origin.

Several stores in Racine sell southeast Wisconsin produce when available. And do we really need fruits and vegetables that are shipped halfway around the world?

Preparing from scratch is generally better than serving commercially prepared foods or ordering in. Refrigerating leftovers instead of throwing them out is both economical and environmentally friendly. Homemade soups can be a flavorful and eco-friendly way to use up leftovers. Food scraps that can not be reused, other than meat products, should be composted and thus returned to the garden or lawn.

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus

Emmaus
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: _____

New Flower Chart Posted

The 2009 Altar Flower sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

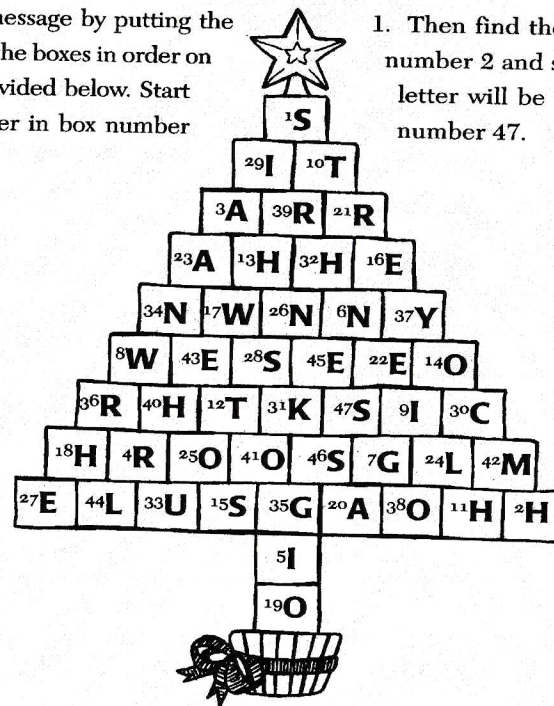
We'll print a dedication from each altar flower sponsor in

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.

The Spirit of Christmas

Finish the message by putting the letters from the boxes in order on the lines provided below. Start with the letter in box number

1. Then find the letter for box number 2 and so on. Your last letter will be the one in box number 47.



The way you can keep the spirit of Christmas with you the whole year is by

Elsewhere in Our Area

Case High Students Sing at St. Paul's

On December 1 at 7:00 p.m., the national award-winning Case High School Master Singers will present a concert of traditional Christmas songs. The Singers will be dressed in authentic Victorian costumes. The choir director is Elizabeth Stegge. You are cordially invited to celebrate with them at the start of this holiday season. Coffee, cookies, and fellowship will follow.

College Presents Christmas Concert

The Lutheran college on Kenosha's lakefront invites you to celebrate the holidays by attending "Love Has Come, a Light in the Darkness," a festival of readings and carols featuring the majestic sounds of the Fritsch Memorial Organ.

The program shares the celebration of the birth of Christ through readings and choral and instrumental music, and includes the college's annual Service of Light.

Students in the college choir, women's ensemble, Lincoln Chamber Singers, Gospel Messengers, chapel choir, wind orchestra, and theatre department present identical programs on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the college chapel.

Reservations are required for these free concerts. Call 262 551-8510 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email christmasfestival@carthage.edu

Milwaukee Area Churches Sing

Several Milwaukee Lutheran non-profit congregations are presenting Christmas concerts during the weekend of December 5-7.

King of Glory Lutheran Church, 4330 S. 84th Street in Greenfield, presents "A Christmas Concert" at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 5. Call 414 543-8180 for ticket information.

Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd. in Milwaukee, presents its 80th annual Christmas Candlelight Concert at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7. A free will offering will be taken. Contact Pat Collenburg at 414 281-9809.

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir will present its Christmas Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Road in Brookfield, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7. Call 262 521-4545 for ticket information.

Pastor Mary's Column

What Will the New Year Bring?

Ready or not, we enter a new church year. The official beginning of the church calendar, the first Sunday of Advent (November 30) marks a time of waiting and anticipation.

What do we wait for? What are we anticipating? Somehow, this coming year seems much more unpredictable than recent years. We are moving into what economists are calling a full-blown recession. We are wondering what the changes in Washington will bring.

At a local level, the ELCA churches of Racine are asking, "How are we being called to look forward, facing changes and challenges at the congregational level?" At Emmaus, how will the outreach program funding be affected by the decreasing assets of those who provide us with generous grants? How will our members on fixed incomes, or those who are being threatened by loss of jobs or homes, know that they are part of a larger family, offering them prayer and support in the name of the One whose arrival we await?

How will we, as people of faith, allow God's Spirit to move and guide us through challenges

and uncertainty? This Advent season, more than ever, we are called by God to look to the future with expectancy and hope. If God can enter the world using a pregnant teenager as a vessel and not be stopped by the message "No room at the inn," what do you think God might be up to this year in the drafty stables of our lives?

Is Racine any less likely a place for God to appear than Bethlehem was over 2,000 years ago?

How will God in the flesh enter this time and this place, bringing light to the darkness? Each week as we light an additional candle and as we wait, we do so with hope and expectation.

Where and how God will appear always seems to be a surprise. Are we ready for a new year, filled with change, surprises and new possibilities? Keep your eyes open for mangers in drafty corners — you never know who might show up!

In eager anticipation,

Pastor Mary

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De 8 a 15 años.
sábados 10:00-12:00 pm.

Grupo de jóvenes adultos
De 16 a 35 años.
Domingos 5:30 pm.

Grupo de oración
Y Estudio de la biblia.
Viernes 6:00 pm

Parejas que com-parten:
no parten cobijas.
Solo para parejas
Marzo 6.
Hora: 5:00-7:00 pm.

Escuela Musical
Martes-Guitarra y Violín
7:00- 9:00 pm
Jueves: Piano:

Coro Parroquial
Martes: 6:00 pm

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Ultimo Sábado del mes

Escuela de Danza-folklorica
Viernes y Domingos 6:00pm

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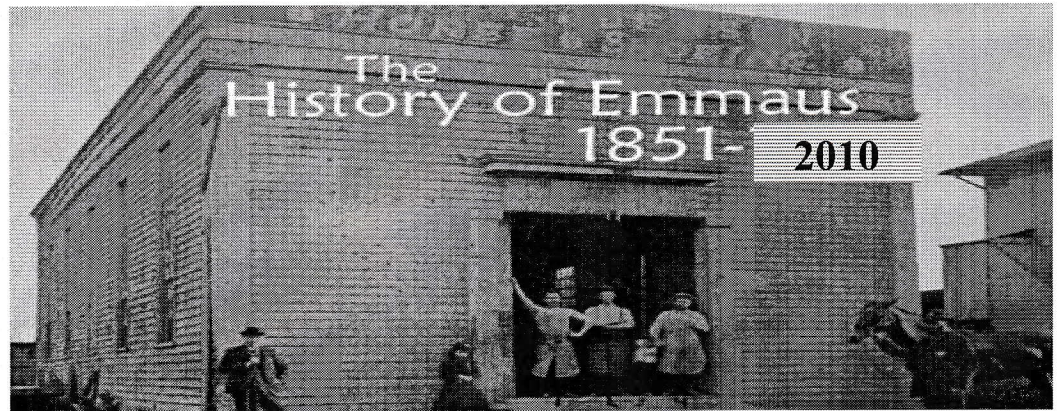
LA MISIÓN DE EMAUS

Jesucristo y su misión es el centro de nuestra comunidad!

Aquí en Emaús, estamos en curso de la audiencia, la proclamación y la vivencia del Evangelio en su nombre.

A medida que hemos crecido en más de 150 años como congregación.

Le pedimos a Dios que podamos ser valientes, cariñosos, atentos y fieles en nuestra vida de servicio; para llevar una palabra de esperanza, resurrección, y paz a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en nombre de Cristo.



La parroquia Emaús [Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América] fue fundada como la Primera Iglesia Luterana de Racine, el 22 de agosto de 1851 en el hogar de John Lawson, el taller de herrería. La foto de arriba se cree que fue el edificio de la parroquia original.

ANUNCIOS.

FEBRERO 14: San Valentín.
Necesitamos familias voluntarias para organizar esta fiesta.
Se venderán Rosas para recoger fondos para los niños del mundo maravilloso-al igual que para cada grupo de la parroquia.

FEBRERO 17: Miércoles de ceniza.

Santa Misa 7:00 pm
Comienza la cuaresma...

Jóvenes—movie night Feb. 12.
No te pierdas las 2 Fiestas en Milwaukee

Reunión del CPP (Consejo Pastoral Parroquial)
Febrero 27, Sábado a las 5:00 pm

PARROQUIA EMAUS

"Una Parroquia con Voz Profética"

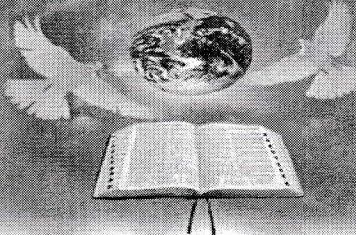
Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América

"Un movimiento católico de reforma."

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Migración : Mitos y Realidades

Mito—algo de ficción o una media verdad que muchos creen.

Realidad: significa en el uso común todo lo que existe.

Mitos y Realidades

Mito: Los EE.UU., está siendo invadida por inmigrantes.

Realidad: El número de inmigrantes indocumentados que vienen a los EE.UU. cada año es de aproximadamente 300.000 según cifras del gobierno que equivale a un aumento de una décima parte del uno por ciento en la población.

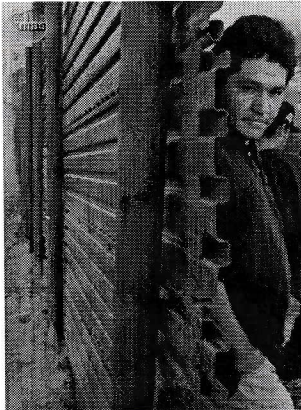
Mito: Los inmigrantes no quieren aprender Inglés o ser Estadounidenses.

Realidad: Dentro de los diez años de la llegada, más de tres cuartas partes de los

inmigrantes hablan bien el idioma Inglés. La demanda de clases de Inglés supera con creces la oferta. Más de un tercio de los inmigrantes son ciudadanos naturalizados.

Mito: Los inmigrantes vienen aquí a robar los beneficios de lo estadounidenses.

Realidad: Los inmigrantes son significativamente más propensos a estar en el trabajo que los ciudadanos de EE.UU.. Los trabajadores indocumentados pueden acceder a algunos beneficios, pero sus impuestos contribuyen al bienestar de los ciudadanos y residentes permanentes.



Millones de mexicanos que anhelan una mejor vida en EU están convencidos de que la construcción de un muro en la frontera será incapaz de frenar el flujo migratorio mientras ellos requieran trabajo y los estadounidenses necesiten mano de obra.

Que es el numero ITIN

Este número se emite para identificar individualmente a un contribuyente, y el mismo es otorgado y utilizado por el Servicio de Impuestos Internos (IRS) en el proceso del pago de impuestos. El IRS emite este número a personas que requieren un número de identificación para fines tributarios, pero que no tienen ni son elegibles para obtener un Número de Seguro Social (SSN). El ITIN se otorga sin importar el estado migratorio del contribuyente, por el simple hecho que tanto residentes como extranjeros trabajando en territorio estadounidense, tienen que presentar su declaración de impuestos. Este número especial se utiliza para reportes tributarios únicamente, y no pretenden servir ningún otro propósito. No concede derechos de trabajar en Estados Unidos ni ofrece beneficios del Seguro Social ni el denominado Crédito por Ingreso del Trabajo (EITC).

Requisitos para obtenerlo :

Se debe llenar la Forma W-7 ó W-7SP y anexar una declaración del impuesto federal, a menos que el contribuyente haya llenado una excepción. También deberá presentar pruebas de identidad. Un pasaporte original (que no esté vencido) es el único documento aprobado como prueba de identidad y como prueba de su estado de extranjero. Si no tiene pasaporte, tiene que proveer una combinación de documentos (dos o más) vigentes que presenten fecha de vencimiento, nombre, fotografía y que comprueben su estado de extranjero.

Debe presentar el original o una copia certificada de los siguientes documentos: Identificación nacional, por ejemplo:

- Matrícula Consular
- Licencia de manejo de Estados Unidos
- Certificado de nacimiento
- Tarjeta de votante de su país de origen
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- Historial médico (para dependientes de 14 años o menos)
- Registros de instituciones educativas (dependientes y/o estudiantes de 25 años o menos)
- Identificación con foto emitida por el Departamento de Inmigración y Naturalización de los Estados Unidos

Cómo someter la aplicación:

Envíe los siguientes documentos: la Forma W-7 ó W-7SP, su declaración de impuestos válida (a menos que califique para una excepción) y sus documentos de identidad (originales o certificados) a la dirección indicada en las instrucciones de la Forma W-7SP. También puede acudir a un centro de asistencia al contribuyente, para encontrar uno cercano a usted visite: www.irs.gov/localcontacts. Un preparador de impuestos también le puede ayudar con este trámite.

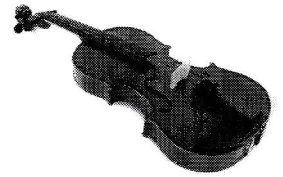
Si usted califica para un ITIN recibirá una carta del IRS asignándole su número de identificación, generalmente dentro de 4 a 6 semanas. Para obtener información y ayuda gratuita para llenar su Forma W-7SP y su declaración de impuestos, visite www.IRS.gov o llame gratis al número de servicio al contribuyente: 1-800-829-1040 y oprima el #8 para español.

Esta columna no pretende sustituir los consejos y ayuda legal que sólo un experto en la materia puede brindar.



La importancia de saber tocar un instrumento musical

Después de 6 meses de ardua-insistencia se logro que tres maestros de música vinieran a la parroquia Emaus a impartir clases de guitarra, violín y piano. Hasta el momento contamos con 32 estudiantes entre los cuales se encuentran niños y adultos, inscríbete o inscribe a tus hijos.



A lo largo de nuestra vida vamos adquiriendo nuevos conocimientos que luego transformamos en habilidades y de las cuales sacamos ventaja. Muchas veces nos resulta difícil comprender alguna materia o simplemente nos resistimos a intentar porque no nos gusta, esto no sucederá cuando tomes la decisión de seguir una **carrera musical**, pues así como tú, existen una infinidad de jóvenes que aman la música y para los que tocar un instrumento resulta toda una pasión

La gran mayoría de artistas que conocemos ahora sintieron la misma inquietud que tú, pasaban sus ratos libres cantando alrededor de una guitarra o tratando de sacarle el mejor sonido a una flauta, siempre buscaron la forma de relacionar su vida con el arte y aunque algunos recibieron **fuertes críticas** por su poca calidad, hoy en día se ha encargado de demostrar lo contrario.

La edad en la que estas es precisa para que comiences tu carrera musical. Podrías empezar por asistir a un taller en el que se dicten clases del instrumento que prefieres. Además, es recomendable que busques hacerte más amigo de aquellos que ya saben y **trata de aprender** un poco de ellos. Recuerda que dominar un instrumento puede darte muchas satisfacciones: conquistar a una chica, hacer feliz a tus padres o amigos, ser más popular y reconocido.

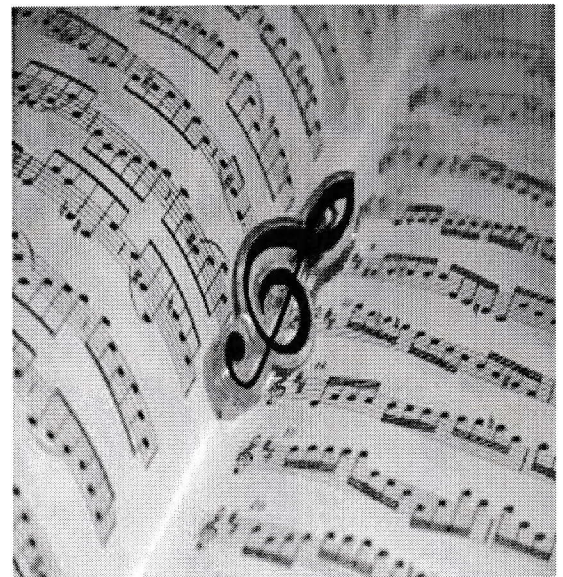
Pero acuérdate que en si la música es alegría.

Además de todos esto, la música te ofrece una serie de **beneficios** como la reducción del estrés, capacidad para plantear soluciones, mayor seguridad en ti mismo, aumento de la creatividad e imaginación, ejercita la memoria, entre otros.

Lo ideal en este momento en que muchos empiezan a planear el verano, es buscar **cursos juveniles de música**, también te recomiendo que ahorres para que puedas comprar tu propio instrumento y practiques en tus ratos libres. Cuando regreses a tu centro de estudios todos estarán sorprendidos por el talento que has aprendido a desarrollar.

Los sueños siguen: estamos en el dialogo para traer dos maestros mas! Uno para percusión, bacteria, congas. Y otro auxiliar de guitarra. Vamos por tí Racine. Lo mejor para los mejores— Nosotros los Latinos!!!

Para mas información pregunta al P. Jhon Freddy
Clases Martes a las 7:00 pm— & Jueves.



Parroquia Emaus...
"Una Parroquia con voz Profética"

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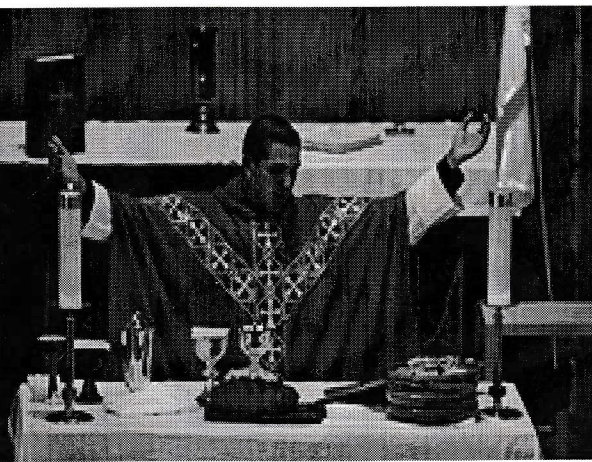
LA SANTA MISA

primera parte.

¿Qué es la Santa Misa?

La Misa es la renovación del Sacrificio de la Cruz. En el Calvario, Nuestro Señor, al precio de su Sangre (lo que es la prueba mas grande de su amor), ha librado al género humano de la esclavitud del pecado y lo ha reconciliado con Dios. Este Sacrificio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo es de un valor infinito, más agradable a Dios que lo que le pueden agraviar la totalidad de los pecados de todos los hombres.

Una misa que ha marcado nuestra historia: La Misa en latín- con frecuencia se denomina "Misa Tridentina," en referencia al hecho de que fue codificada por San Pío V poco después del Concilio de Trento (1545-1563), de donde proviene el término "Tridentino." Contrario a lo que algunas personas piensan, San Pío V no creó una nueva Misa, sino unificó toda la Liturgia existente: Ordenando y estructurándola bajo un "Ordo," de tal



manera; que toda la Liturgia de la Iglesia permaneciera sin mutación con el correr de los Siglos. Su Bula "Quo Primum Tempore" no solamente declaró que había que mantener la Misa permanentemente inalterable, sino también prohibió la introducción de nuevas Liturgias en la Misa. La Misa en Latín puede de hecho llamarse Misa de los Apóstoles, porque data del tiempo de Nuestro Señor y de los Apóstoles. Los pormenores de las primeras Liturgias se asemejan a la Misa en Latín en sus detalles esenciales.

¿Qué es el rito de San Pío V (o Misa Tridentina, Misa "tradicional")?

Es el rito promulgado por el Papa en 1570. No fue un invento,

ni propiamente hablando, una reforma, sino más bien una codificación, restitución, unificación. Se restituyó la Misa Romana de siempre, cuyo rito se desarrolló armónicamente desde los tiempo de los Apóstoles, eliminando lo que, en distintas regiones, se le agregó en tiempo relativamente recientes. Fue promulgada por la bula "Quo Primum Tempore", con intención de obligar a todos los clérigos a seguirla.

¿Pueden estas "verdades" cambiar?

No? Porque? Es por que han sido definidas por la Iglesia (por los hombres) de manera irreformable? Serán estas "verdades" ciertas y "tan verdaderas" para siempre? como 2 más 2 hacen 4, por todos los siglos? **La certeza de la Fe está basada sobre la autoridad que Dios revela. La verdad de Dios, si es una verdad absoluta e inmutable (No las verdades de los hombres.)**

Acompáñenos en **La Santa Misa** todos los domingos a las 12:00 p.m.

Nota:-No te pierdas en la próxima edición uno de los cambios que revolucionó el mundo.



MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

Significado de la Ceniza: La ceniza, viene del latín "cinis", es producto de la combustión de algo por el fuego. Fue así como adquirió un sentido simbólico de muerte, caducidad, y en sentido contrario, de humildad y penitencia. El Miércoles de Ceniza, el cristiano recibe una cruz en la frente con las cenizas obtenidas al quemar los ramos usados en el Domingo de Ramos previo. Se hace como respuesta a la Palabra de Dios que nos invita a la conversión. La Cuaresma empieza con ceniza y termina con el fuego, el agua y la luz de la Vigilia Pascual. Algo debe quemarse y destruirse en nosotros -el hombre viejo-, para dar lugar a la novedad de la vida pascual de Cristo.

Mientras el ministro impone la ceniza dice estas dos expresiones, alternativamente: "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" (Mc1, 15) y "Acuérdate de que eres polvo y al polvo has de volver" (Gén 3,19).

El próximo miércoles comienza la cuaresma. Con la imposición de la ceniza los cristianos manifestamos nuestra condición humana y limitada pero al mismo tiempo nuestro deseo de cambio y conversión. Todos debemos esforzarnos por ser más auténticos y hacer un mayor esfuerzo por la mundo, por las demostrar aprecio y amor a nosotros y por aquellos que viven en pobreza o dolor lejos de nosotros. La cambio para llegar a la Pascua, mayor entusiasmo y felicidad por la vida.

Escucha de la Palabra • Gracia •
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Caminemos juntos esta Cuaresma 2009

Al transitar con él 'Un camino de Cuaresma', descubrirá cómo el regalo del amor de Dios-un amor que escapa a nuestra comprensión-encontró su expresión mayor en la vida, muerte, y resurrección de su Hijo Jesucristo.

Miércoles de Ceniza:
Febrero 17 .
Santa Alisa: 7:00 pm

Ya que estamos en épocas de Cuaresma y debido a una charla que tuve con uno de ustedes, surgió el tema de el significado de la misma....Muchas veces **estamos tan acostumbrados a hacer las cosas por simple costumbre sin tomarnos el tiempo de indagar mas en el asunto y saber por qué hacemos las cosas.**

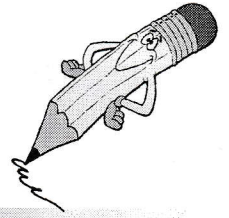
Así que a continuación una breve explicación de la palabra CUARESMA y todo lo que esa palabra encierra.....

La Cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de **conversión**, que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de la Pascua. **Es tiempo** para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y **de cambiar** algo de nosotros para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo.

Ven y empieza con nosotros el camino de la cuaresma-
hacia una nueva vida!



Escribe tu historia!!!



“Digo, pues, por la gracia que me es dada, a cada cual que está entre vosotros, que no tenga más alto concepto de sí que el que debe tener, sino que piense de sí con cordura, conforme a la medida de fe que Dios repartió a cada uno”. Romanos 12:3

Personalmente **no me gustan** las comparaciones, por ejemplo:

- El padre que compara a su hijo menor con el mayor.
- El novio que compara a la novia con su novia anterior.
- El amigo que compara a su mejor amigo con su ex mejor amigo.
- El líder que compara a una oveja débil en la fe, con una oveja madura.
- Las comparaciones que nosotros mismos nos hacemos con otros que consideramos “mejores” que nosotros.

Así mismo podría mencionar muchas comparaciones que lejos de motivar o de animar a cambiar o mejorar, lo que hace es desanimarnos.

Y es que debemos comprender que tu eres tu, que yo soy yo, no hay otro Enrique Monterroza, no hay otro Pedro Pérez ni otra Maria González, solo hay uno de cada uno y es de comprender que cada uno somos diferentes, con características similares talvez, pero muy diferentes. Es hora de dejar de compararte. posiblemente alguien sea mejor que nosotros, pero eso jamás será motivo de desanimarnos, al contrario eso debe servirnos como motivación para darnos cuenta que hay mucho porque trabajar. Y que así como Dios ha sido bueno con alguien mas en dotarlo de talentos especiales, así también yo tengo la misma probabilidad si me sumerjo en su presencia de obtener esos talentos que están disponibles para todos aquellos que anhelan escribir su propia historia.

Amados, tú fuiste creado único, no hay nadie como tú, tienes características diferentes a las demás personas, así como físicamente eres diferente a todos, así también tus talentos han de ser similares pero jamás iguales a los de las demás personas.

Es hora de explotar esos talentos, no veas a la izquierda ni a la derecha, no compares nada de lo que haces con nadie. que consideres que es mejor que tu, al contrario, tu trabaja, haz lo que tengas que hacer, trata de ser original y sobretodo permite que Dios te use de la forma tan diferente que El lo quiere hacer.

¡Basta ya de Comparaciones!

Tú eres ÚNICO(A) y tu único Modelo de Vida tiene que ser JESÚS.

Nunca sabes lo que un niño va a decir, es sorprendente:

Una niña de 4 años estaba con su pediatra; mientras el doctor le revisaba los oídos con el otoscopio, le pregunta: "¿Crees que adentro me encontraré al Pájaro Abelardo?". La niña permaneció en silencio. Enseguida el doctor tomó el abatelenguas y mientras revisaba su garganta le preguntó: "¿Crees que ahí dentro me encontraré al monstruo galletero?" y de nuevo la niña no contestó nada. El doctor puso el estetoscopio en el pecho de la niña y mientras escuchaba su corazón le preguntó: "¿Crees que escucharé a Barney ahí adentro?" "Oh, no" contestó la niña, "Barney está pintado en mis zapatos, pero en mi corazón está Dios".

Muchas veces nos olvidamos de la importancia de las cosas pequeñas y dejamos de ver lo hermoso de la creación. Muy fácilmente nos olvidamos de Dios o solo nos acordamos de él cuando necesitamos algo, somos tan egoistas que solo sabemos pedir para nosotros mismos; poniéndonos una vacuna anti-sentimientos y es así como nos volvemos indiferentes. Cuando somos indiferentes al sufrimiento de animales, destruimos nuestro medio ambiente, Provocamos ruina en el mundo que Dios nos dio para vivir. Si hacemos esto con la creación de que Dios nos dio a cuidar, que podemos esperar que le hagamos a nuestro prójimo, solo piensa por un Segundo cuando fue la ultima vez que le dijiste: "Buenos días" ala persona que mas mal te cae? Dejarias de comer por otra persona que no fuera nada tuyo.? Solo te quiero decir que es hora de cambiar, no por ti como quieras tu ya viviste; pero como quieres que sean o vivan tus hijos? igual o mejor que tu.?

DEDICADO A LA TERCERA EDAD



Dedico este poema a los ancianos. Que olvidados dejamos en un rincón de la casa con sus ojos expresando soledad, sin pensar que llegará el día en el que nosotros seremos también viejos olvidados.

Conoces alguna persona de la tercera edad que se sienta sola? que necesite ayuda.?

La parroquia Emaus esta patrocinando un programa de ayuda para personas de la tercera edad.

Si tienes mas preguntas o dudas? habla con Alexander Galicia o el P. Jhon Freddy

AL VIEJO

Somos caminantes
de las entrañas de la vida.

En el polvo de la tierra,
de los caminos,
anduve unos momentos
con mis ojos contemplando
la huella del tiempo
y el momento de ser
olvidado
por la humanidad,
por tu propia sangre.

Sus cansados ojos
contemplaban
en su rostro
los surcos de la
vida.

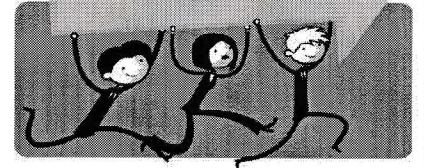
Las mejillas
se marchitan,
con las arrugas
de la piel
marcadas
por los años vividos.

Las horas se vuelven
Interminables.
!Y cuando menos esperas
te dejan en un rincón
con tu vejez.
Un simple viejo olvidado.

¡No dejes de sentir
la vida anciano!

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Cooperativa



En la búsqueda de una cooperativa: no te pierdas la próxima información sobre esto. Tu puedes ser tu propio dueño de tu propio negocio. Unámonos y construyamos un futuro lleno de esperanza!

Consejos del P. Jhon Freddy



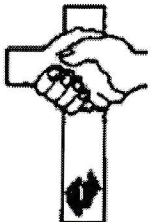
- Necesitas oración?
- Hay alguna necesidad en tu familia?

Por favor di si a Dios:

- Piensa positivo!
- Dios te ama, crééselo!
- Juega este mes con tus niños, al escondite, a la lleva, a las momias, a algo, pero juega con ellos— por favor!
- Ora.
- No grites.
 - **Sonríe, Dios te Ama.**
 - NOooo te estreses: todo saldrá bien.
 - Todo esta en las manos de Dios, no en las tuyas.
 - Pensemos que podemos cambiar y lo cambiaremos. Empieza por ti. Cambia Tu y veras como el mundo cambia.

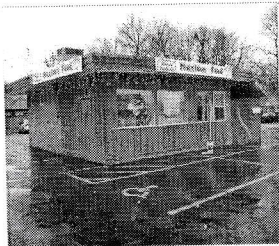
Y recuerda tratar a los demás como quieren que te traten a TI. Por favor!!!!

P. Jhon Freddy Correa



Tienes algo que anunciar.?

Te gustaría anunciar tu negocio?, o vendes algo?. Estamos reservando un espacio para ti en estas ediciones mensuales solo tienes que comunicarte con el P. Jhon Freddy para recibir mas información de como anunciarte.



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GRZECA LAW GROUP, S.C.

Por favor reúnanse con nosotros para una sesión informativa* sobre la inmigración y opciones de ciudadanía y sus dere-

chos, presentada por Jerry Grzeca y John Sesini de Grzeca Law Group.

Juntos, han estado proporcionando servicios de la ley de inmigración durante más de 40 años.

Los temas que se tratarán incluyen:

- *Residencia y las opciones de la ciudadanía*
- *Mitos comunes sobre la ciudadanía*
- *Cuando la representación legal es necesaria*

* Discusión de casos individuales.

servicios de interpretación serán proporcionados.



Necesitamos voluntarios para:

- *Lecturas en la misa*
- *Ensenar una vez al mes a los niños en el medio de la misa*

pregunta como hacerlo.

Jóvenes

Los jóvenes –adultos Latinos (en High School) de Racine se siguen reuniendo todos los Domingos de 5:30 pm a 8:00 pm en el salón de los jóvenes, con Vicky, Cesar, Mauricio, Blanca, David, Alicia, el Padre Jhon Freddy y mas lideres! y . ¡Muchachos, muchachas inviten a otros, todos los Domingos...

Ayudanos a crear una Página en la WEB de Latino Youth Group Parroquia Emaus (ELCA) - en Facebook.

Los Chicos y Chicas del **grupo Pre-juvenil** se reúnen cada Sábado de 10:00 a 12:000 pm para actividades dirigidas y de recreación en el Salón de los Jóvenes. La siguiente reunión será el sábado 9 de enero. Ven y reúnete con Gabriela y Alejandra. Y muchos jóvenes

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