

# Emmaus Visitor

January 2001

## Pastor Carlson to Kick Off Anniversary Year

Pastor Ken Carlson and his wife, Naomi, will be welcomed back to Emmaus the weekend of January 20 and 21 as we begin the year-long celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pastor Carlson will be the guest preacher at both services and will participate in the Chicago Folk liturgy on Sunday.

He was instrumental in introducing what is a favorite liturgy for many to the Emmaus Sunday worship. The Carlsons



Rev. Carlson in 1976

served at Emmaus from 1972 to 1982. Since leaving Racine, he has been the senior pastor at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa.

Following the January 21 worship service, there will be a reception to honor Pastor and Mrs. Carlson.

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a place set apart to shelter and  
nourish your spirit  
6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening  
beginning January 7

5040 Northwestern Avenue Racine  
1/4 mile west of intersection of Hwy 31 & 38  
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## Youth-Friendly Worship Alternative is Offered

Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul have been actively working with other Racine ELCA clergy as members of the Racine ELCA Mission Outreach Strategy Team. The lament of each and every pastor in the group has been that worship is no longer a priority or an interest of the majority of teenagers and young adults who have previously been connected with our congregations. A number of parents have also voiced those concerns.

It is recognized that the style of worship and music that speaks to those who are Baby Boomers and older too often bores or "turns off" younger generations. The group of pastors, together with the worship planning team, are planning something new. In addition to partial funding from a LACE endowment grant from Bethania and from the AAL grant awarded to Emmaus, several churches are also providing further funding to make the new worship service a reality.

### Sanctuary

*Sanctuary* is the name chosen for this new "Generation X" ministry. Sunday evenings will welcome people of all ages (with a

sensitivity to those between 16 and 30-something) to worship together. Good Shepherd Lutheran on Highway 38 is the site selected for the Sunday evening services. Music begins at 6:15 p.m., with worship at 6:30. Pastors from the local churches will rotate as worship leaders each week. The Sunday evening worship services begin January 7 with Pastor Jeff Barrow preaching.

Come! Be fed by the music of talented musicians, by the Word and by the weekly sacrament of Holy Communion. Plan to stay and hang out for a time together following the time of worship. We celebrate this new beginning for the ELCA and for young people in Racine!



## Mission Trippers to Sell Superbowl Subs

The youth planning to go on this year's mission trips will sponsor a sub sandwich sale on Superbowl Saturday and Sunday in January.

Sign-up sheets to order sandwiches will be available in the narthex. We will use monies received from this fund-raiser to help offset the costs of the mission trips to Nashville and Juarez this summer.

## Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring January 27-28

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.

At the Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28 worship services, confirmation youth and mission trip participants will collect donations which will be given to our local REST program.

The Souper Bowl began in a



single South Carolina church youth group in 1993. Last year, 11,200 congregations together gave \$3.1 million to charities in their respective

areas. Let's make our gifts this year make a difference in the lives of those who seek shelter at Emmaus through the REST program.

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

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTORS: Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr. #104 633-3059

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Church Council President: Amy Larsen Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz Church office: Paul Berge

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Jan. 1.

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the February VISITOR is January 15.

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## Confirmation Classes Resume January 17

Confirmation classes will resume January 17. Participating students in eighth and ninth grade

have been asked to help choose the time when the weekly class will meet.

### Sunday School News

## Sunday School Needs Your Help

by Pat Liesch

Our Sunday School is off to a great start. Enrollment has risen, and the children are excited about our new program. To continue with our programming, we are in need of several teachers and shepherds, beginning in January. Can you spend an hour a week, for four or five weeks, teaching a lesson? Can you help shepherd our children, as they move from class to class? We really need you to help.

The rooms are ready. The programming is waiting. The children are anxious to learn. All we need is you. For more details, please

contact Carol Rudey at 632-0643.

## Youth Birthdays

|         |                 |    |
|---------|-----------------|----|
| Jan. 1  | Patrick Austin  | 3  |
| Jan. 4  | Josh Mickelson  | 16 |
| Jan. 6  | Heather Miller  | 16 |
| Jan. 7  | P.J. Liesch     | 16 |
| Jan. 8  | Genevieve Crull | 5  |
| Jan. 10 | Tanya Rasmussen | 12 |
| Jan. 11 | William Syty    | 2  |
| Jan. 11 | Rachel Haug     | 16 |
| Jan. 16 | Lance Fry       | 3  |
| Jan. 16 | Nathan Albright | 15 |
| Jan. 26 | Rachel Sommer   | 15 |
| Jan. 31 | Brad Johnson    | 3  |

## Gateway Community Classes to Begin January 20

Do you or someone you know have the desire to complete studies for a high school equivalency diploma? Emmaus will be one of the sites offering an opportunity to work on a GED degree through Gateway Technical Institute.

Beginning January 20, weekly classes will be held in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. every Saturday.

Classes will also be offered at



Holy Communion Lutheran Church on Thursday evenings. These times and places will also make it possible for interested REST participants to be a part of the programs offered.

The cost for testing and supplies totals \$108.00. No initial payment is required. For more details or for scholarship information, please contact the church office.

# Annual Congregational Meeting Slated for February 5

The year 2001 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday,

February 5. Items on the agenda will include approval of the church budget for the year and election of a new church council.

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 pastors, council president Amy Larsen, or vice president Mark Purath. See you on February 5!

| Pledge Comparison |              |               |                       |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Year              | # of pledges | Total pledged | Average annual pledge |
| 1995              | 141          | \$163,326.25  | \$1,158.34            |
| 1996              | 119          | \$147,951.86  | \$1,243.29            |
| 1997              | 122          | \$137,856.00  | \$1,129.97            |
| 1998              | 139          | \$160,354.00  | \$1,153.63            |
| 1999              | 122          | \$153,857.00  | \$1,261.12            |
| 2000              | 118          | \$150,592.00  | \$1,276.20            |
| 2001              | 115          | \$146,756.00  | \$1,276.14            |

as of 12/26/2000

## Mission Exploration Team to Submit Written Report

Wrapping up approximately nine months of work, the MET (Mission Exploration Team) members will gather Sunday afternoon, January 14 at 4:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper. Marty Aiken has



compiled notes of the findings of the MET team and will present them January 14.

A summary of that report will then be a part of the annual report to the congregation.

## Kids Hope Mentoring Program Sets Training

Marty Aiken, the director of the Emmaus' Kids Hope mentoring program has spent time during the past two months establishing relationships with first grade teachers from Wadewitz Elementary School. In addition, he and Julie Field have been informing interested members of Emmaus regarding the structure and format of the mentoring program which is being developed.

To date, thirteen individuals have indicated an interest in being mentors for Wadewitz first graders, ranging from high school students to retired folks. Others are volunteering to be prayer partners.

During January, Marty will conduct extensive interviews with all mentors to facilitate in the matching process between them and the first

graders. On Saturday, January 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m., a four-hour training session will be held at Emmaus for all mentors.

At a date to be determined, mentors will visit Wadewitz for an orientation. The weekly mentoring sessions will begin the first week in February.

Kids Hope is off to a solid start! We give God thanks for providing a tangible way to reach out to neighborhood children and their families through this faith-based mentoring program. Please keep Kids Hope in your prayers as we venture into new territory during the coming year.

If you would like to learn more about being a prayer partner, please call Julie Field (725-0194) or Marty Aiken (637-2104).

## What an Impact a Prayer Partner Makes!

After a frustrating session with Robert, Kids Hope USA tutor Peggy went home and contacted her prayer partner. Peggy asked that he pray that Robert be able to focus better in their next session, and that their relationship would continue to grow.

A week later, Peggy began the Kids Hope USA hour by having Robert try some math problems. Robert gave his undivided attention to the task, getting 47 of 50 problems correct! As they were reading a book about building things, Peggy asked Robert what he would build if he could have all the wood

and bricks he needed to build anything. Robert asked Peggy, "How do you spell sculpture?"

After Peggy spelled it, Robert said, "I would build a great big sculpture of you!" He shared that he hoped to become a Kids Hope USA tutor when he grows up, just like Peggy.

Never underestimate the power of prayer! As the program unfolds, it is important that mentors and prayer partners communicate with each other. The two key components to effective ministry are prayer and communication.

## Thanks from Cops 'n' Kids

Dear Emmaus church family,  
 People often wonder what they can do as an individual to help change things for the better. They may not believe that one single person can make much difference, but that is simply not true. It's people like you, people who care enough to reach out to those in need. I want you to know that your encouragement has not gone unrecognized, and has helped us tremendously.



Julia Burney

offering collected November 19. Of that offering, Lutheran Brotherhood matched the first \$450. Thank you!

From Cheryl Dexter, your Lutheran Brotherhood Communicator

NOTE: Of the \$450 gift, \$225 has been designated for Mission Trips, and \$225 for the Anniversary fund.

The Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center is truly a community effort. Without you, we would not be where we are today. You personally have changed the lives of children for the better, just by encouraging us to try harder.

On behalf of everyone involved in this project and myself, thank you so much for opening your heart and for taking the time to give us the encouragement we so desperately need. We really appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Officer Julia Burney, Founder and President, Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center, Inc.

## Thanks from Lutheran Brotherhood

Dear members of Emmaus,  
 Thank you to all the dedicated friends and members involved in the

## Thanks from REST

Dear Emmaus,  
 Thank-you very much for allowing us to use your church. Someday the homeless will thank you for your hospitality. Bless you,  
 Donna Bumpus, Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce

### Elsewhere in Our Area

## Norwegian Group to Dance at Gifford

The Stoughton Norwegian Dancers will perform Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Gifford Auditorium, Franksville. Tickets are \$5.00 and available from Betty Barth, 639-7894.

## Communion Assistants and Readers Needed

by Kathy Christensen

We are looking for more people to participate as readers and communion assistants. If you are willing to help, there will be a training on Sunday, January 14, at 10:45 a.m. so that you will be comfortable with procedures. People

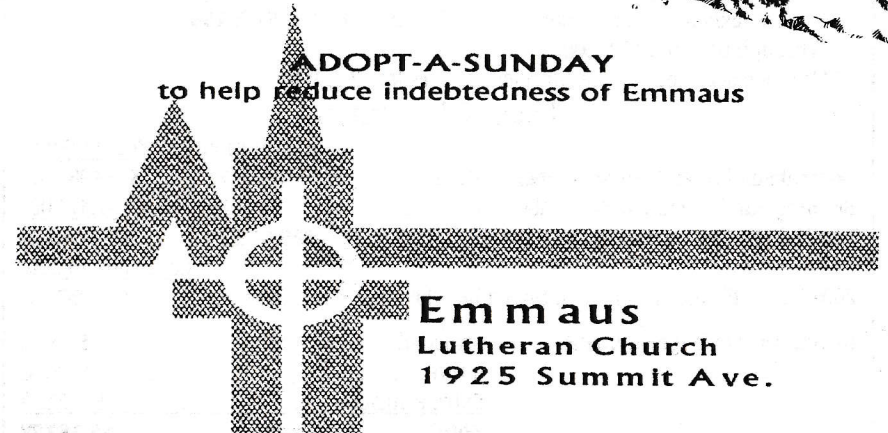
who have been readers and communion assistants in the past are encouraged to attend this training as well so that you can review procedures and everyone hears the same information. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thanks.

### MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:  
 In memory of Esther Reichenberger: \$10.00  
 In memory of Mary Smerda: \$45.00  
 In memory of Clara Buchman: \$120.00



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

# Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt!

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

**Julia Durand**, in honor of the volunteers at Emmaus;

**The family of Esther Jensen**, honoring her on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Adopting a Sunday is a giving

way to memorialize or honor 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 *Visitor*. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to us along with your contribution.

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

|   |                    |                  |                   |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Dec.:</b> | 1998: <b>183</b>   | 1999: <b>179</b> | 2000: <b>150*</b> |
| Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:        | 1998: <b>136</b>   | 1999: <b>142</b> | 2000: <b>140</b>  |
| Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:       | 1998: <b>130</b>   | 1999: <b>130</b> | 2000: <b>114</b>  |
| Average weekly attendance, <b>Jan.:</b> | 1999: <b>140**</b> | 2000: <b>154</b> |                   |

\*Through December 24, 2000.

\*\*Average does not include canceled services Jan. 2-3, 1999.

## Financial Statistics

|   | Total for month         | Year to date        |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund receipts in November, '00        | \$20,385.70             | \$169,984.61        |
| Building Fund receipts in November, '00       | \$217.00                | \$7,474.00          |
| <b>Unified receipts in November, '00</b>      | <b>\$20,602.70</b>      | <b>\$177,458.61</b> |
|   | <u>Campaign to date</u> |                     |
| 2001 Fund offerings received in November '00: | \$200.00                | \$86,957.12         |
| November mortgage payments:                   |                         |                     |
| Principal                                     | \$359.10                |                     |
| Interest                                      | \$606.90                |                     |
| Extra Principal                               | \$4,221.78              |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$5,187.78</b>       |                     |
| Principal balance as of December 11, 2000     | \$88,275.97             |                     |

## Elsewhere In Our Community

### Albert House Apartments Advertise for Senior Residents

Albert House, a 96-unit apartment building at 4000 Maryland Avenue is designed for persons 62 years of age or older and/or persons with disabilities.

Some units are wheelchair accessible. Rents are based on 30% of adjusted gross income. Contact Karrie Davis at 262 554-6708.



# JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS



|                    | READERS              | ACOLYTES                            | ALTAR GUILD                    | USHERS*                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan. 6<br>5:00 pm  |                      |                                     | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine |                             |
| Jan. 7<br>9:15 am  | David<br>Christensen | Mike Liesch<br>Brian Field          | Bev Hansen<br>Evelyn Larsen    | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard    |
| Jan. 13<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                     | Arvilla Nemer<br>Lael Richter  |                             |
| Jan. 14<br>9:15 am | Al Svendsen          | Matt Nuechterlein<br>Austin Schultz |                                | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi    |
| Jan. 20<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                     | Evelyn Larsen                  |                             |
| Jan. 21<br>9:15 am | Ruth Hlavka          | Geoff Pearson<br>Lukas Reischl      | Judy Berndt<br>Boots LeRoux    | Team #2<br>Harold Miller    |
| Jan. 27<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                     | Lyle & Marge<br>Zielke         |                             |
| Jan. 28<br>9:15 am | Karen Sedgwick       | Danielle Pipl<br>April Falaschi     |                                | Team #3<br>Rich Christensen |
| Feb. 3<br>5:00 pm  |                      |                                     | TBA                            |                             |
| Feb. 4<br>9:15 am  | Sandi Zeleski        | Ann Liesch<br>Erin Sommer           | TBA                            | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer       |

\*The former team #2 has been disbanded. Other usher teams have been renumbered accordingly.

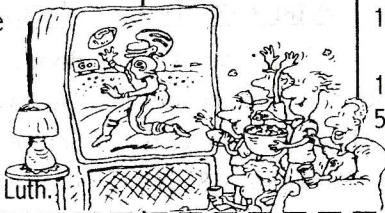
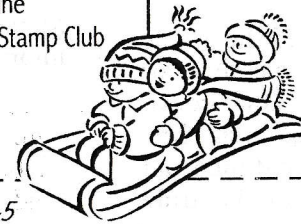
## Altar Flowers

|         |                      |                |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|
| Jan. 7  | Cathy Meyer          | Bonnie French  |
| Jan. 14 | John & Meta Haanstad | Please sign up |
| Jan. 21 | Don & Jackie Orth    | Bonnie French  |
| Jan. 28 | Pat LeRoux-Sodke     | Please sign up |
| Feb. 4  | Hedy Wagner          | Please sign up |

## Fellowship



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>January, 2001</b><br>Emmaus<br>Ev. Lutheran Church<br>1925 Summit Avenue<br>Racine, Wisconsin 53404  | <b>1</b> <i>New Millennium Day</i><br>Office closed   | <b>2</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>10:00 am Computer lab<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>7:00 pm Cluster Council meeting at Our Savior's | <b>3</b><br>1:30 pm Mary Circle<br>1:30 pm Rebecca Circle                       | <b>4</b><br>3:00 pm Bulletin deadline<br>7:00 pm Stamp Club                             | <b>5</b><br>7:00 pm REST                                 | <b>6</b> <i>Epiphany</i><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion   |
|   | <i>Pastor Mary on vacation/continuing education January 1-5</i>   |   |   |   |  |   |
| <b>7</b> <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i><br>9:15 am Worship Service LBW#2 with Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.  | <b>8</b><br>6:30 pm Church Council  | <b>9</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>10:00 am Computer lab<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>6:30 pm WELCA Board                             | <b>10</b><br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir                     | <b>11</b><br>3:00 pm Bulletin deadline<br>7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'           | <b>12</b><br>7:00 pm REST                                | <b>13</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion  |
| <b>14</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>10:45 am Reader/Communion Asst. training<br>4:30 pm MET pot luck<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth. | <b>15</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i><br><i>Visitor</i> deadline<br>3:00 pm Committee annual reports due in church office | <b>16</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>10:00 am Computer lab<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>7:00 pm Center for Community Concerns          | <b>17</b><br>TBA Confirmation<br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>18</b> <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i><br>3:00 pm Bulletin deadline | <b>19</b><br>7:00 pm REST                                | <b>20</b><br>8:00 am Gateway Community GED class<br>8:30 pm Kids' Hope Training<br>5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.; Rev. Ken Carlson |
| <b>21</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion; Rev. Carlson guest preacher<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.                            | <b>22</b><br>6:00 pm Anniversary committee<br>6:30 pm REST Board  | <b>23</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>10:00 am Computer lab<br>5:00 pm TOPS   | <b>24</b><br>TBA Confirmation<br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>25</b><br>3:00 pm Bulletin deadline  | <b>26</b><br>7:00 pm REST                                | <b>27</b><br>Superbowl sub sale<br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion  |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation, January 25-30</i>   |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| <b>28</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Superbowl sub sale<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.                                      | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>10:00 am Computer lab<br>5:00 pm TOPS   | <b>31</b><br>TBA Confirmation<br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>Feb. 1</b><br>3:00 pm Bulletin deadline<br>5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's       | <b>2</b> <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i><br>7:00 pm REST | <b>3</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion   |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation, Jan. 25-30</i>  |   |   |   |   |  |   |



Emmaus Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name   | Emmaus earns | Denominations available              | Quantity | Total |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>GROCERY STORES</b>  |              |                                      |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store  |              | \$10, \$25                           |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly  | 4%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>                      |              |                                      |          |       |
| Kohl's Department Store                                      | 3%           | \$50, \$25, \$10                     |          |       |
| ShopKo   | 4%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| J. C. Penney   | 6%           | \$250, \$100, \$25, \$10, debit card |          |       |
| Sears (not for charge acct/balance)                          | 4%           | \$100, \$20, \$10                    |          |       |
| Younkers   | 9%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| K-Mart (not for lay-away)                                    | 3%           | \$50, \$25, \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                                      | 12%          | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| Casual Corner  | 19%          | \$10                                 |          |       |
| The Gap  | 9%           | \$10, \$20                           |          |       |
| Eddie Bauer  | 14%          | \$25                                 |          |       |
| Lillian Vernon   | 14%          | \$20                                 |          |       |
| Limited  | 9%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| Payless Shoes  | 9%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| Pier One Imports   | 9%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| Spiegel  | 9%           | \$25                                 |          |       |
| Victoria's Secret  | 14%          | \$10, \$25                           |          |       |
| Bath & Body Work   | 18%          | \$10                                 |          |       |
| August Max Woman   | 19%          | \$10                                 |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx/Marshalls   | 10%          | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| Old Navy   | 9%           | \$10, \$25                           |          |       |
| <b>SPORTING GOODS STORES</b>                                 |              |                                      |          |       |
| Footlocker   | 9%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| Sports Authority   | 8%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                             |              |                                      |          |       |
| B. Dalton's  | 9%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble   | 9%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| Walden Books   | 8%           | \$10                                 |          |       |
| Office Max   | 4%           | \$25, \$10                           |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL; MOVIE THEATRES</b> |              |                                      |          |       |
| Best Buy   | 2%           | \$50                                 |          |       |
| Circuit City   | 3%           | \$50                                 |          |       |



|  |     |                         |              |
|--|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| Blockbuster Video                            | 7%  | \$10                    |              |
| Radio Shack                                  | 4%  | \$25                    |              |
| Suncoast Movies                              | 19% | \$10                    |              |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS STORES</b>                  |     |                         |              |
| Joanne Fabrics                               | 10% | \$10                    |              |
| Kay-Bee/Toy Work                             | 9%  | \$10                    |              |
| Kid's/Toys Я Us                              | 3%  | \$10, \$5               |              |
| Menards                                      | 3%  | \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10 |              |
| Pier One                                     | 9%  | \$25, \$10              |              |
| Williams Sonoma                              | 13% | \$10                    |              |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>              |     |                         |              |
| American Airlines                            | 18% | \$50                    |              |
| Citgo  | 3%  | \$50, \$25              |              |
| Kwik Trip                                    | 4%  | \$5                     |              |
| Shell Oil                                    | 2%  | \$50, \$20, \$10        |              |
| Speedway                                     | 4%  | \$5 certificates        |              |
| Marriott Hotels (Courtyard & Fairfield Inns) | 9%  | \$25                    |              |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                           |     |                         |              |
| Applebee's                                   | 9%  | \$10                    |              |
| Bob Evans                                    | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Chi-Chi's                                    | 9%  | \$10                    |              |
| Chili's                                      | 13% | \$10                    |              |
| Chuck E. Cheese                              | 9%  | \$10                    |              |
| Cracker Barrel                               | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Denny's                                      | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| KFC  | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Perkins                                      | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Pizza Hut                                    | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Ponderosa                                    | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
| Red Lobster/Olive Garden                     | 14% | \$10                    |              |
| Burger King                                  | 4%  | \$5                     |              |
| Wendy's                                      | 9%  | \$5                     |              |
|  |     |                         | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|  |     |                         | \$           |

*Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!*

January 14, 2000

# Thank You to Our Christmas Elves!

by Marsha Connet

Many thanks to all the people who helped decorate the church for Christmas: Nancy and Jim Brown, Shirley Velzka, Marge and Lyle Zielke, Boots LeRoux, and June and Al Beck. Your help is truly appreciated by all.

As you're shopping the post-holiday sales or putting your own decorations away, please remember Emmaus. We need to replace some

of our decorations. Please call Marsha Connet (633-2047) for more information.

## SCRIP Resumes January 6-7

Scrip orders will be taken on the weekend of January 6-7. Thanks for your support, and have a happy and blessed New Year.

## New Projector Being Purchased

Made possible by designated AAL grant money and funds from the Marian Bower bequest, a new multi-projector is being purchased this month. The projector has the capabilities of projecting videotaped presentations onto a large screen, something that has been on the wish list of the senior center for the past several years.

The Sunday School will also benefit from the new equipment, to be used in the video room.



"Power Point" presentations and picture presentations will also be possible, although we will have to borrow a laptop computer on those occasions. The new Sunday evening worship service "Sanctuary" to be held weekly at Good Shepherd will project words to songs on a screen in the front of the church rather than use hymnals. (See article on page 3)

We are grateful for the resources of technology available due to these special gifts.

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Director: Carol Eschmann  
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND BETTER

|         |                   |                                     |       |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Jan. 7  | Harold Miller     | 2705 James Boulevard                | 53403 |
| Jan. 11 | Oscar Haugsby     | 4140 Manhattan Drive                | 53402 |
| Jan. 29 | Jeannette Bertram | 1830 Polaris Avenue                 | 53404 |
| Jan. 30 | Grace Unger       | 3109 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Kenosha | 53144 |

## A Page from Emmaus History

# Unsettled Election Marks Eriksen Pastorate

Søren Cornelius Eriksen was born January 19, 1879, on the island of Funen, Denmark. A 1902 honors graduate of the theological school of the University of Denmark, he came to America in 1905 to become professor of theology at the Danish Lutheran seminary in Blair, Nebraska.

In May, 1909, he accepted a call to serve as Emmaus' pastor, replacing Rev. Elias Prøvensen, who had resigned in February citing health reasons.

In the time since Emmaus was built on Mound Avenue in 1878, many of the older members had moved from that neighborhood to the West Racine area, and thought that the church ought to move with them. Records suggest that Eriksen also approved of the idea of moving the church to the property where Lange's pharmacy now stands.

Other members, of course, had a strong emotional attachment to the old building. The congregation met on August 22, 1910 in an attempt to decide the question, but when the votes were counted, 32 votes were in favor of moving, 24 votes were against ... and 14 ballots were blank.

Clearly, a plurality was in favor of moving, but the constitution required approval by a majority. We can only assume that there followed a disputatious attempt to discern the

intent of the voters whose under-vote could decide the election. But this was in the days before dimpled chads, butterfly ballots, and Katherine Harris. The Supreme Court did not step in to declare "Time's up!"



Rev. S. C. Eriksen

In June, 1912, a petition "signed by 18 members and 9 young men" (as P.S. Vig's history of Emmaus puts it) brought the matter before the congregation again. The re-vote, however, still failed to settle the matter.

During Eriksen's pastorate, the old system of having deacons collect membership dues from the congregation was replaced by the modern offering envelope system. New colored windows were put in the old church, largely through a donation of \$200 to the church from its youth. The church organ was donated to a fledgling Lutheran church in Salt Lake City.

Eriksen submitted his resignation as pastor shortly after returning from the dedication of that Utah congregation in 1913. In the interim between his departure for Denmark and the second pastorate of Rev. Christian Jensen, 38 members left Emmaus to found Gethsemane Lutheran Church in West Racine.



# ELCA CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS

November 10-13, 2000

The ELCA Church Council functions as the ELCA's board of directors and serves as the legislative authority of the church between churchwide assemblies, much like the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council. As faithful members of the ELCA, we are interested in the actions of this legislative body of the Church.

In the following pages, a few of the Council's most recent actions are briefly outlined. At the end of each synopsis, we've provided options for learning more or taking action.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Ellen Maxon, synod staff and ELCA Council member, 414/671-1212.

## Peace Resolutions Aimed at Middle East, Africa

The ELCA Church council encourages members of the ELCA "to support through prayer and material assistance" the people in the Middle East affected by "civil strife."

Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson has asked congregations and synods in the ELCA to participate in a Prayer Vigil for the Middle East. Each state has been assigned a different day of the month to coordinate "prayer and fasting for an end to violence in Israel and Palestine." Wisconsin's assigned day is the 20th of each month. Take aside some time on the 20th of each month until the conflict has ended to say a special prayer, to fast, or to learn more about the

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**LEARN  
MORE!**

To learn more about the situation in the Middle East, log onto the ELCA web site, [www.elca.org/co/mideast](http://www.elca.org/co/mideast). For more information on West Africa, check out [www.elca.org/dgm/policy/westafrika.html](http://www.elca.org/dgm/policy/westafrika.html) or the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs web site, [www.loga.org/africa.html](http://www.loga.org/africa.html).

## Get Ready for the "Next Generation of ELCA Worship Resources"

To help address the worship needs of the 5.15 million-member ELCA, the Council approved the "Next Generation of ELCA Worship Resources," a brand new multi-year plan for the church's worship team and our publishing house, Augsburg Fortress.

The worship team (ELCA Division for Congregational ministries - DCM) and Augsburg fortress has developed a five-year, five-phase plan for the implementation of these resources.

The plan will begin with a series of consultations, where individuals will have an opportunity to dialogue and add input to this discussion. Specifically, the dialogue will focus on "The Use and Means of Grace" as it relates to music in worship, language

and culture, worship space and environment, and preaching.

The second phase of the plan includes the development of a series of "working groups" in 2001-2004 to tackle specific projects necessary to the development of new resources.

The third phase entails a series of "trial-use" resources for your congregation to review and provide opinion and feedback.

The fourth phase will be the introduction of these exciting new resources through regional and synodical conferences.

Watch the calendar for more information in the months ahead.



**LEARN  
MORE!**

For more information about worship resources, ideas, training events and learning opportunities, go to [www.elca.org/dcm/worship](http://www.elca.org/dcm/worship). To offer your opinions on the "Next Generation of ELCA Worship Resources" e-mail a staff member and let them know you heard about the Council action. Call if you don't have access to the internet, 1-800-638-3522, and ask for the Division for Congregational Ministries.

## Presiding Bishop Spells out Vision for Church in 20 years.

Presiding Bishop, H. George Anderson outlined his vision for the ELCA in 20 years for the ELCA Church Council. He shared six characteristics for the future church. His vision is as follows:

- ♦ The church will be representative of the diverse population of the United States;
- ♦ The church will work effectively with ecumenical partners;
- ♦ The church will be noted for its solidarity with people living in poverty;
- ♦ The members will connect their faith with their daily life;
- ♦ The congregations will see themselves as mission centers; and
- ♦ The leaders of the church will focus on helping members use their talents for ministry.

**LEARN  
MORE!**

To find out how to share and begin to reach toward the vision of our church, go to [www.elca.org/ob](http://www.elca.org/ob) and read the documents available there. Also, send an e-mail to the Bishop or one of his staff members to share your thoughts. 1-800-638-3522, and ask for the Office of the Bishop.

## Continued Support for Rural Ministry

Sandra LeBlanc, rural ministry leader, outlined advocacy efforts, which includes: public policy that alleviates pressures of price fluctuations; concerns regarding biogenetic engineering and food production; and the legal, moral and philosophical questions surrounding the concentration of food production under a few multi-national corporations.

The Council will continue providing support for this ministry.

**LEARN MORE!**

For a LOT more information on rural ministry and advocacy, go to the web site: [www.elca.org/do/ruralhome](http://www.elca.org/do/ruralhome). Or call the ELCA and ask for the Rural Ministry Desk, 1-800-638-3522.

## Request for Exceptions to *Visions & Expectations* Clergy Standards Denied

A request came before the ELCA Church Council to consider exceptions to the "Visions and Expectations" Clergy Standards document in the case of ordaining gay and lesbian people who engage in committed homosexual relationships.

Although the Council rejected the request, they also reaffirmed the commitment of the ELCA "to continue

thoughtful, deliberate and prayerful conversations" throughout the church on this issue.

Since the church has not had adequate conversation on the homosexuality issue, the council presented a resolution that calls for every synod to incorporate a workshop or other models for dialogue in their assemblies before the 2003 Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee.

**LEARN  
MORE!**

In the Greater Milwaukee Synod, a task force has been planning events to begin the dialogue. The first of a series of these events is Sunday, February 18, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., and will include special guests, former Presiding Bishop Herb Chilstrom and former Bishop John Beem. The time will be used to model productive dialogue on the issue of homosexuality, to share views and concerns in small group sessions, prayer, and a time for questions and answers.

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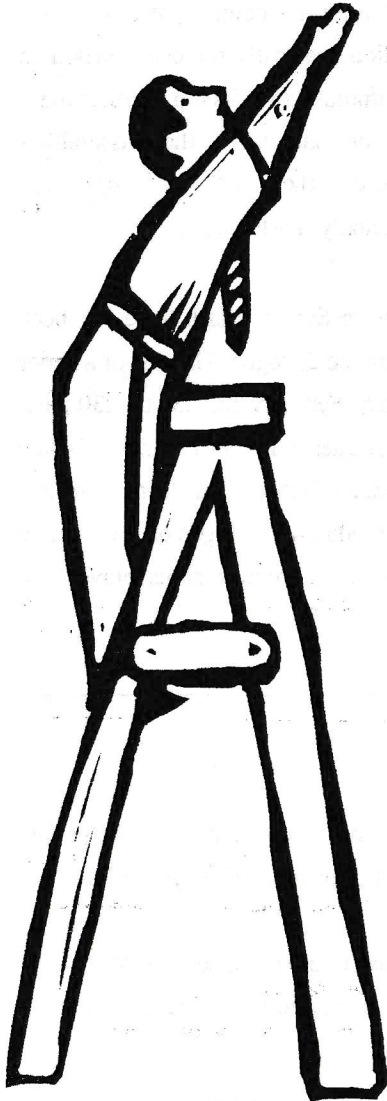
situation in the Middle East.

The council also requested that ELCA members be in prayer for the people of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, and to "better familiarize" yourselves with the ongoing conflict in West Africa.

For more than a decade, armed conflict has traumatized several West African Countries. Problems there include an increased flow of refugees and "cross-border troop movements."

# Meru Diocese Funding Priority

*for the year 2001*



The Greater Milwaukee Synod has a deep and meaningful partnership with the Meru Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

One of the many ways we live out this partnership is through ministry financial support.

The Meru Diocese identifies ministries that need funding, and the Milwaukee Synod helps make that ministry a reality! Last year, the funding priority was a revolving loan fund for the ministry leaders in the Diocese.

This year, the funding priority is a new vehicle for the Diocese. Transportation is very difficult in that area of Tanzania, and having a vehicle enables the Bishop, Paulo Akyoo, and other ministry leaders to go out and be with their people in their daily struggles to survive.

They plan to buy a used Land Rover which will cost approximately \$30,000. Please help by sending your donation into the synod office today! Earmark the donation for "Meru Vehicle Fund."

**YES!** I will help the Meru Diocese buy a Land Rover for their vital ministry in the community!

Please check one option:

\$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to The Greater Milwaukee Synod, and write in the "memo" line "Meru Vehicle Fund." Return your check with this form to:

The Greater Milwaukee Synod  
Attn: Meru Vehicle Fund  
1212 S. Layton Blvd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

If you have questions about the Greater Milwaukee Synod Companion relationship with the Meru Diocese in Tanzania, please contact the synod office (414/671-1212. kris@milwaukee-synod.org) for a copy of the Partnership brochure.

## What's Next?

As we approach year's end, I guess it's not unusual to be bouncing back and forth between times of reflection and times of envisioning what's ahead. That's where I find myself this week between Christmas and New Year's as I write this column.

I find myself simultaneously reflecting on the full, full year for Emmaus in 2000. There is gratitude for the many blessings—a renewed sense of mission, the beginnings of a new Sunday School, the first mission trips for young people, the award of a significant grant for outreach, and much, much more. There has also been the reality of less pastoral coverage since September, when Pastor Paul began his 2/3 time interim position at Zion. And, because that arrangement will no doubt continue at least through April, a number of folks have asked, "What's next for Emmaus?"

There aren't yet clear-cut answers to that question. We are on a path of defining the shape of the future outreach ministry of Emmaus, and that will determine future staff needs.

### Commitment Needed

How do we most faithfully reach out to children and families in our neighborhood, to the elderly and the vulnerable of our own congregation, not to mention youth and young adults? We are called to

bring the gospel message of hope and life to *all* who are a part of the immediate and surrounding community. We are called to awesome and exciting possibilities, and it's going to take a *commitment* from each of you in terms of your time to make this possible.

I'm ready and eager to provide leadership as we move ahead, and I'm more than willing to roll up my sleeves and work alongside all of you. But, I have to admit that I personally (and the church as a whole) have never needed your help and support as much

as right now. I simply cannot continue the intense pace of the past six months without the risk of burn-out.

If each person reading this would be willing to commit six to ten additional hours of service to the ministry of Emmaus between now and June, there would be energy to spare! We could move ahead in some very significant ways, making our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations throughout the year even more meaningful.

How can *you* help fulfill the mission of Emmaus? Begin with



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prayer. Listen. Offer yourself and your gifts to God, asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Take a risk! Say "yes" to something you may not have tried before! You can count on mutual support and encouragement.

You need suggestions? I'll be preparing a menu of service opportunities. Take a look at that menu and fill in a "Count On Me" card—checking one of the menu selections or offering something else that may not be listed.

You are an incredible group of people who care deeply for the church and her mission. I've seen that expressed in your support of the REST program, in all the hard work

renovating the second floor, in the Mission Exploration Team, and each and every day in so many other areas.

Please join me during this time of transition and building so that Emmaus may be the church God envisions us to be. This, as Bishop H. George Anderson says, is truly "an exciting time to be the church!"

Thank you for your partnership as we move forward in the name of Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you in 2001,

*Pastor Mary*



## Wisconsin Electric Offers Heating Assistance

During this cold winter, high energy costs can be a real hardship. Wisconsin Electric has programs available to spread out utility bills, but estimates that 50-70% of the customers that qualify for energy assistance do not apply.

Avoid the peaks and valleys of energy bills caused by seasonal differences. Spread your energy costs more evenly over a year. To sign up, call 414-221-3333 or 1-800-242-9137.

When difficult circumstances arise that prevent you from paying

your bill in full, call 414-226-2331 or 1-800-842-4565 outside metro Milwaukee.

You can charge past due bills by dialing 1-877-718-9161 any time. Your cost is a processing fee equal to 3% of your payment or \$3.75, whichever is greater. Wisconsin Electric does not receive this processing fee.

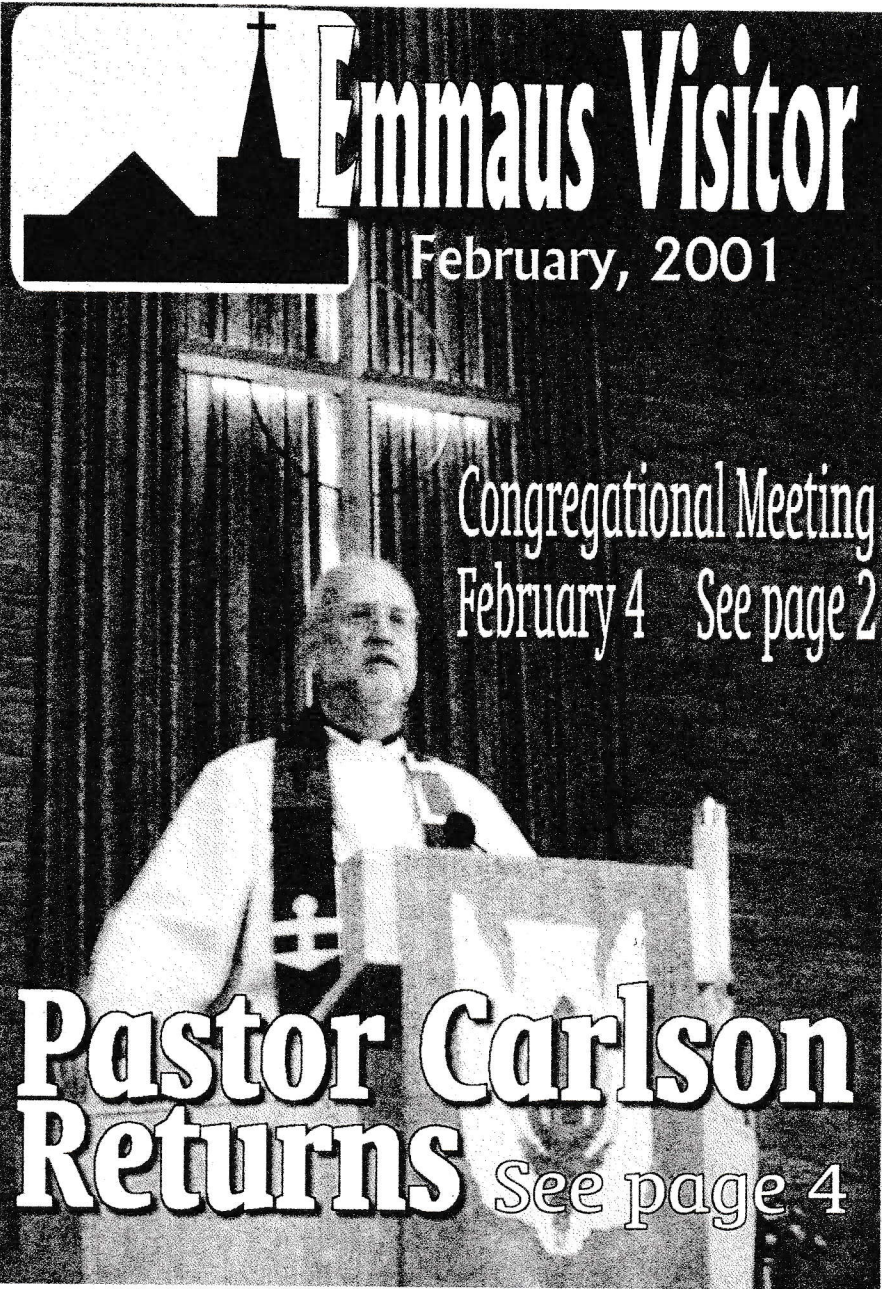
To make an appointment with Racine County's social service agency for more information about public energy assistance programs, call 637-7248.

**In the January  
*Visitor:***

- \* Sanctuary Worship  
Offered for Youth
- \* Confirmation Classes  
Resume January 17
- \* Mentor Training  
Slated January 20
- \* Emmaus and  
Gateway Launch  
Classes
- \* Church Purchases  
Multiprojector
- \* ELCA Church Council  
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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms:

Elizabeth Ann Orth  
January 14, 2001

Elizabeth is the infant daughter of Don (Jr.) and Jackie Orth, and granddaughter of Don and Dolly Orth. Her sponsors are Arlyn Fischer and Christine Fischer.

Kaitlyn Marie Yanghua Sodke  
January 28, 2001

Kaitlyn was baptized on her first birthday. Born in Hunan province, China, she is the daughter of Jim and Pat LeRoux Sodke; Lloyd and Boots LeRoux are proud grandparents. Her sponsors are Traci Cabaltera, Len Cabaltera, and Deborah LeRoux.

### Funeral:

Joyce Hardy Burby  
January 10, 2001

Joyce Burby, mother of Barb Toslek, Susan Tucker and Raymond Burby, passed away on January 7. She is also survived by Raymond Burby, her husband of 48 years.



### Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

## **Congregation Holds Meeting February 4**

The 2001 Semi-annual Meeting of the congregation will begin 10:30 a.m. February 4 after the worship service. In addition to reports, election of church council members, and approval of the budget for January-June, 2001, the Mission Exploration Team (MET) will report on its progress and programs for the year.

2000 annual reports are available on display at church.

There will be no Sunday

School on February 4.

## MEMORIALS

Designated for choir chairs in memory of:

Shirley Psiones: \$100.00

Designated for kitchen renovation in memory of:

Mary Smerda: \$250.00

## Church Singers Present Music February 11

As part of our anniversary year celebration, the church singers, under the direction of Bob Gall, will lead our worship on Sunday, February 11 at 9:15 a.m.

Invite your friends to this special service of word and song,

which will include a variety of numbers by the well-known group of talented musicians. A free-will offering will be taken to support the on-going ministry of the Church Singers.

## Thanks for Buying Superbowl Subs

by Cindi Larsen

Thanks to all of our Superbowl

Sub Sandwich purchasers. The Emmaus Youth fund this summer's mission trips.

## EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTORS: Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr. #104 633-3059  
Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Ave. 637-0671

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Church Council President: Amy Larsen     | Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet   |
| Sunday School Superintendent: Pat Liesch | Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz |
| Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Field   | Organist: Joyce Kaiser                |
| Kids Hope Director: Marty Aiken          | Church office: Paul Berge             |
| Custodians: Rick Muhammad & Matt Liesch  | Groundskeeper: Harley Slater          |

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| E-mail: Church: emmaus@execpc.com | Church office: |
| Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com       | (262) 634-5515 |
| Pastor Paul: pnemmaus@execpc.com  | Fax: 633-0726  |

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. ASH WEDNESDAY services will be offered at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pastor Mary is in the office Mondays-Thursdays. Pastor Paul is in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the March VISITOR is February 14.

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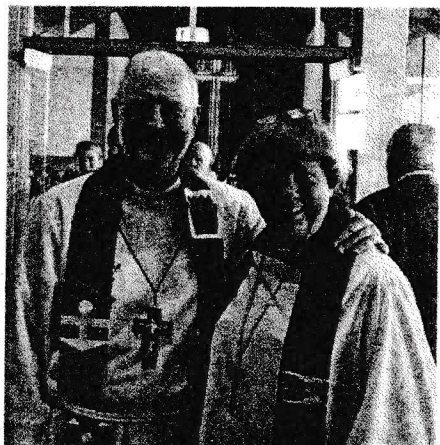
## Thanks for Unhanging Greens

Many, many thanks to all the people who lent a hand to help put away our Christmas decorations this past month. A special thanks to Nancy and Jim Brown, who did

such a great job of organizing and to Bill Irvine, Betty Barth and Matt Liesch for help on short notice. Your assistance is truly appreciated!

## Ken Carlson Launches Sesquicentennial Year

Many of you were with us on January 20-21, as Pastor Ken Carlson preached for the first official event of our Sesquicentennial year! Friends of Emmaus, old and new, were able to meet and greet Pastor Carlson and his wife, Naomi, at a reception following worship. Warmest thanks to the Carlsons for helping us begin our 150<sup>th</sup> year in such a special way!



Pastors Ken Carlson and Mary Janz

Also, many thanks to Betty Barth and her hard-working crew for hosting such a wonderful breakfast buffet!

A regular feature throughout this anniversary year is the welcoming back of pastors with strong ties to Emmaus. In order to make these visits as special as possible, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is in search of folks to help in two ways:

- Act as a "conciierge" for a visiting pastor (confirm dates,

hotel reservations, meet them at church when they arrive, etc.)

- Become a "patron of a pastor — in other words, help defray the cost of hosting our guests by making a special donations.

The pastors we have joining us throughout the year are Rev. Jeff Wild (March 17-18), Rev. Lyle Rossing (May 5-6), Rev. Luther Borgen (May dates to be announced), Rev. George Demant (July 21-22), Rev. Alan Goertemiller (August 4-5), Rev. Russell Scheel (September 1-2), and Bishop Peter Rogness (September 30). Keep up with these dates by checking our web site: <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

For more details on acting as a concierge, call Ellen at 637-0671. To make a gift for any of the pastors; visits, just mark the memo with "150<sup>th</sup> Pr. (name)."

## 2001 Pledge Report Updated

| Pledge Comparison |              |               |                       | 2000 to 2001 comparison         |     |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| Year              | # of pledges | Total pledged | Average annual pledge |                                 |     |
| 1995              | 141          | \$163,326.25  | \$1,158.34            | Pledged in 2000 but not in 2001 | 20  |
| 1996              | 119          | \$147,951.86  | \$1,243.29            |                                 |     |
| 1997              | 122          | \$137,856.00  | \$1,129.97            | Decreasing                      | 6   |
| 1998              | 139          | \$160,354.00  | \$1,153.63            | Staying the same                | 46  |
| 1999              | 122          | \$153,857.00  | \$1,261.12            | Increasing                      | 48  |
| 2000              | 118          | \$150,592.00  | \$1,276.20            | New/renewed                     | 16  |
| 2001              | 116          | \$146,756.00  | \$1,265.14            | 2000 Pledges                    | 116 |

Here are the final pledge results for 2001 (as of Jan. 15). A crucial number in the above table is 20 giving units—that is, single persons with their own envelopes and couples sharing envelopes—for "Pledged in 2000 but not in 2001." This does not count members who

passed away during 2000, and only includes one couple who moved away (plus one friend of Emmaus who is not a member).

Many thanks to all who offered pledges for 2001! Your commitment is much appreciated.

## Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

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

**Boots & Lloyd LeRoux**, in thanks to God for allowing Kaitlyn Marie Yanghua Sodke into their lives.

Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to memorialize or honor 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 *Visitor*. You may

place it in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to us along with your contribution.



## Enrollment Is Up 20%

by Carol Rudey

Interest and attendance in our new Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds. Our numbers overall from three-year-olds to eighth grade has increased by 20% over last year. We are especially happy to see several children from our neighborhood on Sunday morning.

It has also been fun to see several brave adults make celebrity appearances at our Sunday School Temple Time. Special thanks to Jerry Hierseman, Marsha Connet, Ken Larsen, and Maury Felton. You have enriched the lives of our young people and made Sunday School a happening place to be.

Our Sunday morning schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: February 11-March 11: The Woman with the alabaster jar; March 18-April 8: Lent/Easter, a traditional Seder meal; April 22-May 5: The Prodigal Son.

Sunday School starts at 10:30 every Sunday (except for the February 4 congregational meeting and Easter Sunday). First through fifth graders are encouraged to come up to the art room to have a snack and then meet in a group in the Temple Room. Three- and four-year-olds meet downstairs in

the children's library for snack and class. Sixth and seventh graders meet in the Fireside Room with Mrs. Nuechterlein for an exciting discussion of Noah and the Ark.

If you have any questions about Sunday School, please contact Julie Field, 752-0194, or Carol Rudey, 632-0643.

### Julie Field Named Sunday School Coordinator



Julie Field

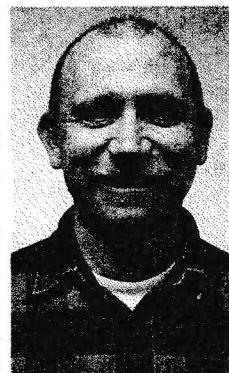
Who brings snacks? Where are the first graders to be this week, computer room or video room? Who is the music leader for next week? Has the attendance been recorded? Who can be a substitute shepherd? Have the parents been notified that the Sunday School kids sing in church next week?

Who coordinates all these questions and concerns, while having the children and the overall Rotation Model of Sunday School in mind? As the beginning year of our "new Sunday School" has unfolded, it has become apparent that there are many, many details and logistics to be organized and coordinated. To ensure that our Sunday School continues to grow and to run smoothly, the Council

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## Kids Hope Mentors to Begin in February

Over the past several months, the relationship between representatives from Emmaus and Wadewitz Elementary School principal, Pat Limburg, and the first grade teachers has progressed. Pastor Mary, Carol Rudey, Marty Aiken and Julie Field have made a number of visits to the school, and the groundwork has been established for the mentoring program to begin in February.



Marty Aiken

Marty Aiken, Emmaus' Kids Hope director, offered a four-hour training session for all mentors on January 20. Prior to the training, he interviewed each of the potential mentors. A separate orientation at the school is also a part of the training process. Fifteen persons have each volunteered to mentor a first grader for one hour per week throughout the remainder of the school year. Those mentors are: Kathryn Aiken, Marty Aiken, Kristen Clinton, Alan Eschmann, Becky Fiebig, Julie Field, Pastor Mary, Darbi Jones, Cathy Knuteson, Jill Lynch, Paul Massey, Pastor Paul, Dolly Orth and Carol Yust. Serving as substitute mentors are Al and June Beck and Kathy Christensen.

Julie Field joins Marty Aiken in the leadership of the Kids Hope program as Coordinator of the Prayer Partners. For each mentor

and child, a person from the congregation is designated to support them in prayer. Anyone interested in being a part of the prayer ministry should contact Julie Field at 752-0194.

All members of Emmaus are invited to keep Kids Hope in their prayers as we begin this significant outreach to some of the most vulnerable members of our neighborhood.

### Julie Field

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at its February meeting approved the proposal to offer a ten-hour-per-week position to Julie Field. The position, on a trial basis through May, will be funded by designated community outreach funds.

We welcome Julie to our staff and are thankful for the creativity, commitment and organization she brings to children's education at Emmaus.

### Prayer Chain Has Openings

Are you interested in being a prayer chain partner? For 27 years, the prayer chain prayed for the sick, homebound, missionaries, and special events in people's lives. Call the church office if you would like to be added to the prayer chain.

## 6th-7th Grade Retreat Scheduled March 17-18

As a part of the confirmation requirement, all sixth and seventh graders are scheduled for a special retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp on Friday evening, March 17 and Saturday, March 18. Pastor Mary

sessions on prayer, and Pastor Paul will lead the 7<sup>th</sup> grade sessions on baptism.

Mark your calendars now. More info to come!

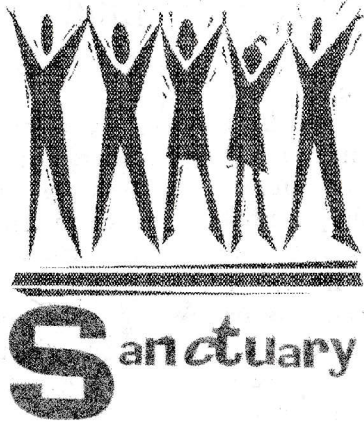
## Sanctuary Off to a Solid Start

The collaborative efforts of a number of ELCA congregations demonstrate the benefits of working together in outreach to youth and young adults. Beginning January 7, **Sanctuary** has offered a rich worship experience on Sunday evenings at 6:30. The format is casual, and music is provided by a very talented band. The location of the jointly supported worship service is Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 5040 Northwestern Avenue. Rock music, a down-to-earth message and a growing sense of community are part of the weekly worship experience. And, you don't have to be a kid to appreciate the worship (ask Pastor Mary!)

The ELCA ministry is funded in part through grants, special donations by supporting congregations, designated gifts and weekly offering. Fifty percent of the weekly "loose offering" is

designated to a specific mission each month. The January mission focus was Habitat for Humanity and the February focus will be Disaster Relief for El Salvador. When regular offering envelopes from members of supporting ELCA churches are placed in the offering plate, they are then routed to the individual churches. To continue supporting the quality musicians, special donations are encouraged. Checks should be made payable to Sanctuary.

Let's encourage young people to attend, and let's stand behind this important ministry with our generous gifts of finances and resources! We want *all* generations to be actively engaged in worship. Sanctuary is a wonderful opportunity for all who are involved!



## Leaders, Participants to Share "Different Views, One Church"

by Pastor Mary

At last year's Synod Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA, "Resolution 1" was voted on and passed. That resolution, recognizing and affirming the blessing of same-sex relationships, caused widespread reaction throughout area churches.

At the time of the conversation, I committed to further learning opportunities for the people of Emmaus regarding the issue. I regret that the only discussion thus far has been on a one-on-one basis. I appreciate the conversations that have taken place and now want to invite all interested members to go a step further.

On February 18, there will be an opportunity to hear two leaders of the church share differing views regarding homosexuality and the church. St. John's Lutheran Church (20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield) will be the setting for this intentional time from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Former Presiding Bishop Herbert Chilstrom and former Bishop John Beem share their thoughts with us, and there will then be time for in-depth small group discussion. As Bishop Peter Rogness writes, "The goal of these gatherings is not to convince one side or their rightness and the other

of their wrongness. The goals include civil Christian discussion on an issue that committed prayerful people disagree on; an opportunity to ask questions of others, including leaders in the ELCA; an opportunity to understand the history of this issue within the wider church and locally; and an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to provide all of us with direction and understanding of how to be people of God and to explore the question of 'what might God be up to here?'"

A video of portions of the February 18 discussion will be presented at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 to 10:30. I would like to encourage members to be a part of one of these synod-led gatherings, and I invite all who are interested in car pooling to Brookfield for the "live" presentation by the bishops to contact me at least one week in advance. The schedule for that afternoon will be:

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|----------------|---|
| 1:30-1:45 p.m. | Bishop Peter Rogness:<br>Introductions and history of issue                   |
| 1:45-2:45      | Presentations and discussion by former Bishops Chilstrom and Beem "Sharing of |

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## House Pins Raise Funds for Anniversary Gift to the Community

by Ellen Nuechterlein

It is a tradition for congregations celebrating a major anniversary to give a special gift to their community. So in thanks to God, and recognizing that Emmaus is not an island but a vital part of the community of Racine, the congregation will be giving a special gift to Habitat for Humanity. This will include both financial support for the building of a Habitat home as well as labor on the home.

One of the ways the congregation is working to raise funds for this gift is through the sale of House Pins® by Lucinda. Many of you have already purchased pins.

Here's the story behind the pins: Lucinda Yates once suffered homelessness. After getting back on her feet and working in jewelry design, she designed a simple pin to distribute hoping to make people aware of the problems of homelessness in this country.

That was in 1989, and today groups all over the country are selling these pins to raise funds and awareness. The pins are all one-of-a-kind, and sell for \$13 each. 100% of the profit from the sales is required to go to a housing or shelter project, and we have chosen



Habitat for Humanity. They are available for sale before and after worship services each weekend.

In the near future, we will be looking for folks to work on crews for the house. If you are interested, please let one of the co-chairs of the Anniversary Committee know - Carol Eschmann (835-2372), or Carol Rudey (632-0643).

Please join the Anniversary Committee on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Our next meeting: February 26.

## February Youth Birthdays

|      |                  |    |
|------|------------------|----|
| 2/3  | Krystle Mayer    | 13 |
| 2/4  | Cora Balthazar   | 7  |
| 2/5  | Jordan Gallagher | 2  |
| 2/9  | April Falaschi   | 14 |
| 2/9  | Laura Zeleski    | 5  |
| 2/9  | Pat Foldy        | 1  |
| 2/16 | Josie Hermann    | 17 |
| 2/16 | Tyler Bose       | 10 |
| 2/16 | Josie Hermann    | 18 |
| 2/18 | Justin Pipol     | 12 |
| 2/18 | Katie Yaktiyol   | 17 |
| 2/23 | Michael Wyman    | 2  |
| 2/24 | Tyler Kreimer    | 1  |
| 2/24 | Bret Thomas      | 17 |
| 2/27 | Amanda Bloom     | 15 |
| 2/27 | Alex Maryland    | 6  |

## WELCA Bulletins

### Women's Retreat Focuses on Our Anniversaries

Nancy Smith will lead "Faith Odyssey — Honoring the Anniversaries of Our Lives," the Women's Retreat at the Siena Center February 9 and 10. Registration forms are available in the church narthex.

The cost for those staying overnight Friday and Saturday is \$48.00. If you only plan to attend on Saturday, the cost is \$25.00. Both plans include breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.


Director: Carol Eschmann

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee.

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND BETTER


|         |                 |                             |       |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Feb. 5  | Mary Buelow     | 3300 Wright Avenue          | 53405 |
| Feb. 10 | Alfred Thomsen  | 5707 Heather Way            | 53406 |
| Feb. 14 | Bernice Holding | 3709 Candle Court # 6       | 53402 |
| Feb. 20 | John Demant     | 14321 56th Road, Sturtevant | 53177 |

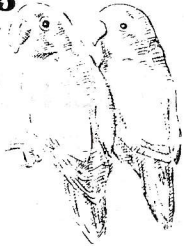


**ASH WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 28, 2001**

**12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

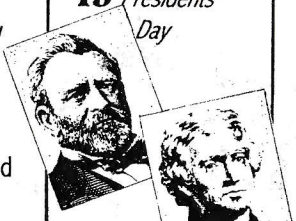

**Imposition of ashes and the  
sacrament of Holy  
Communion**

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday   |   |
|---|--------|---------|---|----------|---|--|---|
| <h1>February, 2001</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church<br/>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404<br/>☎ 262 634-5515</p> |        |         | <h2>Groundhog Day</h2>  |          | <b>1</b><br>11:00 am Doris Mapes funeral<br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's | <b>2</b> <i>Presentation of Our Lord</i><br>7:00 pm REST | <b>3</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |


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| <b>4</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 am ANNUAL MEETING<br><i>No Sunday School</i><br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C. | <b>5</b><br> | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>7:00 pm Cluster Assembly at Our Savior's | <b>7</b><br>1:30 pm Mary Circle<br>1:30 pm Rebecca Circle<br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>8</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus' | <b>9</b><br>7:00 pm REST<br>7ish pm<br>Women's retreat at Siena Center | <b>10</b><br>8:00 am Women's retreat at Siena Center<br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |
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| <b>11</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C. | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm Church Council | <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS | <b>14</b> <i>St. Valentine's Day</i><br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>15</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm REST | <b>17</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |
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Pastor Paul on vacation Feb. 14-19

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| <b>18</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</i><br>9:15 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C. | <b>19</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i><br> | <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Cluster Clergy meeting<br>10:00 am Senior Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS | <b>21</b><br>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>22</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br> | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm REST | <b>24</b> <i>St. Matthias</i><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |
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Pastor Paul on vacation Feb. 14-19

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| <b>25</b> <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C. | <b>26</b><br>6:00 pm Anniversary Cmte.<br>6:30 pm REST Board | <b>27</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS | <b>28</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i><br>12:15 pm Worship service with Holy Communion<br>7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion | March 1<br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline | 2<br>7:00 pm REST | 3<br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion<br> |
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Emmaus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Phar-Mor  | 3%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$30         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |

|                                   |      |                    |              |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|----|
| Home Depot                        | 3%   | \$25, \$100, \$250 |              |    |
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$25               |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                    |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                    |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5                |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                    |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5                |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chili's                           | 13%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25         |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5                |              |    |
|                                   |      |                    | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

*Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!*

January 16, 2001





# FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS



READERS

ACOLYTES

ALTAR GUILD

USHERS

|                    |                    |                                  |                                   |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb. 3<br>5:00 pm  |                    |                                  | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barb Larsen      |                          |
| Feb. 4<br>9:15 am  | Sandi Zeleski      | Ann Liesch<br>Erin Sommer        | Mildred Schroth<br>Marge Jensen   | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer    |
| Feb. 10<br>5:00 pm |                    |                                  | Kim Simonsen<br>Sandy Strini      |                          |
| Feb. 11<br>9:15 am | Ken Larsen         | Nate Lamberton<br>Justin Haman   |                                   | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen |
| Feb. 17<br>5:00 pm |                    |                                  | Brian & Denise<br>Keller          |                          |
| Feb. 18<br>9:15 am | Jerry<br>Hierseman | Tanya Rasmussen<br>Hailey Sommer | Gregg & Kylee<br>Albright         | Team #6<br>John Cook     |
| Feb. 24<br>5:00 pm |                    |                                  | Kelley Austin<br>Barb Toslek      |                          |
| Feb. 25<br>9:15 am | Chris<br>Lamberton | Amy Meteyard<br>Kally Jansen     | Boots LeRoux                      | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard |
| Feb. 28<br>7:00 pm |                    |                                  | Pat Jensen                        | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi |
| Mar. 3<br>5:00 pm  |                    |                                  | Pat Jensen                        |                          |
| Mar. 4<br>9:15 am  | Marsha Connet      | Valerie Yorgan<br>Rachel Sommer  | Helen Mickelson<br>Linda Meteyard | Team #2<br>Harold Miller |

Altar Flowers

Fellowship

Candle Care

|         |                      |                         |              |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Feb. 4  | Hedy Wagner          | Bonnie French           | Boots LeRoux |
| Feb. 11 | Jim & Joan Larsen    | Bonnie French           |              |
| Feb. 18 | Available            | Dennis & Carol Eschmann |              |
| Feb. 25 | John & Meta Haanstad | Please sign up          |              |
| Mar. 4  | Celia Weber          | Loren & Cindi Larsen    |              |

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## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Feb. 1

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 1. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide a casserole, jello, or dessert.

9"x13" pans are available in the kitchenette off the Sunset Room.

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

### Report to Northside Food Pantry Churches as of Dec. 31, 2000 by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

|                            | October | November   | December | Total    |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|----------|----------|
| Households served          | 92      | 94         | 90       | 236      |
| Total people               | 248     | 271        | 132      | 651      |
| Adults                     | 128     | 152        | 73       | 353      |
| Children                   | 120     | 119        | 59       | 298      |
| Checkbook balance 9/30/00  |         | \$2,638.42 |          |          |
| Receipts                   |         |            |          |          |
| Trinity U Meth             | \$50.00 | \$115.00   | \$55.00  | \$220.00 |
| Emmaus                     | 20.00   |            |          | 20.00    |
| St. Mesrob's               |         |            | 35.00    | 35.00    |
| Thanksgiving               |         | 346.00     |          | 346.00   |
| Armenian Relief Fund       |         |            | 100.00   | 100.00   |
| Cash                       | 30.00   | 36.00      | 22.00    | 88.00    |
| Expenditures               | 422.76  | 652.81     | 343.61   | 1,419.18 |
| Checkbook balance 12/31/00 |         | 2,028.24   |          |          |
| Not reflected              | 158.39  | 341.05     | 66.42    | 565.86   |

The totals for December are lower than usual because the Salvation Army was closed four of the eight days our pantry was to be open. No referrals were given, so we had to close, also.

A special thanks to all the congregations who had a Thanksgiving Food appeal. We appreciate all the food you brought in. We also are thankful for the paper and plastic bags you continue to bring. We have a constant need for it.

## We Aren't Taking a REST

by Pat Liesch

This has been a busy REST year. The number of people using REST's services has skyrocketed, and the type of clientele has changed somewhat. Although we continue to mainly serve men, we have seen many men who are new to our program, many more women, many more young people, and at least three families so far. Several years ago, nightly numbers above 30 would have been an anomaly. Now it is the norm. Many times Emmaus has been close to 40 for nightly participation this year, while other sites have been close to 50.

And can these people eat! Just ask any of our volunteers. Sometimes our volunteers just marvel at the amount of food that vanishes in minutes from our kitchen, but the REST participants are working, sometimes one, two, or three jobs, or are out on the streets all day, and they are hungry. This is not a social club, where people drop in for a bite. They need this food and our services to survive.

What does REST need? We need blankets, pillows and pillow cases, sheets, towels and washcloths. We need mens jeans and sweatshirts, underwear and white socks. We need money. We need casseroles and salads, cookies and crunchy vegetables.

Most of all, we need volunteers—volunteers to sign up

on the REST board in the hallway. People who can help out for over-night or breakfast shift. People who can help prepare food, or work the supper shift. We need people to make this program work. It can't work without *you*. Please sign up now.

### Letter

## Thanks from CROP Walk

Dear Pastor Mary Janz,

As a participant in the 2000 CROP Walk, I want to again extend a special thanks to all your walkers and donors. This year's total to date is slightly over \$21,000. That is \$4,000 over the annual average raised. Congratulations!

The Volunteer Center has turned 75% of those funds to Church World Services. The remainder of those funds will go to local food pantries and meal sites. Funds will go directly to Racine County Food Bank, which does distribute its food to all local area pantries and meal sites.

Once again, thank you to everyone at Emmaus Lutheran Church for their contributions to the CROP Walk. We look forward to working with you again in 2001 for the October CROP Walk.

Sincerely,  
Marilynn L. Pelky, Executive  
Director,  
Volunteer Center of Racine

## Have You Received Your Offering Envelopes?

Emmaus members should have received their offering envelopes for the months of February, March, April and May by

U.S. Mail. Please let our secretary, Paul Berge, know if you have not received your envelopes.

## Ouch! Energy Costs Skyrocket

"It's chilly in church," is a comment that has been heard the past several weeks. Yes, it may be a bit cooler than usual. Conserving energy has become imperative as we have watched our monthly gas bill for the church jump from \$928 in November to \$2,200 in December. Just as the increase in utilities costs affects our personal households, so do they affect Emmaus.

What are we doing to address the higher costs? We continue to keep the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on timers throughout the week

so that temperatures can be kept at a minimum when there are no activities or groups of people in those areas. We are also dressing more warmly; you might want a sweater or jacket handy during Sunday worship. Our Tuesday midweek Lenten services (which will begin in March) will be held in the Sunset Room, which is heated throughout the week.

The best solution of all for a Sunday morning? A full church! Come and spread your warmth with one another! It's amazing what a difference that can make!

## EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, January: 1999: 140\* 2000: 154 2001: 171

Average weekly attendance, February: 1999: 171 2000: 150

\*Services were canceled Jan. 2-3, 1999 and are not included in calculating average.

## Financial Statistics

|                                    | Total for month | Year to date |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| General Fund receipts in December  | \$28,639.00     | \$198,623.61 |
| Bldg. Fund receipts in December    | \$2,835.00      | \$10,309.00  |
| Unified receipts in December, 2000 | \$31,474.00     | \$208,932.61 |

|  | Campaign to date |             |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| 2001 Fund offerings received in December | \$1,719.00       | \$88,676.12 |
| Mortgage payments:                       |                  |             |
| Principal                                | \$390.59         |             |
| Interest                                 | \$575.41         |             |
| Total                                    | \$966.00         |             |

Principal balance as of January 12, 2001 ..... \$83,304.50

## Scrip Is Making Some Changes

by Pat Liesch

Please look at the Scrip form, found in this *Visitor*. You'll notice a slightly new look, a few changes, and some new offers.

Kohl's Department Store is out, but Shopko is back in. Dick's Sporting Goods are now with us. So are Original Cookie Company, Dominos Pizza and American Eagle

Outfitters. Mobil is back, and SuperAmerica is now Speedway.

Orders will still be taken in the usual way, and hopefully, in the near future, we hope to have certain Scrip available for you to buy outright on Sundays. Proceeds from Scrip sales this year will be going to help fund the Anniversary projects.

Watch for further details!

## Choir Chair List

by Julie Field

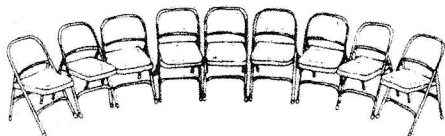
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Cathy Meyer  
Shirley Velzka  
The Brown family  
Julie Field  
The Sunrise Singers 1994-96  
Karla Bielewicz

From  
Adult Choir  
Adult Choir  
The Clinton family  
Kevin Hunter family  
The Browns  
Cathy Meyer  
Cathy Meyer  
Field Family

In memory of  
Oscar E. Scheel  
Einer & Evangeline Scheel  
Shirley Psiones  
Laura Sorensen  
Shirley Psiones  
Al M. Gehl

Bonnie French  
Vic & Bev Johnson  
Loren & Cindi Larsen  
Joyce Kaiser  
Field Family  
Karla Bielewicz



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Page from Emmaus History

## Luther College Incorporated in 1902

At the 1897 conference of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, held at Blair, Nebraska, delegates decided to build a Danish Lutheran high school at Racine. The Board of Trustees proposed that the Emmaus congregation and its pastor, Rev. C.H. Jensen get the building started, and that the synod would take over once the building was completed.

M.C. Hansen, J. C. Hansen, Lars Mogensen, C. D. Skow and Rev. C. H. Jensen took charge of raising funds and getting the work started. The cost of the school building was \$30,000 plus the cost of the property on a bluff overlooking Island Park. The building was constructed in Romanesque design with arched windows and a large porch extending around the front and east wall.

After a few years, the property was turned over to the Synod free of incumbrance other than \$7,500 in shares, a part of which were later donated. The school incorporated as Luther College on February 24, 1902 and opened its doors to students that year. "It is the wish of the congregation that this school may

have a future among our Danish people of Racine and surrounding territory," Jensen wrote in a book for Emmaus' 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In March, 1904, Rev. Jensen resigned as pastor of Emmaus to become president of Luther College, remaining in that post until 1908.

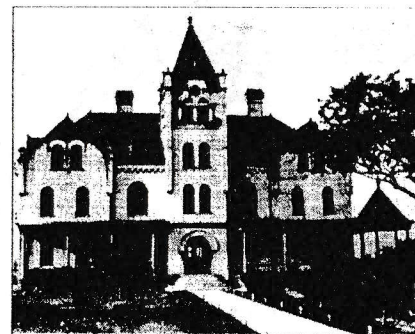
In 1909, the college, now headed by Rev. John Larsen, was sold to the united Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Tuition in general subjects was

\$1.25 per month, according to an October, 1910 evening school schedule. A Danish-English course was \$2.20 per month. Violin and piano lessons were 75¢ per session. A harmony class was \$1.00 per person.

But the school was a financial basket case. President Larsen poured \$50,000 of his own money into the college in a vain effort to keep it solvent, but the school closed in 1914 or 1915 (there are differing historical records).

In 1927 Holy Communion Lutheran Church purchased the property and built a Gothic-style church next to the college. The two buildings were connected together in the 1950's.



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## February Is American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. The American Heart Association tells us that early access is the first link in the chain of survival for victims of heart or brain attack. Early access means calling the emergency medical services (EMS) system immediately. In most communities, dialing 911 activates the EMS system, which dispatches appropriate personnel to the scene.



The early access system requires bystanders (perhaps you) who recognize cardiac arrest and other emergencies, call 911 immediately and begin CPR when appropriate. The local 911 emergency system is activated and help should arrive soon. In some areas dispatchers are trained to provide instructions by phone to persons at the scene.

Early access is important because 80% of cardiac emergencies occur outside the hospital. If the EMS system isn't activated, Cardiac arrest victims have little chance of surviving. Sudden cardiac arrest is caused by an abnormal heart rhythm that can result from heart attack, respiratory arrest, choking or other unknown causes. A sudden cardiac arrest victim collapses and loses consciousness, stops normal breathing, and loses pulse and blood pressure. Brain death starts to occur in four to six minutes if CPR isn't started

immediately. Survival is linked to the amount of time until defibrillation. Survival rates drop 7 - 10 % for every minute defibrillation is delayed. Few resuscitation attempts are successful after 10 minutes.

Effective use of CPR nearly doubles a victim's chance for surviving sudden cardiac arrest. If more people know CPR, more lives could be saved. CPR classes could be offered at church. If you are interested please let me know. I will have information at blood pressure clinics. If you have questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone me at 835-2372 or Email me at [eschmann@hotmail.com](mailto:eschmann@hotmail.com).

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## Different Views, One Church

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Perspectives—the Role of Bible, Moral Deliberation and Experience in Looking at Homosexuality and the Church Break  
 Small group discussion  
 Gathering of large group for sharing and questions

2:45-3:00

3:00-4:30

4:45-5:30

Anyone who would like to be considered as a delegate to this

year's synod assembly (the last weekend in May) will need to attend either the February 18 or the March 24 dialogues on Resolution 1.

As Bishop Rogness states, "Even though we may think we fully understand the differing opinions, there is much for all of us to learn on the issue and from personal interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ."

If you are interested in reading further information regarding homosexuality and the church, please see me for resources.

### Elsewhere in Our Area

#### Norwegian Group to Dance at Gifford

The Stoughton Norwegian Dancers will perform at Gifford Auditorium, Franksville, at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25.

Tickets are \$5.00 and available from Betty Barth. Call 639-7894.

Benedict, Theresa of Avila and Julian of Norwich.

A 5:30 supper precedes the 6:30-7:30 p.m. program. The cost is \$12.50 with supper, \$7.50 for the program only. Contact Sr. Rita Lui, 639-4100.

#### JT Writer to Speak at Siena Center

Journal Times writer Mary Beth Danielson discusses her life on the front lines of contemporary family life Tuesday, February 13 at the Siena Center. She will illumine her own stories through the wisdom of such venerable Christian teachers and mystics and St.

#### Messiah Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

Messiah Lutheran Church, on Durand south of Pritchard Park, will have a spaghetti dinner Saturday, February 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wine, salad and dessert are included. The cost for adults is \$5.25; kids 12 and under, \$2.50.

## Being the Love of Jesus

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

I am excited as we jump into the Kids Hope USA mentoring program this month at Wadewitz. Fifteen members of Emmaus are being paired with an "at risk" first grader; five other members are ready and willing as substitutes; and each mentor has a prayer partner. I truly believe that this program could be the most important new ministry that Emmaus has undertaken since R.E.S.T.

What's so important? I'm coming to increasingly believe that the best verse in all the Bible to sum up being a disciple of Jesus just might be 1 John 3:18: "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

Similar to this verse from Scripture is a motto which Kids Hope USA National Director, Virgil Gulker, is fond of using: "We are not there with these children to speak about Jesus so much as we are there to be Jesus." In other words, being a Kids Hope mentor is about being the love of Jesus for the children who so desperately need love.

As I write this column for the February newsletter, I am aware that we are entering the month during which our culture celebrates love in its own way. Love will be all the rage over the next several weeks

as we come to Valentine's Day. But what kind of love is it that we celebrate in our culture? It's certainly not the love of Jesus that we are called to live, is it?

We might respond that, "No, Valentine's Day is about 'romantic' love, the kind of love between two romantically involved adults." But perhaps we should still challenge ourselves by asking in return, "Is that 'romantic' love even the one we truly want and need? Is it the kind of love that can truly bind two people together as a family?"

I have found it frustrating in recent years to go into the average card shop and buy cards that express my love for Ellen. Have you noticed how many of these cards talk about the person you supposedly "love" completely from the perspective of the lover? They say things along the lines of, "I love the things you do for me..." Yes, this mentions the other person, but only from the standpoint of what he or she does for me.

Do you see the difference between the kinds of love we are lifting up here? What we might call "Jesus love" vs. "romantic love." Romantic love speaks like it is about the other person, but it is not. It may even truly believe it is

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## Pastor Paul's Column

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about the other person, but I think that such belief is a self-deception. Our culture's "romantic love" ends up being about oneself. It is a self-serving love. It is not the kind of love that binds people together beyond self-serving needs. When one's needs are no longer being met by the other person, it is a "love" that fades away.

Jesus love is a love that truly puts the other person first. It is the kind of love that propelled Jesus even to the cross, where he was willing to die for us. It is a kind of love that attends to the other person's needs. It is the kind of love we need a lot more of in order to truly bind us together as God's family.

I began by saying that I am excited about the Kids Hope USA mentoring program. And I am! But I also need to confess that I am also anxious about being a mentor to a first grade boy at Wadewitz. Anxiety is a pretty normal response to the prospect of change. And I better be ready to find myself changed. To the extent that I am a person of our culture, loving with a self-centered love, I hope and pray that my love is changed into Jesus love.

That's the amazing part of Jesus love: when you risk attending to the needs of another, when you put him or her first, you most often find yourself as the one most changed and affected by that love of the other. With Jesus' help,

surrounded by the prayers of my prayer partner, I hope to find myself growing in Jesus love, deepening in the love that Jesus gives me to share with others.

Why is Kids Hope USA so important to Emmaus? Because I think it floods us with more of what we always need more of, the thing that really changes us into new creatures: Jesus love. We go to Wadewitz earnestly hoping to bring positive change to the lives of some first graders in our neighborhood. But, when we come away, we should probably expect ourselves to be changed, too.

In the Spirit's love,

*Pastor Paul*



"Mrs. Johnson, Jimmy's over here again, asking for sanctuary."

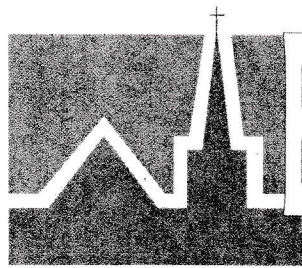
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- ♥ **Congregation to Meet  
February 4**
- ♥ **Church Singers Here  
February 11**
- ♥ **Julie Field Named Sunday  
School Coordinator**
- ♥ **Sanctuary Worship  
Services Off to Solid Start**
- ♥ **Synod to Hold  
Discussions of  
"Resolution 1"**
- ♥ **Nancy Smith to Lead  
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- ♥ **Energy Costs Skyrocket**

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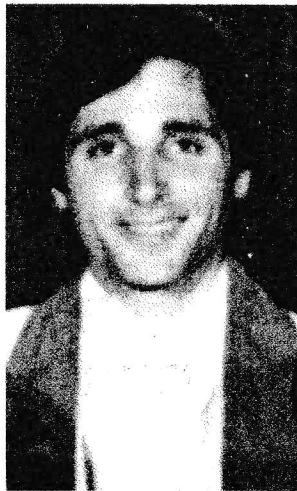
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## Pastor Jeff Wild to Preach March 17, 18

Emmaus welcomes Rev. Jeff Wild and his wife, Nan, as our guest preacher on Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18. Rev. Wild served as Associate Pastor at Emmaus from 1980 to 1983.

In 1983, Rev. Wild accepted a call to St. John Lutheran Church in Janesville. He recently moved to Middleton to serve as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church of Madison. The ministry there is ecumenical in nature, as Advent shares space and ministry with a congregation of the United Church of Christ.

There will be two opportunities to visit with the Wilds



Rev. Wild in 1982

the weekend they are here. Karen and Jess Sedgwick will host a dinner on Saturday, March 16. Those wishing to attend should **call them immediately** (681-3188), as space will be limited. If you reach their answering machine, please leave your name, phone number, and number wishing to attend.

A second opportunity to talk with the Wilds will be at a reception to follow the Sunday worship service. That reception will be hosted by the Anniversary Committee.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funerals:

**Doris Boudreau Mapes**  
February 1, 2001

Doris Mapes, 83, was the mother of Dolly Orth and George Mathieus II. She loved flower gardening, dancing, and reading.

**Doris Scapple Decker**  
February 26, 2001

Doris Decker, 79, mother of five, passed away in Appleton on February 22. A longtime member of Emmaus, she had moved to Appleton in 1998 after the death of her husband, Lawrence.

**Lowell "Bob" Klees**  
March 1, 2001

Bob Klees, 85, passed away February 24. A long-time member of Emmaus, Bob generally attended the Saturday evening worship service. He is survived by a son, Robert, and a daughter, Barbara Thoen.

**Edith Fritchen Bohn**  
March 2, 2001

Edith Bohn, 84, was a lifetime member of Emmaus and a member of the Senior Fellowship Center and the Rebecca Circle.

### Memorial Service:

**Clayton Dwight Clark**  
February 8, 2001

Bud Clark, of Parrish, Florida, was the brother of Dolly Wiley. He had been in television retail sales and service in Brookfield, and served in the 13<sup>th</sup> Airborne division of the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife, June, and two sons.

## **Adult Choir Presents Sesquicentennial Anthem**

Come to worship at Emmaus on Sunday, March 4, and hear our Adult Choir present the world premiere of "Our Roots" by Racine composer D. Greg Berg. Emmaus commissioned this hymn, based on the message of Ephesians 3.

Greg Berg is known to many in southeast Wisconsin as a radio host on WGTD-FM. He is also a professor of music at Carthage College and the Director of Music at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.




## **Numbers Continue to Grow for Sanctuary**

Beginning in January, Sunday evening worship services have been held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as a joint offering by Racine ELCA congregations. An informal 6:30 p.m. worship service centered around the Word, music of the Sanctuary band and weekly celebration of Holy Communion has attracted people of all ages with a special appeal to the younger

members of our community.

Attendance continues to grow — from approximately fifty people the first week to over ninety in attendance the last week in February.

Funds from grants help to finance the cost of the band. Fifty percent of weekly offerings are designated to a different mission each month.



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## Thanks for Contributing for Choir Chairs

Thank you to Jim and Joan Larsen for their contribution to the chairs in the choir practice room.

The Larsens were inadvertently omitted from the list of chair donors in the February *Visitor*.

### ***We Accept News Articles by e-mail***

Articles for the *Emmaus Visitor* or the Sunday bulletin may be submitted to the church office by e-mail at [emmaus@execpc.com](mailto:emmaus@execpc.com).

You may also send e-mail to Pastor Mary at [mljanz@aol.com](mailto:mljanz@aol.com) and to Pastor Paul at [emmauspn@execpc.com](mailto:emmauspn@execpc.com).

Our web site address is now

<http://www.emmaus-racine.org>. Features include *Visitor* articles, the schedule for the current and upcoming week, photos, and an illustrated history of Emmaus.

Please try to submit articles about April meetings, sales, and other events by March 15.

### **Emmaus Staff & Worship Times**

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. Lenten worship services are held Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. beginning March 6.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pastor Mary is in the office Mondays-Thursdays. Pastor Paul is in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

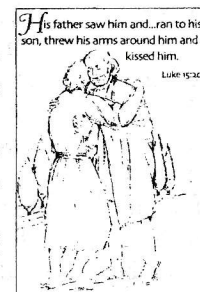
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## Lenten Worship Services Explore Prodigal Son

Beginning Tuesday, March 6, members and friends are invited to the daytime Lenten services at 12:15 p.m. Pastor Paul will lead services in the Sunset Room on the theme "From Fear to Love: Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son."

Devotional booklets for this Lenten series are available in the narthex.

Those preferring evening Lenten worship are encouraged to attend ELCA churches with



scheduled midweek services.

Join Seniors for Lunch

Lunch will be served each Tuesday in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. prior to the worship service. A \$2.00 donation is requested to defer expenses. Anyone

interested in joining the seniors for lunch may sign up on Sunday morning or call the church office by noon on Monday in order to help our cooks with their planning.

### ***Sixth, Seventh Graders Head to Lutherdale March 16***

The dates given in the February *Visitor* for the sixth and seventh graders' retreat to Lutherdale this month were slightly off. The group will leave Friday, March 16 and return Saturday, March 17.

Pastor Mary will lead the sixth grade sessions on prayer. Pastor Paul will lead the seventh grade sessions on baptism. The Lutherdale retreat is required for confirmation.

### **8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes Meet Wednesdays**

Regular confirmation classes will be held every Wednesday in March **except March 14**. There will also be confirmation class on Wednesday, April 4.

Maundy Thursday, April 12, and Good Friday, April 13, worship services will be the final portion of this spring's confirmation program.

## Lenten Devotional Booklets Available

Members of Emmaus are invited to pick up a daily Lenten devotional booklet, by renowned Christian spiritual writer Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), called *From Fear to Love: Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son*, available in the narthex. You may use this wonderful resource for your own personal or family devotions during Lent. Those who will be joining us for Lenten worship on Tuesdays are encouraged (but not required!) to use this daily devotional, since the weekly worship will be centered on Nouwen's reflections on the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32). But these booklets are available to everyone, regardless of whether you can join us on Tuesdays.

The reflections in this booklet are drawn from recorded conferences Henri Nouwen gave on the parable and the famous Rembrandt portrait, "The Return of the Prodigal Son." These reflections are ideally suited to Lenten prayer and meditation, for Nouwen powerfully presents the core message of the parable: we are children of God, given our freedom by the Father, who freely loves us whether we stay or go, whether we have been unfaithful or resentful or presumptuous.

Nouwen guides us to recognize the particular sin that is currently dominating us, be it the infidelity of the younger son, the stubborn resentment of the older son, or the refusal to become like

the forgiving father. As we become aware of our sinfulness — though this awareness may be uncomfortable at times — we appreciate all the more the boundless love that is the very essence of the Father.

Pick up a devotional for personal/family devotions. Join us, if you can, for community reflections and worship around this profound and moving parable of our Lord on Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m.

## Confirmation Photos Are Waiting

Prompted by the display of confirmation photos set up for Rev. Carlson in January, we are trying to match names to faces in our old confirmation photographs. We have alphabetical lists of confirmands for each year, but have only been able match names to faces for 1992-94 and 1996-2000. (We are still looking for the 1995 photo.)

We'd appreciate any help from anyone who remembers who is who in the confirmation photos from the Carlson and Rossing years. Check the photos on display in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms and please leave a note in the church office if you can help.

Incidentally, the office still has 2000 confirmation photos for Erin Svoboda, Heather Miller, and Nicole Larsen to pick up.

## Yooth Nooze

## Youth Plan July Mission Trips

Under the direction of Gregg and Kylee Albright, a middle school mission trip has been organized to Nashville, Tennessee. The dates scheduled for the trip are July 21-28.

Pastor Mary has once again organized a group of high school youth to travel to Juarez, Mexico. July 14-21 are the scheduled dates for the Mexico trip. At both locations the young people and their chaperons will have an opportunity to serve at the local Vacation Bible School as well as to assist with construction and renovation projects in the area.

A major push will be made between March and July in an effort to raise the approximately \$10,000 needed for the trips. Each of the young people will be expected to pay a portion of their trips.

Upcoming fund raisers for the trips include:

- Bake sale, Sunday, March 4.
- Mexican Fiesta, Sunday,

- March 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; adults \$5.00, kids 10 and under, \$3.00. Raffle tickets: \$1.00 each.
- Mission shares on sale for \$1.00 each (sold in increments of five).

Beginning March 4, tickets for the Fiesta Mexicana and mission shares will be available. Your support is appreciated as we once again plan for

these trips of a lifetime!



## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

|                  |          |    |
|------------------|----------|----|
| Erin Sommer      | March 3  | 14 |
| Daniel Rieves    | March 4  | 6  |
| Anna Butler      | March 9  | 1  |
| Greg Gottfredsen | March 17 | 11 |
| Alex Rangel      | March 21 | 10 |
| Brad Falaschi    | March 24 | 18 |
| Kyle Mickelson   | March 24 | 14 |
| Isaac Bustamante | March 27 | 10 |
| Dylan Scoon      | March 28 | 14 |

## Sunday School Bulletin

## Sunday School Skips Easter

by Pat Liesch

More dates for your calendars: There will be no Sunday School on



SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 15, Easter Sunday. Also, the last day of Sunday School will be May 5.

# Milwaukee Area Lutherans Address Blessing of Same-Sex Unions

Pastor Mary, Carol Eschmann, Karen Sedgwick, Karen and Glenn Christiansen, Marty Aiken, and Paul Berge joined about 600 Lutherans of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) at St. John's Lutheran Church of Brookfield on the afternoon of February 18 for a dialogue on "Resolution #1," passed at the May, 2000 Synod Assembly.

Resolution #1, formally titled "Recognition and Blessing of Relationships," states that the Greater Milwaukee Synod "recognizes and affirms the blessing" of committed same-sex unions by pastors who have counseled the couple involved. Some congregations have since passed resolutions repudiating Resolution #1, and a resolution to repeal Resolution #1 has been submitted for a vote at the 2001 synod assembly.

Two retired ELCA bishops presented their very different views on the blessing of same-sex unions. Rev. John C. Beem, who retired last year as bishop of the East-Central Wisconsin Synod (including Wausau, Portage, Fond du Lac, and Door County), urged participants to

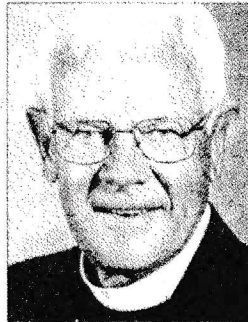
base their conclusions on careful exegetical study of the creation story of Genesis and the biblical admonitions against homosexuality.

Bishop Beem concluded that sexual relations must be limited within the institution of marriage, defined as the union of one man and one woman, and that the blessing of any other union would promote "cheap grace and chaos." He rejected the idea that homosexual persons are "born that way," and he promoted "reclamation ministries."

Rev. Herbert Chilstrom, retired Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and co-author of *Sexual Fulfillment: for Single and Married, Straight and Gay, Young and Old*, recounted his personal journey on this subject. He recounted meetings with many Lutheran gays and lesbians, in groups and individually, whose life stories he found moving and compelling him to the belief that committed same-sex relationships could be just as valid and worthy as their different-sex counterparts.

Recalling Luther's warnings against making the Bible into a "paper pope," Bishop Chilstrom promoted a Wesleyan approach to understanding God's will: first,

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Bishop Chilstrom

# Siebert Grant Opens Further Possibilities

Several weeks ago, nine ELCA congregations received the good news that they had been awarded a \$70,000 grant by the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. The proposal was made on behalf of Bethania, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Good Shepherd, Holy Communion, Redeemer, Mt. Pleasant, Our Savior's and Zion Lutheran churches. Carol Rudey and Pastor Mary wrote the grant request with consultation from the Rev. Sue Ruehle, Assistant to the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

As a result of visioning and mission strategy work done by the above named congregations, the mission of these congregations is being defined. The primary relationships and partnerships influenced by this project will be:

- Relationships with neighborhoods, beginning with neighborhood schools, students and their families (Kids Hope mentoring program at Wadewitz is part of this goal).
- Relationships with youth and young adults through worship by building a Sunday evening community around Word and Sacrament, service and hospitality (the Sunday night Sanctuary service).
- Relationships of Racine ELCA congregations with each

other, building a new model for being in mission and partnership together (Emmaus is in conversation as to how we can work together with other ELCA congregations).

Emmaus will directly receive some of the funds to help us as we continue developing our neighborhood outreach ministry. A portion of the monies will help pay for a staff position for outreach on the north side of Racine, and Emmaus will play a significant role in this ministry within the next six months.

Pastor Mary presented details about the Siebert grant at the Racine Mission Cluster Assembly at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on February 6.

We give thanks to God for the resources for mission that have been entrusted to us and pray that we use them wisely.

# Memorials and Honoraria

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# How Do You Measure Up?

by Peter C. Scales, Peter L. Benson, and Eugene C. Roehlkepartain

How important are these positive actions in your efforts to connect with kids? For each of the following statements, consider how important you think the statement is (rate 1 for "not a priority" to 4 for "extremely important") and how often you act on the statement (rate 1 for "almost never" to 4 for "at least once a week").

1. I tell children and youth that school is important and encourage them to do their best.
2. I honor the rules and boundaries that parents set for the young people I know. If I am a parent, I am consistent and clear about these rules and boundaries.
3. I am careful that my behavior around young people reflects the values that most adults in my community hold, such as equality, honesty, and responsibility.
4. I encourage children and youth to respect the values and beliefs of different races and cultures.
5. I listen to children and youth as they wrestle with decisions and help them think through the possible good and bad



consequences of their actions.

6. I help young people learn about responsibly saving, sharing, and spending money.
7. I take time to talk with children and youth, and really try for us to get to know one another better.
8. I tell young people about what I believe and what is important to me.
9. I let children and youth know that I expect them to treat me—and other adults—in a respectful manner.

Add up your scores. If you scored 54-72 points, you are committed to the needs of young people and actively involved in building real relationships with them. Encourage others to join you!

A score of 37-53 indicates that you care about young people. How else could you act on your beliefs about what is important to them?

If you scored 19-36 points, young people are part of your world. How could you get to know them better and increase the ways you connect with them?

If you scored 18 points or fewer, why not take some time to notice the young people around you each day? Consider their needs, and reach out to make connections with them.

# Vacation Bible School Slated July 2-6

Mark your calendars for the 2001 Vacation Bible School for July 2-6. As in recent years, Counselors from Lutherdale Bible Camp will lead the program for students aged kindergarten through grade 5. We will run a morning program for pre-schoolers with our own staffing.



Because this year's VBS coincides with Independence Day, the kids will be a part of Emmaus' float in the Racine Fourth of July parade. Watch for more details on the parade on the parade float in upcoming issues of the Visitor.

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER


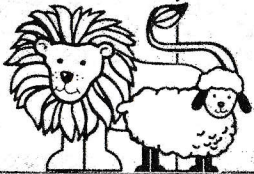

**Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Director: Carol Eschmann**  
**Center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee;**  
**programs begin at 10:30.**



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

|          |                    |                                    |       |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| March 1  | Jan Svendsen       | 158 Merrie Lane                    | 53405 |
| March 4  | Bev Hansen         | 240 Eighty-Eighth Ave., Sturtevant | 53177 |
| March 6  | William Allen      | 4314 Taylor Avenue                 | 53405 |
| March 7  | Eileen Olson       | 1817 Mars Avenue                   | 53404 |
| March 9  | Carolyn Weitzel    | 1519 60th Street, Kenosha          | 53140 |
| March 14 | Selma Sorensen     | 3910 River Drive                   | 53405 |
| March 16 | Virginia Haugsby   | 4140 Manhattan Drive               | 53402 |
| March 21 | Lillian Henrickson | 5819 16th Street, # 149            | 53406 |



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |   |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <h1>March, 2001</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church<br/>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404<br/>☎ 262 634-5515</p>   |   |   |    |  | <b>1</b><br>10:30 am Klees funeral at Hanson's<br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline                                    | <b>2</b><br>10:30 am Bohn funeral<br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>3</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |
| <b>4 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2 w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship; bake sale<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C.<br>7:45 pm Juarez meeting at Good Shep. | <b>5</b><br>6:00 pm WELCA Board mtg.<br>7:00 pm Worship & Music committee                                   | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>12:15 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>7:00 pm Cluster Council at Emmanuel | <b>7</b><br>1:30 pm Mary Circle<br>1:30 pm Rebecca Circle<br>6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir | <b>8</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'    | <b>9</b><br>7:00 pm REST<br> | <b>10</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion  |   |
| <b>11 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C.   | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm Church Council   | <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>12:15 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                       | <b>14</b><br>6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice<br><i>No 8th-9th grade confirmation class</i><br>7:00 pm Adult Choir   | <b>15</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline  | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>17 St. Patrick</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion; guest preacher Rev. Jeff Wild                 |   |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation March 13-15</i>   |   |   |  |  | <i>6th-7th Grade Lutherdale Retreat</i>   |   |   |
| <b>18 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b><br>9:15 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion; Guest preacher Rev. Jeff Wild<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C.                          | <b>19 St. Joseph</b><br> | <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Cluster Clergy meeting<br>12:15 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>10:00 am Senior Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                | <b>21</b><br>6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir   | <b>22</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline  | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>24</b><br>9:30 am Resolution #1 workshop at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran<br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion |   |
| <i>Rotation Model Workshop, Oakbrook, IL, March 22-24</i>  |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |
| <b>25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd L.C.   | <b>26 Annunciation of Our Lord</b><br>6:00 pm Anniversary Cmte.<br>6:30 pm REST Board                       | <b>27</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>12:15 pm Lenten Worship Service<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                       | <b>28</b><br>6:00 pm Sonrise Singers practice<br>6:45 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir   | <b>29</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br><br><b>March Visitor</b><br>♣ Page 15 | <b>30</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>31</b><br>5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion  |   |

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| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Phar-Mor  | 3%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$30         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |

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| Home Depot                        | 3%   | \$25, \$100, \$250 |              |         |
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |         |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5                |              |         |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5                |              |         |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$25               |              |         |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                    |              |         |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10               |              |         |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20         |              |         |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                    |              |         |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |         |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |         |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50         |              |         |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10          |              |         |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50         |              |         |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5                |              |         |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                    |              |         |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20         |              |         |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5                |              |         |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10               |              |         |
| Chill's                           | 13%  | \$10               |              |         |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10               |              |         |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5                |              |         |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25         |              |         |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10          |              |         |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5                |              |         |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5                |              |         |
|                                   |      |                    | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ 1128 |

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

January 16, 2001



# MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS



|                    | READERS              | ACOLYTES                           | ALTAR GUILD                       | USHERS                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mar. 3<br>5:00 pm  |                      |                                    | Pat Jensen                        |                             |
| Mar. 4<br>9:15 am  | Marsha<br>Connet     | Valerie Yorgan<br>Rachel Sommer    | Helen Mickelson<br>Linda Meteyard | Team #2<br>Harold Miller    |
| Mar. 10<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                    | Betty Schultz<br>Cathy Meyer      |                             |
| Mar. 11<br>9:15 am | Mildred<br>Schroth   | Joel Nuechterlein<br>Geoff Pearson |                                   | Team #3<br>Rich Christensen |
| Mar. 17<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                    | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine    |                             |
| Mar. 18<br>9:15 am | Kathy<br>Christensen | Mike Liesch<br>Brian Field         | Jan Bertram<br>Virginia Haugsby   | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer       |
| Mar. 24<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                    | Pat LeRoux Sodke<br>Boots LeRoux  |                             |
| Mar. 25<br>9:15 am | Brenda<br>Gieszler   | Ann Liesch<br>Erin Sommer          |                                   | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen    |
| Mar. 31<br>5:00 pm |                      |                                    | Lyle & Marge<br>Zielke            |                             |
| Apr. 1<br>9:15 am  | Bev Hansen           | Lukas Reischl<br>Nichelle Slawson  | Ruth Estep<br>Bev Hansen          | Team #6<br>John Cook        |

|         | <u>Altar Flowers</u> | <u>Fellowship</u>     | <u>Candle Care</u> | <u>Communion Asst.</u>    |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mar. 4  | Celia Weber          | Loren & Cindi Larsen  | Arvilla Nemer      | Shirley Velzka            |
| Mar. 11 | Boots LeRoux         | Kids Hope mentors     | <i>through</i>     |                           |
| Mar. 18 | Ron & Pat Jensen     | Bonnie French         | <i>March</i>       | P. Jensen, K. Christensen |
| Mar. 25 | Joy Lippmann         | <i>Please sign up</i> |                    |                           |
| April 1 | Ron & Pat Jensen     | <i>Please sign up</i> | Jan Svendsen       |                           |

## News of Our Members



Ryan Kreimer

## Ryan Kreimer Stationed in Japan

Ryan Kreimer is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Letters can be sent to him with regular 34¢ first

class postage to:  
Lcpl Kreimer Ryan 7<sup>th</sup> Comm. BN  
Co. A (MUX)  
Unit 356 11  
FPO AP 96606-5611

Ryan also receives e-mail at  
rkreimer10@hotmail.com

## Burglar Breaks into Church Basement

Emmaus was the victim of a burglary on Saturday night, February 24. Someone broke in through a basement window and stole a television and two VCRs, one belonging to the church and the other belonging to the Teen

Parenting center. There was also an attempt to steal money from the soda machine.

Police investigations are continuing, and a claim has been filed with our insurance carrier.

## EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

|                                   |            |           |             |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Average weekly attendance, Jan.:  | 1999: 144* | 2000: 154 | 2001: 180** |
| Average weekly attendance, Feb.:  | 1999: 171  | 2000: 150 | 2001: 140   |
| Average weekly attendance, March: | 1999: 164  |           |             |

\*Services Jan. 2-3, 1999 were canceled due to inclement weather and are not included in calculating this figure.

\*\* Figure has been adjusted to include Sanctuary worshippers from Emmaus.

## Financial Figures

|  | Total for month | Year to date |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Genl. Fund offerings received in January | \$17,153.21     | \$17,153.21  |
| Bldg. Fund offerings received in January | \$376.00        | \$376.00     |
| Unified receipts for January             | \$17,529.21     | \$17,529.21  |

|   | Campaign to date |
|---|------------------|
| 2001 Fund offerings received in January | \$276.00         |

|  |                   |                 |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mortgage payments:                       | January principal | \$393.28        |
|  | January interest  | \$572.72        |
|  | <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$966.00</b> |
| Principal balance as of January 12, 2001 |                   | \$83,304.50     |

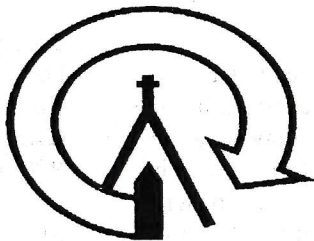


## Scrip Proceeds Benefit Anniversary Plans

by Pat Liesch

Scrip is starting something new! In order to raise money for our anniversary plans, proceeds from our Scrip sales will now go to the Anniversary Committee.

As well as our regular way of ordering Scrip, we will also have some Scrip available for immediate purchase each Saturday and Sunday. The Scrip items available for purchase will be those from



merchants that have sold the best in the past. If you don't see what you want- just ask! We will be glad to order it for you!

To be assured your Scrip is there for you, please continue to order using the order forms. That way you'll be sure to get exactly what you want!

Purchase Scrip! Help your Anniversary Committee with all their plans for the upcoming year!

## Bishops Discuss Resolution #1

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begin with the Bible; second, tradition; third, reason; and fourth, experience. As examples, he noted that the Bible has been used to support slavery, to deny the ordination of women, and to prohibit divorce, positions the ELCA now rejects.

Bishops Beem and Chilstrom responded to fears that this subject would divide the ELCA. Bishop Chilstrom said that he has spoken to people against same-sex unions who could agree to allowing other congregations to bless those relationships as long as it wasn't required of all congregations. Bishop Beem said he believes that schism would be inevitable if Resolution #1 were allowed to remain in effect.

The bishops also discussed

what is actually meant by "blessing." Beem said that blessing and marriage are virtually indistinguishable. Chilstrom stated that he believes that the term "marriage" should apply only to different-sex unions, but he is open to the use of terms such as "blessed union" for gay and lesbian couples.

A videotape of the presentation by Bishop Beem and Bishop Chilstrom will be shown at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Racine at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24. Dr. Gordon Lathrop, Professor of Liturgics at the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia will present "What Is a 'Blessing' in the Life of the Church?" There will be small group discussions and opportunity for further dialogue.

## WELCA Bulletins

## Thanks for Making Bake Sale a Success

Thank you to everyone that baked and to those that bought bakery at the Women of the church sale on February 11. Thanks, also to those that made cash donations.

We made \$184.50 from the bake sale. The profits will go to the Women's Scholarship Fund, which is used to pay for some women to



go to our retreat and conventions.

### Cluster Brunch

The WELCA Racine Mission Cluster Brunch will be Saturday morning, April 28 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3319 Washington Avenue. We need to submit a ticket count by April 23. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. The program is "An Interview with Katie Luther."

## Rummage Sale Announced

by Pat Liesch

Pencil in Saturday, September 15, 2001 for this years all- church rummage sale. Exact plans will be finalized over the summer. Start saving your treasures now!

Speaking of rummage sales,

while you are out rummage sale shopping this spring and summer, please consider our REST participants. Things that might be easy to pick up on sale are white socks, men's underwear, sizes 30 through 34, and men's jeans, sizes 30 through 34. Thanks!

## Give Those Newlyweds a Cookbook

by Pat Liesch

Spring is almost here, and so are bridal showers and weddings. An Emmaus cookbook would be an ideal gift for such events. Even for kids, graduating from



high school and college, going out on their own for the first time. Please keep our cookbooks in mind. Only \$12.50 each.

## Caloric Intake Is Key to Managing Weight

by Carol Eschmann, RN

According to the Medical College of Wisconsin Health Link, Americans believe the kind of food they eat is more important for managing weight than the amount of food they eat. In a recent survey, commissioned by the American Institute for Cancer Research, 78% of respondents indicated that eating certain foods and avoiding others was more important than eating less food.

Nutrition experts express concern that messages about "low fat" eating leads individuals to lose sight of the more pressing concern of total calorie intake. Effective weight management strategies place equal focus on both the amount and kind of food we eat. Other studies suggest that there is an increasing American trend to ignore the issue of portion size. When one concentrates only on cutting fat or fad diets that restrict carbohydrates or protein, he may fail to address total calories consumed and/or good nutrition.

Recent figures from the National institutes of health indicate that for the first time in history, the majority of Americans are clinically overweight. This means that most Americans are at increased risk for obesity-related

diseases like cancer, coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure and osteoarthritis.

Over the last 20 years our average caloric intake has risen from 1,8544 cal. to 2,002 cal. For most, this adds up to an extra 15 pounds each year. The same studies also indicate that the average American has lowered the percentage of fat in the diet from 40% to 33% over the same amount of time.

According to the survey, most Americans are unaware that the portions they consume have increased in size. At the same time exercise patterns have decreased. The key to weight management is a well balanced diet with appropriate size portions combined with exercise. One great nutrition site is [www.dole.com](http://www.dole.com). for those of you who are connected to the Internet.

The season of Lent, for some, is a time for changing behaviors. One component of weight loss that most programs neglect is prayer. Ask someone to join you as a prayer partner as you begin or continue your weight management journey. My prayer for each of you is that you will experience peace and healing as we journey together in life.



## ELCA Promotes Day of Prayer for Middle East

On the twentieth of every month until the violence in the Middle East subsides, all synods of

the ELCA urge all members to pray for all the victims of this tragic conflict.

### Letter

## Bishop Urges Prayers for Puerto Rico

Dear ELCA members:

Grace and peace in Christ our Lord and Savior.

The 1999 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted "to encourage the United States government to seek reasonable solutions that will end all U.S.

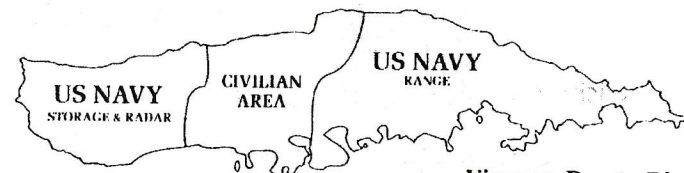
military operations on the island of Vieques and return the land to the people of the island while not compromising our nation's security."

Vieques is a lush and hilly island 21 miles long and 3 miles wide, 13 miles from the main island of San Juan, inhabited by 10,000 people. Since 1941, the United States Navy has occupied 26,000 of the island's 33,000 acres, using the space on one end of the island for storage of munitions and the other end of the island for artillery training and amphibious landings.

This use of the island has depressed the local economy, damaged the environment, and affected the health of the people of Vieques. In April, 1999, a civilian

security guard was killed when a fighter plane accidentally bombed a Navy observation tower.

The people of Puerto Rico have expressed overwhelmingly their desire for the Navy to cease operations on Vieques. The Caribbean Synod of our church has



Vieques, Puerto Rico

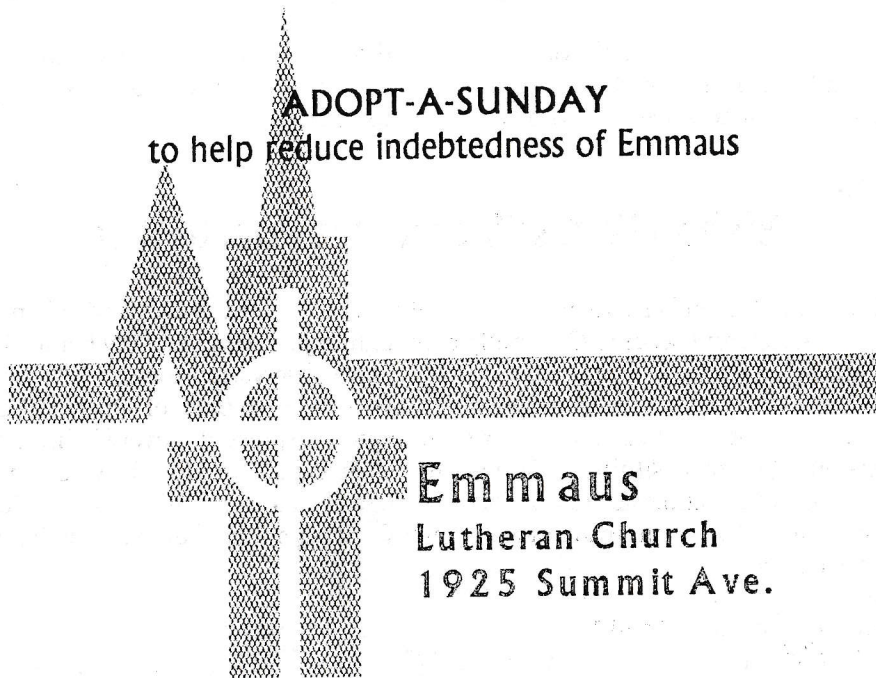
been a key participant in ecumenical advocacy efforts and has supported peaceful protests. I invite you to pray for our brothers and sisters on Vieques.

May God richly bless your mission and ministry.

Sincerely,  
H. George Anderson,  
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Visit the ELCA's Division for Church in Society Web page on Vieques ([www.elca.org/dcs/vieques](http://www.elca.org/dcs/vieques)) for background on Vieques, the 1999 ELCA Churchwide Assembly resolution, and news releases.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Elsewhere In Our Area

## Redeemer Preschool Holds Open House

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Cooperative Preschool will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, March 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Families with preschool age children are welcome to visit the facility, meet the staff, and register for fall classes.

LCR's preschool program promotes the development of children's socialization skills, creative expression, kindergarten readiness, and positive self-image within a Christian atmosphere. Morning and afternoon classes are available for children 2½ to 5 years old. For more information or a free brochure, please contact Jan Hoffmann at 633-4300.

## Hermes Gives Organ Concert

AAL Branch 6620 has scheduled a theatre organ concert for Friday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Fred Hermes, 1710 Heather Lane. (No children, please.)

Mr. Hermes will perform on the biggest five-manual pipe organ ever built by the Wurlitzer organ company. It has 2,500 pipes, drums, bird whistles and other features too numerous to mention. Fred Hermes bought and installed the instrument in a specially built theatre attached to his home.

Parking is quite limited, so everyone is asked to car pool. It will

be necessary to park on the road; maps to Mr. Hermes' house are available. The theatre is not handicapped-accessible.

If you wish to attend, please contact Norb Trottier, 637-3135, by March 15. Tickets are \$5.00.

## Donna Bumpus to Address Meeting

The Racine Downtown Cooperative Parish has invited Donna Bumpus, the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) program at its March meeting. At issue is whether to continue the program as we now know it, to establish a central site, or change the program in other ways.

The meeting is at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15 at Olympia Brown Church Office, 324 Sixth Street. Phone 634-0659.

## North Cape Hosts Craft Event

The Women of North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; the price is \$7.00 per person (\$4.00 for ages 4-12).

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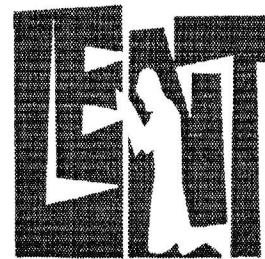
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Pastor Mary's Column

## Giving Up ... Or Giving Away?

During the season of Lent, how often do we hear the words, "I'm giving up chocolate" or "I'm giving up snacks between meals"?

While I'm not suggesting that forty days without sweets isn't a good thing, I'd like to think our Lenten disciplines might also include a looking outward.



How about a forty day practice of "giving away" during this season of Lent? Many of you have asked how you can be of help at Emmaus now that we are functioning with reduced staff time. (Pastor Paul continues to serve 1/3 time at Emmaus, while dedicating the remaining 2/3 of his time as interim pastor at Zion.) How can **you** help? Following are just a **few** suggestions of how you can practice the daily discipline of "giving away" this Lent:

- Call a member who hasn't been in church lately to find out how they are and to let them know they are missed.
- Pray for our mentors and the Wadewitz first graders.
- Send a card or note to a homebound person.
- Take food to those who are grieving or homebound.
- Spend time with a child who

is not a family member — read to them; invite them to Sunday School.

- Offer a ride to the doctor or church to someone who has difficulty with transportation.
- Invite a friend to the mid-day Lenten worship.
- Visit an Emmaus member who is in a nursing home.
- Support our youth going on mission trips this summer.
- Tell a retail worker that you appreciate their help and assistance.
- Listen to a neighbor or co-worker.
- Smile.
- Greet at least one person you don't know before or after worship.
- Encourage and affirm others.
- Pray for the Emmaus community.

Yes, you and I have so much to give. During this Lenten season, I encourage you to be intentional about giving away smiles, love, encouragement, compassion and concern. Let's do what we can to follow up our daily Lenten devotions, prayer and meditation with a time each day where we look outward to our sisters and brothers as we share his love with them.

Lenten blessings,

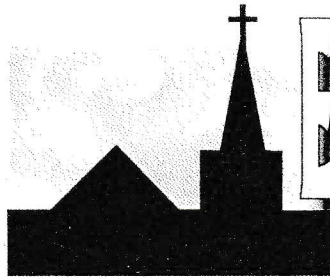
*Pastor Mary*

# In the March VISITOR

- ♣ *Choir to Premiere  
Anthem by Greg Berg*
- ♣ *Tuesday Services Explore  
Parable of Prodigal Son*
- ♣ *Confirmation Classes,  
Retreat Scheduled*
- ♣ *Bake Sale, Fiesta for  
Mission Trips*
- ♣ *Bishops Discuss Views of  
"Resolution 1"*
- ♣ *Siebert Grant Announced*
- ♣ *Letter from Bishop  
Anderson*
- ♣ *Easter Flower Form*

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## Holy Week at Emmaus

*The Passion of Our Lord*  
*April 8, 2001*

9:15 a.m.: Service of Word & Prayer

*Maundy Thursday*  
*April 12, 2001*

12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.:

Worship service with Holy Communion

*Good Friday*  
*April 13, 2001*

12:00 noon Worship service  
7:00 p.m. Service of Shadows

*Easter Sunday*  
*April 15, 2001*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
with Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Festival Service  
with Holy Communion



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

**Haley Marie Will**  
March 25, 2001

Haley, daughter of Jason Will and Tammy Mentch, celebrated her first birthday on January 25. Her sponsors are Tom Mentch, Nicole Peterson and Jennifer Baker.

## **Fool Around with Your Clocks April 1**

Daylight Savings Time goes into effect on April 1. This means that you'll lose one hour of sleep on April Fools' Eve. Honest! Unless you want to be an hour late to church on April Fools' Day, you'll

want to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Would I lie to you? Trust me, this Daylight Savings thing has been going on for years! No kidding!

## **Emmaus Staff & Worship Times**

Pastors: Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671  
Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Drive #104 633-3059  
Church Council President: Amy Larsen Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet  
Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz Parish Nurse: Carol Eschmann  
Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Field Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Kids Hope Emmaus director: Marty Aiken Secretary: Paul Berge  
Groundskeeper: Harley Slater Custodians: Matt Liesch & Rick Muhammad

E-mail: Church: emmaus@execpc.com Church office:  
Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com (262) 634-5515  
Pastor Paul: pnemmaus@execpc.com Fax: (262) 633-0726

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Lenten midweek services conclude with the 12:00 noon service on April 3. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held April 12 and 13 at noon and 7:00 p.m. Easter services will be held April 15 at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m.; there will be no Saturday service on April 14.

Sunday School meets between Sunday services at 9:15; it will not meet on April 15. A nursery is available during the Sunday worship service.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed April 16 for Easter holiday). The *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the May *Visitor* is April 17.

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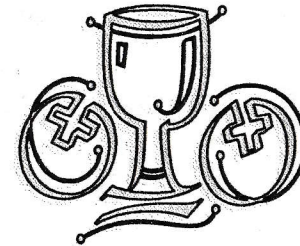
## **Classes for Communion Instruction Set**

Three sessions have been scheduled for *all* fifth graders and any others who are older than fifth grade but have not yet taken their first communion to learn about the Passover, the Last Supper, and the meaning and liturgy of Holy Communion.

The classes are intended for kids and one or both parents to attend

together, as well as fifth graders who began taking communion at an earlier age.

The three classes to be taught by Pastor Mary will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:45 p.m. in the Sunset Room. The dates are April 24, May 1 and May 8. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 at 9:15 a.m.



## **Vacation Bible School Set for July 2-6**

This year's Fourth of July week will be filled with activities for members of all ages as we construct a float for the parade, walk and ride in the parade, and also welcome Lutherdale counselors for our annual Day Camp for kindergartners through fifth graders.

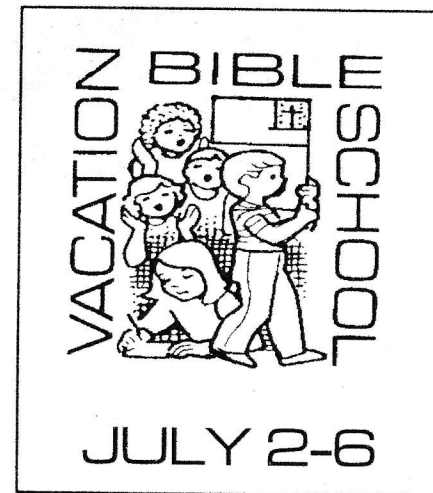
A pre-school VBS, using the second floor mural pictures as a backdrop, will feature a Bible story and related activities on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Taught by

Nancy Smith and youth from Emmaus, the pre-schoolers will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Day Camp for the older kids will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thanks to the generous grant received by the Siebert Foundation, all costs of the VBS (including daily lunch) will be covered for each of the children

participating.

Mark this important week on your calendar now — and invite some friends to be a part of the fun, too!



# Cookbooks-Yes, We've Got Cookbooks!

by Pat Liesch

Spring is just around the corner, and what better time to purchase those Emmaus cookbooks

for all those upcoming bridal showers and weddings! The cookbooks are just \$12.50, and are on sale in the narthex.

## Special Summer Anniversary Events Planned

In addition to a number of returning pastors preaching at Emmaus during our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, two major summer events are being planned.

Everyone is invited to join the fun of creating an Emmaus anniversary float for Racine's annual Fourth of July parade. The theme of the parade is "Good Ol' Days," and a theme for the Emmaus float is still being considered by the Anniversary Committee.

The float will be constructed on the premises of Rich and Kathy Christensen. Karen and Jess Sedgwick will coordinate the effort and are looking for willing volunteers. Also needed is a large flatbed on which to build the float. Please contact the church office or the Sedgwicks if you have any leads or ideas.

August 5 is the date set for "Mass on the Grass," a special outdoor service with Pastor Al

Goertemiller preaching, followed by a fun-filled neighborhood carnival. The carnival, being coordinated by Kylee Albright and Nancy Smith on behalf of the Anniversary Committee, will be geared both to outreach and to the members of Emmaus.

Families and special groups from the congregation will plan and

run a number of booths on the field. There will be food, fun and games for everyone! The carnival will follow the 10:00 a.m. worship service and will run throughout the afternoon.

Remember the old fashioned cakewalks and "fishing" for prizes? There will be all that and more. (Some scheming folks are even looking at the feasibility of a dunk tank, scheduling Pastor Mary and others for their turn. Pastor Mary comments, "Maybe that won't fit in the budget." We'll see.)



### Outdoor Worship

## Sunday School News

### Sunday School Takes Week Off for Easter

There will be no Sunday School on April 15, Easter Sunday. Sunday School resumes April 22 through May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| Apr. 2  | Steven Furuglyas, 17 |
| Apr. 4  | Sarah Albright, 1    |
| Apr. 7  | Jennifer Haman, 7    |
| Apr. 7  | Jennifer Olson, 18   |
| Apr. 8  | Jessica Bose, 12     |
| Apr. 9  | Diane Lasko, 1       |
| Apr. 9  | Hannah Pearce, 9     |
| Apr. 12 | Brian Field, 11      |
| Apr. 15 | Kelsey Albright, 12  |
| Apr. 18 | Michaela Keller, 3   |
| Apr. 19 | Amanda Fiegel, 18    |

### Youth April Birthdays

Apr. 1 Destiny Rodriquez, 16

## Help Set Up Summer Carnival

Hear ye! Hear ye! Mass in the Grass and Carnival to Marvel coming August 5.

Wanted: Emmaus family to plan and serve.

Items needed: gallon milk jugs, 2-liter bottles, ice cream containers with lids, 20-oz. plastic bottles, Dean's chug containers, yarn, scrap fabric and felt, ribbon, buttons, small wood scraps, coffee cans, dowels, small hardware items (not sharp: e.g., nuts and bolts are OK), beads, glue, popsicle sticks, and three wading pools. Look for deposit boxes in the narthex.

Personnel needed: people to take a two-hour shift at a booth, cooks and bakers, promoters to

create banner, yard signs and flyers, field engineers to set up and take down booths, people to order and sort prizes, story-tellers for Noah's Ark and David and Goliath (scripts available), ticket sellers and participants who want to have a little *fun on the lawn*.

Last but not least, who can help us find a horse-drawn hay wagon and a pony for rides? A dunk tank is in the wings! Sign-up sheets coming soon!

Questions or information: contact Kylee Albright (639-6433) or e-mail Nancy Smith (nnsdaisy@aol.com).





## Emmaus Welcomes Jeff and Nancy Wild

Rev. Jeff Wild returned to Emmaus March 17-18 to lead worship and preach as part of Emmaus' year-long sesquicentennial celebration. He and his wife, Nan, acknowledged that faces had changed since they left Racine eight-



Nan and Rev. Jeff Wild

teen years ago. In spite of those changes, many friendships and acquaintances were renewed.

Our next visit will be from Rev. Lyle E. Rossing, who will return from Hibbing, Minnesota, on the weekend of May 5-6.

## Fiesta Mexicana Is Huge Success

Chips and salsa, tacos and fajitas, piñatas and raffle prizes, together with many supportive folks, made the second annual Fiesta Mexicana *una tarde fabulosa* (a fabulous afternoon).

Hours and hours of prep time were generously donated by Carol Yust and Lisa Ziehlke, the chefs of the day. *Muchas gracias* to them, to Nancy Smith, Joyce Kaiser, Carol Yust and all who solicited the door prizes from area businesses, and to all the youth and parents who pitched in to make the fund raiser a success.

At press time, the final total of money raised isn't available, but it is estimated that over \$1,600 was raised to help support the youth

going to Juarez and Nashville on mission trips next summer. More than 250 people attended the dinner.

The high school group is being organized by Pastor Mary and the middle school group by Gregg and Kylee Albright. For those wishing to support the young people financially, mission shares are available in denominations of \$10, \$50 and \$100. These are the only shares you can buy where

there is a *guarantee* that the returns will be so great that they can't even be measured!

The next major fund raiser for the mission trips will be a May 20 dinner, with a country western theme. Mark your calendars now!



Julia Durand shows off Kewpee's tee

## Community Meal Program Begins 21st Year of Service

This month, the Community Meal Program begins its third decade of providing free meals, open to anyone, at sites all around the city of Racine. No one is excluded as long as they want to come and share what is offered.

In January, 1981, Father Don Richards, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, sent a letter to various Churches in the Community who had expressed an interest in helping with a Community Meal Program to be served from St. Patrick's Church. The meal would be served one night a week, on the same night each week.

The first meals were served at the end of April of 1981 with five churches, including Emmaus, in the program. Emmaus serves every other month on the first Thursday of even-numbered months (April 5 this month).

We need volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make either a casserole, jello, or cake; the casserole recipe is printed at the end of this article.

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 the food to be served. We thank all who are willing to share in this program.

## Community Meal Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- Onion (chopped, diced or grated)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 ½ lbs. french cut green beans (frozen)
- 2 cans of cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup
- 1 ½ lbs. tater tots

Brown the beef, onion, salt and pepper and put 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 whole kit and kaboodle.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

"To say that God is a mystery is to say that you can never nail him down. Even on Christ the nails proved ultimately ineffective."

—Frederick Buechner

**Parish Nurse Corner**

*How Can You Take a Stand Against Child Abuse?*

by Carol Eschmann

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. As our church reaches out to children in our neighborhood, it is important to consider the many needs of all children. In their book *10 Principles for Spiritual Parenting*, Mimi Doe and Marsha Walch encourage that each person become an advocate for all children. They write, "Open your heart to any child placed in your life, not just your own. You cross one another's paths for a reason."

Each child has a purpose and is a treasure to value. When you witness, read or hear about any unkind treatment to a child, take a stand against it. Become involved in causes that help children around the globe.

Doe and Walch also offer strategies for intervening in cases of children suffering in our own world. They suggest a positive way of offering help rather than attacking parents with criticism or threats. "How could you treat your child like that?" would receive a different reaction from "It looks like you're having some difficulty, Is there anything I can do to help you out?"

The authors suggest specific ways you might help: Offer to find groceries, entertain the child for five minutes, or give the child a small treat (such as a colorful sticker). You might pray "How can I help here, God. Give me the words and

the courage to speak up. And help this parent and child to see your love through me." Then follow through on the guidance from the Holy Spirit. You may be the answer to prayer for the parent and for the child.

Show the children in your life that you care by spending time and really listening. Set realistic goals for acceptable behavior and expected achievements. Structure opportunities for success to build feelings of confidence. Review expected behavior before special or unusual events. Try phrasing requests for appropriate behavior positively, such as "Put the book down," rather than "Don't touch the book." Teach desirable behavior through your own example, such as using a quiet, calm voice rather than a loud angry voice. Provide special notes or coupons with the kids in your life to show that you care about them. Slip them under a pillow or into a lunch bag or tuck them into a pocket. Some starter lines are: Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_; I'm proud of you because \_\_\_\_\_; or I like it when we \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember that prayer is powerful. Pray for children and their needs. Pray for parents that they grow in parenting skills. And pray for all who volunteer their time to make the world a safer place for children. And give thanks for the blessings that our children bring us. They truly are gifts from God!

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## Descendant of Founding Member Writes

For this month's history page, we present an excerpt from a letter sent to us by a couple who were here in February to research an ancestor, Betsy Aae, one of the members of this congregation when it was first founded in 1851.

Thank you for your kind assistance in showing us the church's original documents regarding Carole's immigrant Norwegian ancestor, Birgit S mundsdatter A  (Betsy A ), and her early connection with your church as a charter member, known then as the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Incidentally, while the church's records don't show any early marriages, there was at least one marriage in 1852, that being the marriage of Rev. Johannes Johannesen Stoelsvig (aka, John Johnson) to Betsy Aae (aka, Betsy Simonson). Rev. Ole Andrewson conducted the marriage on October 14, 1852. A scan of the Racine County Courthouse's records may show other marriages in the church.

Rev. John Johnson, who is mentioned in the [history written by Rev. P.S. Vig for Emmaus' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary] and was a close friend of Rev. Ole Andrewson, was a

member of the Northern Illinois Synod, had received a CT at Hartwick Seminary on August 26, 1852, and recorded his pastoral

license with the Racine County Clerk on October 21, 1852. He and Betsy then went to Milwaukee to accept a call as the second pastor at the Ascension Lutheran Church. They then accepted a call to establish the Springfield Evangelical Lutheran Church outside of Decorah, Iowa, in May 1853. The Evangelical Lutheran Church was established on June 13, 1853. John served that congregation until June 1856, having asked to retire due to health.

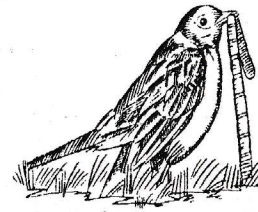
John and Betsy continued to live on their 80 acre farm and raise a family of six children, of whom two daughters died in early adulthood due to illness. The three boys went into agriculture in (Crookston) Russia Township, Polk County, Minnesota, and the remaining daughter was a teacher in the Decorah, area, and a frequent contributor to the Decorah-Posten newspaper.

John was born June 14, 1826,

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Betsy Aae



## APRIL

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Director: Carol Eschmann

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

### April Birthdays

|          |                |                        |       |
|----------|----------------|------------------------|-------|
| April 14 | Mavis Agerholm | 2332 Arlington Avenue  | 53403 |
| April 19 | Lloyd LeRoux   | 3418 St. Clair St.     | 53402 |
| April 20 | Judy Dykstra   | 1521 Summit Avenue     | 53404 |
| April 21 | Celia Weber    | 1718 High Street       | 53404 |
| April 26 | Arvilla Nemer  | 4930 Chester Lane #5   | 53402 |
| April 26 | Donna Rode     | 1402 Douglas Ave. #204 | 53402 |

## Descendant of Betsy Aae Writes

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in Kalven, Stokkadal, Vats, Norway; emigrated in May 1846; and died December 2, 1902. Betsy was born January 10, 1825, in A , L rdal, Bradsberg (Telemark), Norway; emigrated on May 31, 1844; and died in 1889. They are both buried in the Springfield Cemetery.

We'll have to take our scanner down to the Norwegian-American


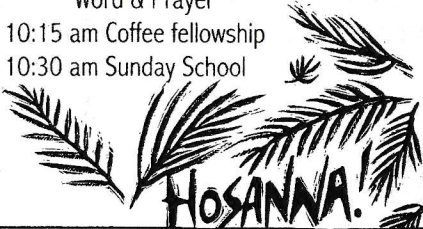
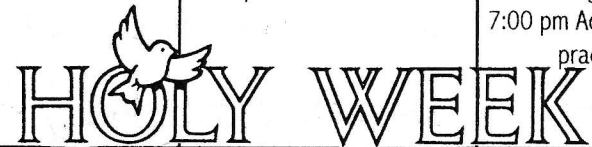



Historical Association's (NAHA) library at Northfield, MN, to scan the Norwegian language letters to/from John and Ole Andrewson. As I recall, they do present some insight into the religious issues of the time in Racine.

Best wishes for your 150th Anniversary this year!

Regards,

Gary & Carole Hillman

|          | <u>Altar Flowers</u> | <u>Fellowship</u> | <u>Candle Care</u>   |  |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| April 1  | Ron & Pat Jensen     | Betty Barth       | Jan Svendsen         |  |
| April 8  | Julia Durand         | Please sign up    | through              |  |
| April 15 | —                    | Easter Brunch     | April                |  |
| April 22 | Amy Larsen           | Please sign up    |                      |  |
| April 29 | Pat LeRoux-Sodke     | Please sign up    |                      |  |
| May 6    | Liesches             | Please sign up    | Margaret Christensen |  |

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <p><b>1</b> <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i><br/> <i>Easter flower order deadline</i><br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School</p>   | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> WELCA Board<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship &amp; Music Cmte.</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Computer lab<br/> <b>11:30 am</b> Lunch<br/> <b>12:15 pm</b> Lenten worship service<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Cluster Council</p> | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>1:30 pm</b> Rebecca Circle<br/> <b>1:30 pm</b> Mary Circle<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Sunrise Singers<br/> <b>6:45 pm</b> 8-9th grade confirmation class<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p> | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Bulletin deadline<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Community Meal at St. Patrick's<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Stamp Club</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>  <p><b>APRIL</b></p> | <p><b>7</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>  |
| <p><b>8</b> <i>The Sunday of the Passion</i><br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Worship Service WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School</p>     | <p><b>9</b><br/> <b>6:30 pm</b> Church council meeting</p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Computer lab<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>   | <p><b>11</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Bulletin deadline<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Sunrise Singers<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p>   | <p><b>12</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i><br/> <b>12:00 pm</b> Worship service with Holy Communion<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship service with Holy Communion</p> | <p><b>13</b> <i>Good Friday</i><br/> <b>12:00 pm</b> Worship service<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Tenebrae worship service</p>   | <p><b>14</b><br/> <i>No worship service</i></p>  |
|    |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <p><b>15</b> <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i><br/> <b>7:00 am</b> Sunrise Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion<br/> <b>8:00 am</b> Easter brunch in Fellowship Hall<br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Festival Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/> <b>6:30 pm</b> REST Board<br/> <i>Visitor deadline</i></p>   | <p><b>17</b><br/> <b>9:00 am</b> Cluster Clergy<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Computer lab<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>  | <p><b>18</b><br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Sunrise Singers<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Bulletin deadline</p>  | <p><b>20</b><br/> <i>Day of prayer for peace in the Middle East</i><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>   | <p><b>21</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>   |
| <p><b>22</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i><br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Worship Service WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Anniversary Committee</p>  | <p><b>24</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Computer lab<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS<br/> <b>6:45 pm</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class</p>  | <p><b>25</b> <i>St. Mark</i><br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Sunrise Singers<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p>                 | <p><b>26</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Bulletin deadline</p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/> <b>8:30 am</b> WELCA Spring brunch<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> |
| <p><b>29</b> <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i><br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Worship Service LBW setting 2<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School</p> <p><i>April Visitor † Page 12</i></p>  | <p><b>30</b></p>    | <p><b>May 1</b> <i>May Day</i><br/> <b>9:30 am</b> Staff meeting<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Computer lab<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS<br/> <b>6:45 pm</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class</p>    | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>1:30 pm</b> Rebecca Circle<br/> <b>1:30 pm</b> Mary Circle<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> Sunrise Singers<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Bulletin deadline<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Stamp club</p>  | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p><i>April Visitor † Page 15</i></p>    |

Emmaus Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Phar-Mor  | 3%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$30         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |

|                                   |      |                    |              |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|----|
| Home Depot                        | 3%   | \$25, \$100, \$250 |              |    |
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$25               |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                    |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                    |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5                |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                    |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5                |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chili's                           | 13%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25         |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5                |              |    |
|                                   |      |                    | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

*Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!*

January 16, 2001

WORSHIP LEADERS

READERS

ACOLYTES

ALTAR GUILD

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|                    |                      |   |                                 |                             |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3/31 5 pm          |                      |   | Lyle & Marge Zielke             |                             |
| Apr. 1<br>9:15 am  | Bev Hansen           | Lukas Reischl<br>Nichelle Slawson                                   | Ruth Estep<br>Bev Hansen        | Team #6<br>John Cook        |
| Apr. 7<br>5:00 pm  |                      |   | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barbara Larsen |                             |
| Apr. 8<br>9:15 am  |                      | Tanya Rasmussen<br>Hailey Sommer                                    |                                 | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard    |
| 4/12 12:15         |                      |   | Evelyn Larsen                   |                             |
| Apr. 12<br>7:00 pm |                      | April Falaschi<br>Danielle Pipol                                    | Mildred Schroth<br>Marge Jensen | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi    |
| 4/13 12:15         |                      |   |                                 |                             |
| Apr. 13<br>7:00 pm |                      | Joel Nuechterlein<br>Nathan Albright                                |                                 | Team #2<br>Harold Miller    |
| Apr. 15<br>7:00 am | Gregg<br>Albright    | Austin Schultz<br>Brian Field<br>Marissa Connet<br>Kelsey Albright  | Arvilla Nemer<br>Lael Richter   | Team #3<br>Rich Christensen |
| Apr. 15<br>9:30 am | Kylee<br>Albright    | Matt Nuechterlein<br>Andrew Reischl<br>Amy Meteyard<br>Kally Jansen | Kim Simonsen<br>Sandy Strini    | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer       |
| Apr. 21<br>5:00 pm |                      |   | Brian & Denise<br>Keller        |                             |
| Apr. 22<br>9:15 am | Ruth Hlavka          | AnnLiesch<br>Erin Sommer  |                                 | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen    |
| Apr. 28<br>5:00 pm |                      |   | Kelly Austin<br>Barb Toslek     |                             |
| Apr. 29<br>9:15 am | Al Svendsen          | Nathan Lamberton<br>Justin Haman                                    |                                 | Team #6<br>John Cook        |
| May 5              |                      |   | Pat Jensen                      |                             |
| May 6<br>9:15 am   | David<br>Christensen | Valerie Yorgan<br>Rachel Sommer                                     |                                 | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard    |

## KidsHope Efforts Bear Fruit

by Marty Aiken

I would like to share with you a few recent experiences of some of our KidsHope mentors. We began KidsHope with great hope, but naturally we had some doubt of our ability to be a meaningful presence in the lives of the children we were entrusted with. But while we might have had some "natural" doubt we all — mentors, prayer partners, and the Emmaus family — had even more faithful hope to encourage us. I'd like to share with you some of the fruits of that hope.

One little boy could barely read the simplest words, words as simple as "it," when his mentor first met him. The mentor discovered that the little fellow's problem was not a lack of ability, but instead a complete lack of confidence in himself that kept him from expressing what he already knew. With his mentor's constant encouragement and loving support he began to discover the ability to trust himself and his abilities. Now having been encouraged to open himself up he eagerly opens and reads books.

Another child had a huge problem fabricating tales. These tales were so far fetched and frequent that they disrupted his relationships with his fellow students and his teachers. Luckily he had a mentor who was wise enough not to be fazed by his tale telling and quite capable of continuing to build a relationship.

One day he came in and announced he was moving to Michigan. The teacher responded that she was sorry that he would no longer be able to see his KidsHope mentor. This stopped him in his tracks. Later he asked if he could still have a mentor if he didn't move. The teacher kept the heat on and said she had to proceed on the basis of his first story. The next day the first thing he reported was that he wasn't moving. The teacher used the episode to stress to him that his words could have consequences. When the teacher first told me this story with delight she stressed that it was his KidsHope relationship that provided him with something important enough to commit to a simple truth.

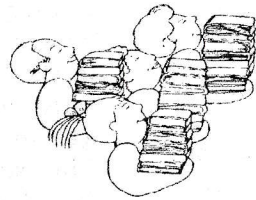
This story brings out another important point. The teachers greatly value our KidsHope mentors, and are already asking us to plan for next year. They have extended an invitation for those who might be considering mentoring, but who also have some hesitations, to visit their schoolrooms with our current mentors. We are beginning to plan to offer just such an opportunity in approximately one month. Please when you pray for KidsHope be willing to ask if you might be like our first little boy, with a God-given ability that we just have to learn to be open to. Thank you and God bless.



## Best Books Available

by Carol Rudey

We have a copy of the *New York Times Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children*, available for Kids



Hope USA mentors to look through. Also, there will be children's books available in the Sunset Room library for mentors to borrow for their weekly sessions.

## REST Hosts Cook-out for Residents & Volunteers

by Pat Liesch

Emmaus REST will host a cook out for the residents and volunteers on Friday, April 27, the

last night of REST for this season. A dish to pass would be appreciated, but not necessary. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. Don't be late! Contact Pat to RSVP, at 835-1363.

## 2000 Clothing Drive Results Are In

Rev. William H. Truby, State Chairman of Lutheran World Relief's clothing drive, has announced that Wisconsin congregations collected a total of 568,166 lbs. of clothing during 2000. 25,000 lbs. of that total came from Racine and Kenosha.



In addition to clothing items, \$61,438 was raised for Project Comfort and shipping. Project Comfort covers the cost of sending quilts, school and health kits, soap, and clothing

where they are needed most.

## Scrip Sales Soar!

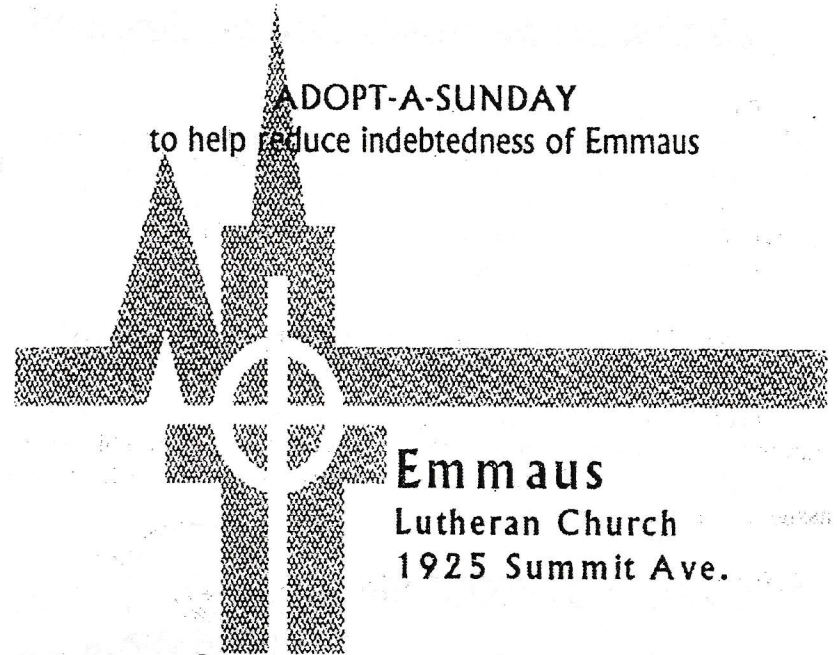
by Pat Liesch

Scrip's new method of Instant Sales, along with the usual method of pre-ordering, has caused the Scrip sales to soar! All you have to do is bring your checkbook along with you to church. Scrip is for sale immediately after the worship

service. If you prefer to pre-order, just like you've always done, just complete an order blank and turn it in, along with your check. Nothing could be easier!

Proceeds will help fund some of the activities sponsored by our Anniversary Committee.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_



## Gethsemane Hosts Cluster Brunch

The Spring Cluster Brunch will be held April 28 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 3319 Washington Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The morning's program is "An Interview with Katie

Luther."

Tickets will be sold for \$4.00 each and will be available in the narthex or by calling Ruth Hlavka at 639-2061.

### First Quarter Statements to Be Available

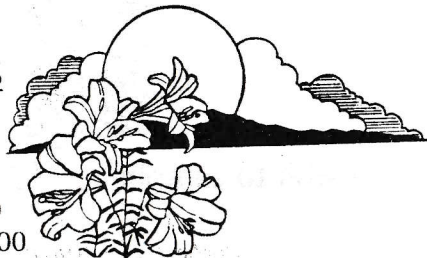
First quarter offering statements will be available early this month. Anyone who has been assigned an offering envelope and

who has made a contribution of record should be able to find their offering statement in the narthex.

### MEMORIALS & BEQUESTS

#### Non-designated memorials:

- In memory of Bob Klees: \$400.00
- In memory of Edith Bohn: \$60.00
- In memory of Doris Decker: \$60.00



### Financial Figures

|   | Total for month | Year to date |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| General Fund offerings in February, 2001  | \$17,073.00     | \$34,226.21  |
| Building Fund offerings in February, 2001 | \$248.00        | \$624.00     |
| Unified receipts for February, 2001       | \$17,192.00     | \$34,850.21  |
| Campaign to date                          |                 |              |
| 2001 Fund offerings in February, 2001     | \$183.00        | \$89,135.12  |
| 3/8/2001 mortgage payment: Principal      | \$395.99        |              |
| Interest                                  | \$570.01        |              |
| Extra principal                           | \$2,337.62      |              |
| Total                                     | \$3,303.62      |              |
| Principal balance as of 2/12/2001         |                 | \$82,911.22  |

### Attendance Statistics

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ash Wednesday worship attendance:             | 1999: 90  | 2000: 82  | 2001: 114 |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>February:</b> | 1999: 171 | 2000: 150 | 2001: 140 |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>March:</b>    | 1999: 164 | 2000: 197 | 2001: 162 |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>April:</b>    | 1999: 200 | 2000: 191 |           |

# Spring Brunch

WELCA Racine Cluster



Saturday morning, April 28, 2001  
8:30 a.m. (registration) to 12:00 noon  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
3319 Washington Avenue, West Racine  
*Handicapped-accessible*

## Program:

### An Interview with Katie Luther

Matthew 25:21 "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Each church must call paid reservation count by April 23.  
Phone Debbie Peterik 632-3317

Cost \$4.00

## Pastor Paul Leads Theology Classes

Pastor Paul will lead a class on Lutheran theology on Saturday mornings at Martin Luther Church, 9235 Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, from April 7 through June 16.

The course will explore Lutheran theology as expressed by Lutheran tradition and lived out in contemporary life. Sessions focus on Christian Identity, the Trinity,

Justification by Faith, the Church, Liberation Theology, Eucharist, Baptism, Creation and Eschatology.

The course meets requirements for Associate in Ministry certification and is sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Synod and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

### Elsewhere in Our Area

#### North Cape Women Host Craft Fair

The Women of North Cape Lutheran Church, between 4¼ and 5 Mile Roads on Highway 45 will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n Cookin' event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7.



eat salad buffet between 11:00 and 1:00 for \$7.00 per person (\$4.00 for ages 4-12); dessert and beverage are included. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased in advance or at the door. Please call the

They will hold an all-you-can-

NCLC office at 835-2206.

#### Siena Center Lists Programs

Programs and retreats scheduled at Siena Center this month include: "You Have What You Seek," April 27-29. Do you have a vague sense that something is missing in your life even in the "good times"? Are you going through a search for life's purpose? This weekend will blend input, private reflection and group interaction with simple profound experiences to help you notice, contemplate and celebrate your life as it is!

Presenter Ruth Baggech, SSJ-TOSF, is co-founder and team member of The Center for Spirituality in Bartlett, Illinois. She is an elected leader in her congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph, TOSF, and currently is a retreat facilitator and spiritual companion.

For information on any of these or to register, contact Rita Lui, 5635 Erie Street, 53402, or by phone at 639-4100.

## Atonement Presents Living Last Supper

What must have been going through the apostles' minds when Jesus made the astonishing remark, "One of you will betray me"? This is the mystery that Leonardo da Vinci must resolve as he sets out to paint his historic masterpiece. With the help of models, da Vinci does more than capture a moment;

he uncovers the unique relationship of Jesus to each of his disciples.

Bob Hansen directs "Transformation: A Living Last Supper," an all-new one-act play Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue. Child care is available.

## Lutheran A Cappella Choir Presents Concerts

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will present a sacred choral program at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1810 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheboygan, and again at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa.

Tickets for the Sheboygan

concert are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students and seniors. Sunday tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors. Discounts are available for advance tickets for Sunday only. Group rates are also available for parties of ten or more. For more information and tickets, call 414-521-4545.

### Letter

#### Former Racine Resident Has Plot to Sell

Dear Emmaus Lutheran,

My name is Marge Strombeck Stokke. I was born in Racine. My parents, George and Hazel Strombeck, are buried at West Lawn Memorial Cemetery. I have four plots there that I would like to sell.

I have not had any results in trying to sell these plots through a newspaper ad. I am hoping you will keep this letter and consider telling anyone you think might be interested in these cemetery plots.

I would like to sell the four

plots as a group, for a total of \$1,000.00. They are located in the southwestern part of West Lawn Memorial. Specifically, in Section D, lot 254, plots 3, 4, 5 and 6. These are near the Pokorny and Hochleitner stones.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Stokke

220 N. Third Street  
River Falls, WI 54022  
715-425-5141



**S**anctuary  
 a place set apart to shelter  
 and nourish your spirit —  
 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening

**5040 Northwestern Avenue, Racine**  
**1/4 mile west of intersection of Hwys. 31 & 38**  
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Join Lutheran Church of Resurrection  
 For a bus trip to see:

Man of La Mancha  
 At *The Fireside* in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin  
 Saturday, May 5, 2001

\$52.00 will reserve your place  
 For dinner, show, & bus trip  
Money must reach the church by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meet in the Resurrection parking lot to leave by 8:30 AM and  
 Arrive back in the parking lot on or before 5:00 PM

For more information, call Lois Pedersen, 681-1119

Pastor Paul's Page

**Why Does Jesus' Death Matter?**

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

This is a question posed in a recent issue of *The Christian Century* (which is probably the most widely read magazine among clergy and church professionals). The author, Mark Heim, begins his article this way: "Why is the death of Christ significant? Some of the church is sure it knows the answer, while much of the rest of the church is deeply uncomfortable with the answer."

I had a recent experience with the latter, that is, those who are uncomfortable with the cross. I was meeting at Good Shepherd with a sales person for video projectors. We were trying to figure out where best to place the projector and screen for use in our Sunday night Sanctuary service. But we kept running into the same problem: the cross at Good Shepherd hangs from the ceiling above the altar area and kept getting in the way of all the best projector / screen placements.

The sales person, himself a very faithful church goer, had a solution: we could take the cross down. He told us that many of the biggest, most successful "seeker" churches (i.e., churches reaching out to the unchurched people seeking a new experience of church, "mega" churches like Elmbrook near Milwaukee or even Grace here in Racine) are going without crosses in their sanctuaries. They find that modern people who are seeking new

churches have trouble warming up to the cross as the central symbol. So they downplay its significance.

At our fall pastors' conference for the synod, we had a speaker who is an expert on reaching the younger, unchurched generations. He didn't quite counsel us to take down our crosses, but he did say a lot about stressing another aspect of the Christian faith: the incarnation as God's love come into this world in Jesus. It fits better with our culture's emphasis on Christmas.

But here we are coming up once again on the week we call Holy Week. Perhaps another sign of our modern discomfort with the cross is the reality that the crowds for worship are still large for Easter but greatly shrinking for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Several years ago, leaders in the church counseled congregations to shift the emphasis on Palm Sunday to that of Passion Sunday because relatively few people were coming for worship on Good Friday anymore. Most people were missing the story of Jesus' death altogether – perhaps a sign that we are increasingly uncomfortable with Jesus' death as the center of our faith.

On the other hand, you might be reading this thus far and trying to figure out what all the fuss is about. You know why Jesus' death matters. How could any good Christian question it?

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## Pastor Paul's Column

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The problem is that, if we are to take seriously our charge to reach out to the unchurched, we need to also take seriously the modern discomfort with the cross. Why is that many modern folks shy away from it?

And, if we are sure about the meaning of the cross ourselves, have we tried talking about that with others who aren't? Are we aware of what others are uncomfortable with? Can we speak to those concerns?

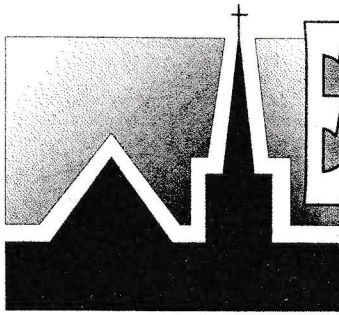
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I'm excited that I can be with you on Good Friday for worship. My schedule of worship with Zion allows for me to share with you at Emmaus at least this one vital day in our Holy Week experience. I invite you to ponder with me the meaning of the cross on Good Friday. And I encourage you to take in as much of the Holy Week experience as you are able. Catch all of this important story from palm branches to the open tomb ... and, yes, the cross, too.

In the Spirit's love,

*Pastor Paul*


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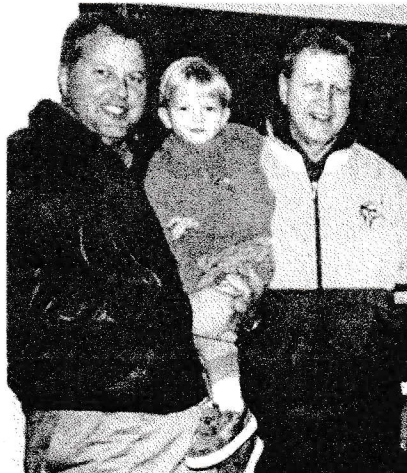
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## Pastor Rossing Returns to Preach May 5, 6

Continuing our year-long celebration of Emmaus' sesquicentennial, Rev. Lyle E. Rossing will return to preach at worship services May 5 and 6. Rev. Rossing served as Senior Pastor at Emmaus from 1982 to 1993. Since then, he has been the Senior Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Carol and Dennis Eschmann will host a dinner on Saturday evening for any who are interested (see page 2), and the Anniversary Committee will also host a reception for Lyle and Betty after the worship service on Sunday, May 6.

Hosts are needed for our next guest preacher. Rev. Luther Borgen is scheduled to return to Emmaus



Rev. Lyle Rossing with son Chris and grandson Erik

June 23-24. Please contact Ellen Nuechterlein at 637-0671.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funeral

Florence Held Fors  
April 17, 2001

Florence Fors had been a member of Emmaus before moving to Florida in 1981. She had more recently been living in New London, near her daughter, Suzanne Te Lindert. She is a sister of Mavis Agerholm and the late Esther Markus.

## Eschmanns Host Dinner with Rossings

Would you like to visit with the Rossings over a meal? Sign up in the narthex or call the church office by Thursday, May 3. The

meal will be hosted by Carol and Dennis Eschmann in their home, 8024 Four Mile Road, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

## Emmaus Staff Plan Their Spring Break

Pastor Mary will be away on vacation May 9-22. During her vacation, Pastor Paul will assume

additional pastoral duties. Our secretary, Paul Berge, will be away on vacation May 7-14.

## Emmaus Staff and Worship Times

|  |  |          |
|--|--|----------|
| PASTORS: Mary L. Janz                  | 1455 Sun Valley Drive #104                 | 633-3059 |
| Paul J. Nuechterlein                   | 1909 Summit Avenue                         | 637-0671 |
| Church Council President: Amy Larsen   | Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet        |          |
| Parish Nurse: Carol Eschmann           | Children's Choir Director: Karla Bielewicz |          |
| Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Field | Organist: Joyce Kaiser                     |          |
| Kids Hope Emmaus director: Marty Aiken | Secretary: Paul Berge                      |          |
| Groundskeeper: Harley Slater           | Custodians: Matt Liesch & Rick Muhammad    |          |

e-mail: Church— emmaus@execpc.com      Church office:  
Pastor Paul— pnemmaus@execpc.com      262 634-5515  
Pastor Mary— mljanz@aol.com      Fax: 262 633-0627

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

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed May 29. The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the June VISITOR is May 15.

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## Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly Opens May 31

The annual Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod meets this year May 31 to June 2. Pastor Mary, Kathy Christensen and a second delegate yet to be named will represent Emmaus as voting members.

This year's assembly theme is "Strengthening One Another In Mission," emphasizing our partnerships with one another and with our global partners in El Salvador and Tanzania. ELCA Vice President Addie Butler and Bishop of the Lutheran Church in El Salvador, Rev. Medardo Gomez will be featured speakers.

On the agenda are the election of a new Synod Council Vice President and Treasurer.



There are also a number of resolutions submitted for consideration, on such topics as promoting a more just immigration policy in the United States, urging congregations to participate in the Meru (Tanzania) Coffee Project, and reforming the status of Interim Pastors.

A number of resolutions have been submitted in reaction against Resolution #1 from the 2000 Assembly, "Recognition of Same-Sex Unions." These include a resolution to rescind Resolution #1, and resolutions to require that when future resolutions on "significant issues" are proposed, that they be referred to a pair of seminary professors and approved by two consecutive synod assemblies. A related resolution would assure gays and lesbians that they are still welcome in the church.

## Special Congregational Meeting Set for June 10

An important congregational meeting will be held in the Sunset Room on Sunday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. The council will bring staffing recommendations and a proposed budget for the last six months of the year.

Currently, Pastor Paul is pursuing a couple of possibilities regarding his next call. The outcome of that will influence his plans regarding his tenure at Emmaus. As more information is

available, it will be shared with the entire congregation.

Meanwhile, Pastor Paul continues 2/3 time as interim pastor at Zion and serves at Emmaus on Tuesdays and Fridays. He will also fill in for Pastor Mary in mid-May while she is on vacation.

Continued prayers are requested for our pastors and for Emmaus during this time of transition.

## Barbecue Raises Funds for Nashville Mission Trip

Get your tickets today for a B-B-Q Dinner to benefit the middle school youth going on this summer's mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee. The dinner is Sunday,



May 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The kids will raffle off prizes and lead a silent auction for items such as classes at Spectrum School of the Arts, meals at area restaurants, clothing and more. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children.

## First Communion Scheduled for June 3

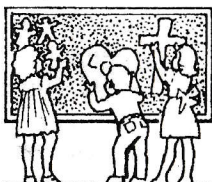
Classes preparing Emmaus youth for their first communion continue at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 and 8. Those receiving

instruction who have not yet received their First Communion will celebrate that on Pentecost Sunday, June 3.

### Sunday School News

## Sunday School Year Ends May 20

The last day of Sunday School for this year will be May 20. We have planned a time of celebration, including music and treats, as a culmination of the Prodigal Son unit. Please plan to bring your child for this special day.



all others who have contributed their time throughout the year. God's blessing to all of you.

## Youth Birthdays

Thanks to all those who served as Sunday School teachers and staff this year. We especially recognize Julie Field, Carol Rudey, Pat LeRoux-Sodke, Denise Keller, Kris Smith, Kylee Albright, Karla Bielewicz, Marsha Connet, Jamie Toslek, Kristen Clinton, Cindi Larsen, Ken Larsen, Ashley Lamberton, Nathan Albright, Joy Lippmann, Caren Lamberton, Ellen Nuechterlein, David Higgins, and

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|--------|----------------------|
| May 3  | Matt Liesch, 18      |
| May 4  | Erin Keller, 1       |
| May 6  | Alina Yaktiyol, 10   |
| May 8  | Donald Waddell, 7    |
| May 10 | Selina Rodriguez, 6  |
| May 12 | Erin Hetchler, 3     |
| May 14 | Joe Devine, 14       |
| May 18 | Alyssa Yorgan, 17    |
| May 19 | Justin Haman, 11     |
| May 21 | Jill Lynch, 18       |
| May 24 | Ashley Villalobos, 2 |
| May 24 | Amy Lawler, 16       |
| May 29 | Audra Waddell, 3     |
| May 29 | Courtney Jansen, 11  |
| May 29 | Nick Furuglyas, 18   |

## EMMAUS MEMORIES

### "COME AND REMINISCE DAY!"



- Tuesday, June 5
- Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m.

As a part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this special day has been set aside to share stories, reminisce, and laugh together. Lunch will be served at noon.

Please RSVP at the church office by Sunday, June 3.

## Vacation Bible School Plans Are Set

Mark your kids' calendars **now** for a fun-filled, Spirit-filled week beginning July 2.

Trying something new this year, we are packing the July 4 week with opportunities — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings will be dedicated to pre-schoolers (3 years and up). Led by Nancy Smith and youth from Emmaus, the young ones will meet daily from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Temple Room/art area on the second floor. Fun activities will surround the learning of a new Bible story each day. Wednesday has been set aside to go to the parade and admire the Emmaus float.



(and those having completed kindergarten if they seem to be ready for a full, structured day) will learn and sing and play together under the direction of the Lutherdale Day Camp counselors. Word has it that wonderful and crazy Charlie will be one of the counselors — a fun, energetic young man who will bring life to all we do!

This year, rather than providing sack lunches, lunch will be provided daily. Thanks to generous funding of the Siebert Foundation grant, all expenses will be covered by Emmaus.

Invite your friends! Look for registration forms in the narthex.

## Emmaus Reps Attend Convention of Children's Ministry

by Carol Rudey

On March 22 to 24, Pastor Mary, Nancy Smith, Julie Field and I were privileged to attend the fifth national convention of Children's Ministry of America in Oak Brook, Illinois.

On Thursday evening, we attended a bus tour of churches using the workshop rotation model similar to what Emmaus has been using this past year. It is always interesting to see what other churches are doing and what a wonderful and innovative space Emmaus has upstairs.

On Friday and Saturday, we attended individual sessions on a variety of topics from creating games, utilizing shepherds, no-script dramas, new Christian

education software, critiquing your Sunday School program, recruiting volunteers, making art projects from paper plates, studying the child's brain as it develops, and many more.

We also attended larger sessions of about 500 attendees and learned about such topics as "The Theology of the Child." In between all these sessions, we got to look at books and videos and other materials available to Sunday School educators.

We came home with a renewed enthusiasm for our Sunday School program and the outreach Emmaus is doing for our children and our neighborhood. Thanks so much to the Emmaus congregation for making this opportunity available to us!

## Design for New Sign Is Proposed

Conversations regarding the need for a more visible, functional and attractive sign have been on-going in church council meetings for the past several years. Because of the expense and budget constraints, no action has been taken until this time.

However, thanks to special gifts, memorials and bequests designated for a new sign, we are now much closer to that reality.



The approval of a submitted design is pending some minor changes to be made by the sign company.

We are now within \$1,500 of the budgeted amount and welcome any contributions designated for that purpose.

Ideally, Emmaus could have the new sign to welcome visitors for the anniversary festivities in September, not to mention Sunday School and all the fall activities.

## Emmaus Members Lend Their Hands to Cops 'n' Kids

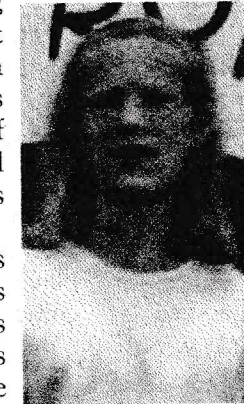
Julia Burney acknowledges that she doesn't know what she would have done without the expert, steady and willing work of master carpenter, Lyle Torine.

It's not often that one can drive by the new reading center at 800 Villa Street without seeing Lyle's truck in the driveway. He has volunteered countless hours of time, acting as the general contractor for the ambitious renovation project.

There were many days Lyle worked alone and others when crews of volunteers came to lend a hand. Lyle was escorted to Chicago to be honored on a recent "Oprah" show, as were other key volunteers in the project.

Toward the end of the renovation, Kylee, Gregg, Kelsey and Nathan Albright also rolled up

their sleeves to pitch in with some of the work. In addition, Kelsey Albright interviewed Julia Burney for a class project requiring a written report on the life of a famous African American.



Kelsey Albright

Inspired by Julia's preaching at Emmaus last fall, and her spirit of compassion and generosity, Kelsey invited her to have dinner with her family. The paper then written earned her an A+ together with the honor of having the original copy placed in the reception area of the new Cops 'n' Kids center.

Thanks to Lyle and the Albrights for sharing God's love in very significant ways; many lives will be touched as a result.

## Grab Your Hammer and Work Gloves; June Is Building Month

As an anniversary gift to the community, Emmaus will provide financial support, together with physical labor, as we help build a Habitat for Humanity House this summer. June is our major month of emphasis.

Workers and snack providers

are needed any time from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Sign up in the narthex. Contact Sandi Zeleski at 886-6287 for more details.



## Ideas Sought for Parade Float

Can you give the Anniversary Committee more ideas? As they plan the theme of the Emmaus Fourth of July float, they value your input.

The theme of this year's parade in Racine is "The Good Old Days," and our anniversary theme is "Sent Forth By God's Blessing."



Put your creative juices to work and jot down (or draw) those ideas and either mail them to the church office or put them in the Anniversary Committee mailbox by May 15.

### Questions?

Contact Karen Sedgwick, 681-3188, chair of the float committee.

## Anniversary Committee Moves to Third Mondays

All future meetings of the Anniversary Committee will be held on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the committee is May 21

in the Fireside Room. Anyone interested in knowing more about plans for the float is invited to come.

## Thanks to Berge for Web Site and Newsletter Contributions

Recently, an Emmaus member commented, "I never realized the church's web site was so good!" She went on to tell how she had spent her entire lunch hour exploring the news and information found on the Emmaus web site.

The web site, created by Paul Berge, offers a history of the congregation, complete with some of the pictures and stories of former pastors. Also included is a detailed map of the Emmaus neighborhood, a number of key articles and the monthly calendar. New information and photos are added

on a regular basis.

Share our web site address with others! Let them know what we are about at Emmaus: [www.emmaus-racine.org](http://www.emmaus-racine.org).

When Pastor Jeff Wild returned to preach in March, he complimented Emmaus on the thorough and interesting coverage of church and local news in the monthly *Visitor*. Thanks, Paul, for your hard work in pulling all of that together each month (and thanks, too, for bearing with those of us who are too often late with deadlines!)

## REST Rests Once Again

by Pat Liesch

Another REST year is over, and it's time for all of us to take a well deserved rest. Many thanks to all of you who cooked, baked, cleaned up, stayed awake, and supervised at our Emmaus REST site. Special thanks to Jim Palmer, who has moved on from supervising our site for so many years, to now taking charge of the transportation for our REST program. We appreciate all of his hard work. Emmaus has provided the volunteers for several of the Friday nights each month, but we aren't doing it alone. Hats off to the volunteers from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Second Presbyterian Church who helped out on their night each month. A special thanks to the gals from Sam's Club, and the guys from the Vet's Center of Union Grove. It has been a great year!

Many of you have asked about

the status of a single site for the REST program. Although we wish it could happen overnight, things just don't work that way. We are currently exploring ways that the Lincoln Lutheran Home may be of assistance to the REST program in the coming years; however, REST will be staying at the individual churches for the time being.

So enjoy your summertime, and watch for the sign up sheet in the fall. See you on Friday, October 5!

### REST Needs Carpentry Help

Our Food closet needs another shelving unit built in it. It would be just like the others in there, and right next to the existing structures. Nothing fancy. We could also use donations to help pay for the lumber and supplies. If you can help, please contact Pat Liesch or Pastor Mary.

Thanks!

## Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Sells Books

"Books Are Fun" is coming back again, Friday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Fireside Room of Lincoln Village Convalescent Center, 1700 C.A. Becker Drive.

Bring your



friends! There will be many wonderful gifts for the whole family, such as books, scrapbooks, educational materials and much more. The Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary receives 10% of the sales. Proceeds will go to the facilities for furniture.

# What Should You Ask Your Doctor?

by Carol Eschmann, RN

When illness or injury occur, many patients share feelings of shock, confusion, and regret that they didn't ask all their questions. When one is able to deal directly with a health situation, one feels some measure of control and is able to make better health choices.



Since it's your body and your well being at stake, any question that is important to you is important enough to ask your physician (yes they're busy, but they'll take the time). Don't be afraid to ask questions. If the answer doesn't tell you what you want to know, keep asking until you understand the answer.

Health Notes (1996) suggests that questions usually fall into two categories.

1. Questions dealing directly with the illness or injury...

- What could be causing the problem?
- What tests or procedures are necessary?
- What will the tests tell me, or what benefit can I reasonably expect?
- What do the technical terms mean?
- Could there be any other source for the problem?
- What is the typical treatment

for the problem, and what is its success rate?

- Is there other treatment options available?
- What are the advantages or disadvantages of one treatment over another?
- What side effects or complications might we expect?
- How much will this cost?
- What can I do on my own to improve my condition?
- Would you be able to recommend a physician for a second opinion?

2. Questions dealing with how your illness or injury will affect you and your family on a day-to-day basis...

- How will my life be changed because of this problem?
- Will the treatment plan affect my lifestyle?
- Will I be able to take care of myself? Will I need family assistance? Assistance from other sources outside the home?
- Can I expect to return to "normal" for someone my age? If not, what is the best quality of life I can expect to achieve?

Remember that you are the leading expert on how you feel, and you have the final say on how you will be treated. You need to share your thoughts, concerns, and questions with your doctor. I am

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## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Director: Carol Eschmann



### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

|        |                 |                         |       |
|--------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| May 1  | Ruth Hlavka     | 1237 Isabelle Avenue    | 53402 |
| May 3  | Alfred Sorensen | 3910 River Drive        | 53405 |
| May 8  | LeRoy Protheroe | 1403 W. Sixth Street    | 53404 |
| May 9  | Ruth Estep      | 2522 Maple Grove Ave.   | 53404 |
| May 12 | Bev Johnson     | 7131 Fieldview Drive #4 | 53406 |
| May 13 | Chester Meyer   | 1435 Windsor Way        | 53406 |
| May 15 | Donald French   | 2301 Summit Avenue      | 53404 |
| May 20 | Lydia Jensen    | 5742 Cambridge Cir. #4  | 53406 |
| May 20 | Marge Zielke    | 3121 Walden Way         | 53405 |
| May 23 | John Psiones    | 1429 Pheasant Run #201  | 53406 |
| May 24 | Mabel Meyer     | 1435 Windsor Way        | 53406 |
| May 29 | Hans Jepsen     | 1342 Harrington Drive   | 53405 |
| May 29 | Deloris Slater  | 2201 Golf Avenue        | 53404 |

## Parish Nurse Corner

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also available to assist you in understanding your problem, your treatment, or to help you cope with the system or your feelings about your situation. Your needs remain

in my daily prayers. I can be reached either through your church office or at home most evenings (835-2372).

## Wadewitz Teacher Appreciation Slated May 10

Emmaus will host a teacher appreciation luncheon at Wadewitz Elementary school on Thursday,

May 10. Please contact Marty Aiken 637-2104, or Carol Rudey at 632-0643, to volunteer to help.

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <h1>MAY, 2001</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church<br/>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, 53404-2374<br/>Phone 634-5515; fax 633-0726<br/>e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com</p>   |   | <p>1 St. Philip &amp; St. James<br/>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>10:00 am Computer lab<br/>5:00 pm TOPS<br/>6:45 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class<br/>7:00 pm Cluster Council</p> | <p>2<br/>1:30 pm Mary Circle<br/>1:30 pm Rebecca Circle<br/>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br/>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p> | <p>3<br/>3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline<br/>7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>                          | <p>4<br/></p> | <p>5<br/>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion; guest preacher Rev. Lyle Rossing</p>                   |
| <p>6 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br/>9:15 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion; guest preacher Rev. Lyle E. Rossing<br/>10:15 am Fellowship time<br/>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd</p> | <p>7<br/><i>Paul Berge on vacation May 7-14</i><br/><i>No WELCA Board mtg.</i><br/>7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music</p>                      | <p>8<br/>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>10:00 am Computer lab<br/>5:00 pm TOPS<br/>6:45 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class</p>  | <p>9<br/>6:00 pm Sunrise Singers<br/>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>  | <p>10<br/>TBA Wadewitz Teacher Appreciation Lunch</p>   | <p>11</p>  | <p>12<br/>10:00 am Spring clean-up, to noon<br/>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>              |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation May 9 - 22</i>  |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <p>13 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br/>9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/>10:15 am Fellowship time<br/>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd</p>                                      | <p>14<br/>6:30 pm Church council meeting</p>  | <p>15<br/>June <i>Visitor</i> deadline<br/>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>10:00 am Computer lab<br/>5:00 pm TOPS</p>   | <p>16</p>   | <p>17<br/>3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline</p>  | <p>18<br/>5:30 pm Benson-Markus rehearsal</p>  | <p>19 Armed Forces Day<br/>2:30 pm Benson-Markus wedding<br/>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> |
| <i>◆Pastor Mary on vacation, May 9 - 22◆</i>   |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <p>20 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br/>9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion<br/>10:15 am Fellowship time<br/>4:30 pm Country Western BBQ Dinner<br/>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd</p>        | <p>21<br/>6:00 pm Anniversary Committee</p>   | <p>22<br/>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>10:00 am Computer lab<br/>5:00 pm TOPS</p>  | <p>23</p>   | <p>24 Ascension of Our Lord<br/>3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline; geranium order deadline</p> | <p>25</p>  | <p>26<br/>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>  |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation May 9 - 22</i>  |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| <p>27 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br/>9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/>10:15 am Fellowship time<br/>6:30 pm Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd</p>                                      | <p>28 Memorial Day<br/><i>Office closed</i><br/></p> | <p>29<br/>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>10:00 am Computer lab<br/>5:00 pm TOPS</p>  | <p>30</p>   | <p>31 The Visitation<br/>3:00 pm Sunday bulletin deadline</p>                                 | <p>June 1</p>  | <p>2<br/>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>   |
| <i>Synod Assembly, May 31 - June 2</i>   |   |   |   |   |  |  |

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| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Phar-Mor  | 3%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$30         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |

|                                   |      |                    |              |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|----|
| Home Depot                        | 3%   | \$25, \$100, \$250 |              |    |
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5                |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$25               |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                    |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                    |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50         |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5                |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                    |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20         |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5                |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chili's                           | 13%  | \$10               |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10               |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25         |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10          |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5                |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5                |              |    |
|                                   |      |                    | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

January 16, 2001



# MAY WORSHIP LEADERS



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|                   |                   |   |                                   |                           |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| May 5<br>5:00 pm  |                   |   | Pat Jensen                        |                           |
| May 6<br>9:15 am  | David Christensen | Valerie Yorgan Rachel Sommer  | Gregg & Kylee Albright            | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard  |
| May 12<br>5:00 pm |                   |   | Betty Schultz<br>Cathy Meyer      |                           |
| May 13<br>9:15 am | Sandy Strini      | Danielle Pipol Rachel Sommer  |                                   | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi  |
| May 19<br>5:00 pm |                   |   | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine    |                           |
| May 20<br>9:15 am | Cindi Larsen      | Mike Liesch<br>Brian Field  | Helen Mickelson<br>Linda Meteyard | Team #2<br>Harold Miller  |
| May 26<br>5:00 pm |                   |   | Marion Andersen<br>Judy Berndt    |                           |
| May 27<br>9:15 am | Karen Sedgwick    | Danielle Pipol<br>April Falaschi                                      |                                   | Team #3<br>R. Christensen |
| June 2<br>5:00 pm |                   |   | TBA                               |                           |
| June 3<br>9:15 am | Amy Larsen        | Marissa Connet<br>Kelsey Albright<br>Tanya Rasmussen<br>Hailey Sommer | TBA                               | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer     |

|        |                      |                       |                      |
|--------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|        | <u>Altar Flowers</u> | <u>Fellowship</u>     | <u>Candle Care</u>   |
| May 6  | Liesches             | <i>Please sign up</i> | Margaret Christensen |
| May 13 | H. & M. Jensen       | <i>on the orange</i>  | <i>through</i>       |
| May 20 | Julia Durand         | <i>sheet on the</i>   | <i>May</i>           |
| May 27 | B. & D. Keller       | <i>Sunset Room</i>    |                      |
| June 3 | C. & M. Meyer        | <i>door</i>           | Evelyn Larsen        |



## News of Our Members

### John Knuteson Elected Village President



John Knuteson

Wind Point residents elected John Knuteson as their new Village President on April 3. Knuteson won over incumbent President Janet Bernberg by a vote of 402 to 319 after promising to improve communication between residents

and the Village Board regarding a proposed construction project on the main thoroughfare through the village.

## MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Edith Bohn: \$1,085.00

(NOTE: Edith's family gave the memorials without designation, requesting that the council make a decision regarding the sue of the monies. At the April Council meeting, it was moved, seconded and approved that the funds be designated toward the purchase of a new outdoor sign.)

## Financial Figures

|  |             |                 |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| General Fund offerings in March, 2001  | \$16,429.41 | YTD \$50,655.62 |
| Building Fund offerings in March, 2001 | \$467.00    | YTD \$1,091.00  |
| Unified receipts for March, 2001       | \$16,896.41 | YTD \$51,746.62 |

|  |             |                         |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2001 Fund offerings in March, 2001       | \$463.00    | CAMPAIGN TD \$89,598.12 |
| April 1, '01 mortgage payment: Principal | \$398.71    |                         |
| Interest                                 | \$567.29    |                         |
| Total                                    | \$966.00    |                         |
| Principal balance as of 3/12/2001        | \$82,911.22 |                         |

## Attendance Statistics

|  |                  |                  |                   |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>March:</b> | 1999: <b>164</b> | 2000: <b>197</b> | 2001: <b>162</b>  |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>April:</b> | 1999: <b>200</b> | 2000: <b>191</b> | 2001: <b>192*</b> |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>May:</b>   | 1999: <b>168</b> | 2000: <b>148</b> |                   |
| Average midweek Lenten attendance**:       | 1999: <b>43</b>  | 2000: <b>51</b>  | 2001: <b>18</b>   |
| Maudy Thursday attendance:                 | 1999: <b>71</b>  | 2000: <b>63</b>  | 2001: <b>60</b>   |
| Good Friday attendance:                    | 1999: <b>142</b> | 2000: <b>105</b> | 2001: <b>129</b>  |
| Easter Sunday attendance:                  | 1999: <b>310</b> | 2000: <b>326</b> | 2001: <b>356</b>  |

\*Figure calculated through April 22, 2001.

\*\*1999 and 2000 averages include both Tuesday noon and Wednesday evening services; only Tuesday noon services were offered in 2001.

## Can You Adopt a Nurse?

Lincoln Lutheran presents "Adopt-a-Nurse" opportunity: to address the nursing shortage, Lincoln Lutheran is bringing 14-20 registered nurses to Racine in June. Originally from the Philippines, these nurses are just finishing a two-year tour of work in Saudi Arabia.

As a form of outreach to those in nursing homes, we have been asked to adopt one or more nurses for 30 days and to help with transportation needs until they get settled in local apartments. Can you help? Call Cathy Knuteson (639-5621) or the church office.



## Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

*Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 3. These geraniums from Milaegers will be blooming in 4 1/2" pots*

*and can be purchased for \$4.00 each or \$45.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 9:15 service on June 3.*

*Please pass this order form out to your family and friends.*

### Geranium Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of geraniums \_\_\_\_\_

I will be taking 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 24.**

## Phase One of Fellowship Hall Renovation to Begin

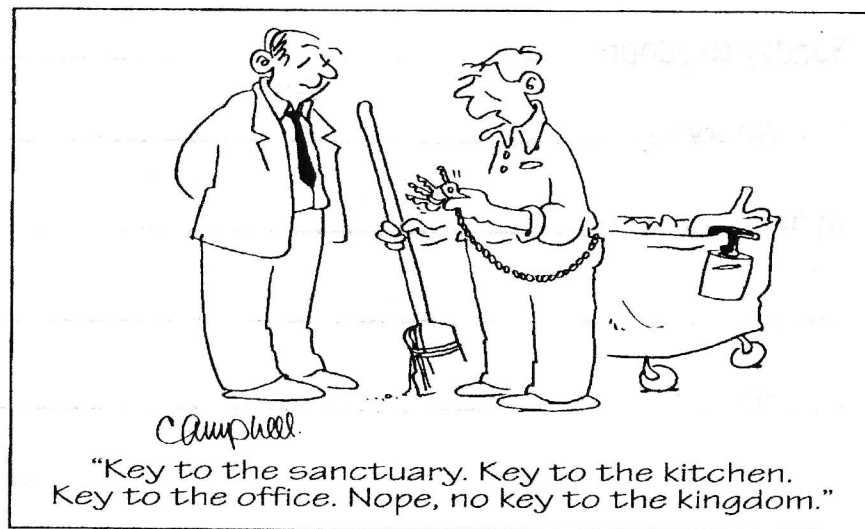
Within approximately one month, work will begin on the renovation of the small rest room near the kitchen. In order to accommodate guests of the REST program as well as Lutherdale camp counselors or others who may stay overnight in the church, a shower is being added. The bathroom will be self-contained and will become a unisex rest room. Monies for the project are coming from designated bequest funds and from REST.

Phase two of the renovation will be Fellowship Hall itself, with plans still on the drawing board for that project. Included will be a new ceiling with energy efficient lighting, a different finish on the walls, new flooring and some additional storage space.

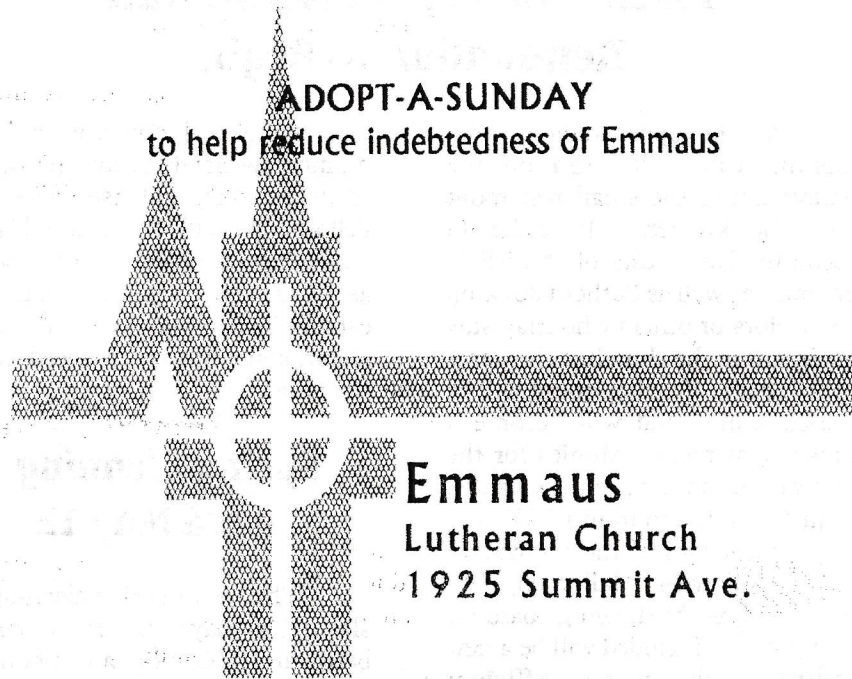
Funds will come from bequest monies, special donations (to make contributions, please specify: Fellowship Hall Renovation) and possible grant funding. Just as soon as plans and estimated costs are established, the council will recommend how to proceed with the project.

## Spring Cleaning Slated May 12

This year's spring clean-up is slated for May 12. Please come between 10:00 a.m. and noon in your old dungarees with your yard tools (especially rakes). Sign up on the pink sheet in the narthex or phone the church office.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

This Month in Emmaus History

**Ground Broken for Mound Avenue Church**

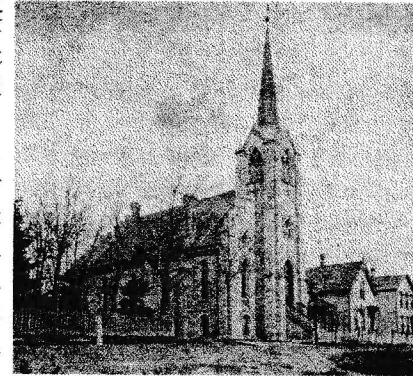
Emmaus' church on Mound Avenue was the second church building to be home to the congregation. The first building was a 38'x24'x18' structure built around 1852; city records state that it was located on the west side of Marquette Street between State and Liberty Streets.

In 1872, when a breakaway group from First Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Racine charged Rev. Adam Dan with heresy and took him to court, they had as a goal wresting the church name and property away from Dan and his "Grundtvigian" loyalists. While the courts ruled in Dan's favor as far as these issues were concerned, the victors "no longer felt at home" with the church name or in its building, according to P.S. Vig's history of the congregation.

The congregation first offered to buy the Congregational Church then located at State and Superior Streets for \$4,000. When this effort failed, the congregation elected a committee to plan a new building. Members of the committee were Johan Jensen, Christopher Jensen, P. Andersen, Jens Hansen, Jørgen Hoffman, Frederick Pedersen, L. Elholm, Rasmus Olsen and A. J.

Rasmussen.

A bazaar held in September, 1875, raised \$950, establishing the building fund for the new church. That November, the congregation bought the property on what was then called Chippecotton Street for \$850.



The cornerstone for the new building was laid on May 30, 1876 during a meeting of *Kirkelig Missionsforening*, (Church Mission Society). Pastor Dan officiated at the ceremony and made

the principal address. Visiting clergy included Revs. J. A. Hejberg, Lillesø, R. Andersen and N. Thomsen, plus seminarians J. Danielsen and L. Hansen. The Dania Society and the singing group Thor also participated.

Into the cornerstone were placed a copy of the church constitution from 1872, a Danish testament, a *Racine Journal* from January 6, 1875, and a Danish newspaper from May 25, 1875. These items are now in the cornerstone of the present church building.

The foundations of the new building were 36'x65'x5'. It was built in the Gothic style, with a triple Gothic window in the rear

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# HAVE YOU SEEN THE ELCA ADS?



The Greater Milwaukee Synod office did a small advertising campaign from Mid-March leading up to Easter Sunday this year. Following are some questions to help us determine how successful we were in reaching our members. After answering these few questions, please drop this insert into your offering plate. *Thank you for your time!*

1. Did you see the ELCA billboards? (circle one)      Yes      No
2. If yes, where did you see it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you remember the message? (circle one)      Yes      No
4. Write the message here if you answered 'Yes' to question #2:  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you hear the ELCA radio commercials?      Yes      No
6. If yes, on which radio station did you hear them and what time of day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What was your reaction to the commercial? \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional comments welcome.*

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Lutheran Brotherhood Sponsors Day at Miller Park

Please join Lutheran Brotherhood's South East Wisconsin Agency for Lutheran Brotherhood Day at Miller Park Saturday, August 4 at 12:05, when the Milwaukee Brewers host the

Atlanta Braves.

702 bleacher tickets are available until July 1 for \$5 each. Please note that bleacher seats do not have backrests. Contact Lisa Leffel at 1-800-924-1142, ext. 113.

### Redeemer Hosts Spring Concert

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Avenue, will host a spring concert 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 26. The Redeemer choir has invited various musical groups to present an assortment of contemporary, gospel and

traditional music.

A free-will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Please invite your family and friends to enjoy this special evening of music. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Emmaus History

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wall over the altar. The gallery curved inward up to a vaulted ceiling. Rev. Dan was granted permission in December, 1876, to build a parsonage on the church grounds at his own expense (to be reimbursed up to \$1,000 upon his removal).

Inside, the organ dominated the left side of the front of the church as you faced forward; the pulpit was a good six or seven feet above floor level on the right, atop a small staircase from the side of the church. The painting "On the Road to Emmaus," now at the south entrance to the church, was installed as a permanent fixture above the altar in 1887.

It was given the name Emmaus in March, 1876, although First Scandinavian Lutheran Church remained the legal name until 1932.

The completed church building was dedicated on a sunny Sunday, January 27, 1878. After Rev. Dan preached a sermon recounting the history of the congregation, participants sang the pilgrim hymn *Dejlig er Jorden* and marched to their new home. The procession was led by banners and the Dania Society band, followed by the deacons of the church carrying the holy vessels, then the visiting pastors and people, and finally, the congregation.

# Looking Back ... and Looking Forward

To be very honest, ten years ago when I was discussing my salary package and other details prior to my coming to Emmaus, I didn't expect that ten years later I would be doing the same — negotiating a new salary package and making plans to move into the parsonage.

I had expected my tenure as Associate Pastor at Emmaus to be a stepping stone to something "bigger and better" after three to four years. That shows just how much a recent seminary grad still doesn't understand about the workings of the Holy Spirit! And, it also goes to show that bigger doesn't always mean better.

Ten years ago as I was preparing for my ordination, moving from my second career to my third, I had no idea what was awaiting me in Racine, Wisconsin. Along with many of you, I learned more than I really wanted to know about the dis-ease and chaos a congregation experiences following the sudden resignation of a pastor under distressing circumstances.

Along with you, I also experienced that even when we were wringing our hands and asking, "What's next? Do we have energy and money to go on?", God provided for our needs.

When Pastor Paul came on board over seven years ago, we had an opportunity to model a co-

pastorate style of ministry, and we were able to offer one another mutual support as we led you through the sometimes tedious process of healing. (It seems we always want healing to take place more quickly and easily than it often does!)



Patience, perseverance, prayer and the work of the Spirit have all taken us to a new and different place. As a result, Pastor Paul has been re-evaluating his role in the wider church and has been pursuing different

possibilities. Perhaps, as soon as in the next month or two, he will know more definitely where this next fork in the road leads him.

Meanwhile, I am mentally preparing for transitions of my own as I continue to assume more and more responsibility as your lead pastor. Conversations have begun regarding the need for additional part-time support staff. Grant monies have come with additional commitment to be a part of more intentional outreach to our neighborhood.

What will all of that look like? I don't know. What I do know is that God's hand is at work in providing a vision and resources,

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and I can only trust that we will be given direction as we continue the process.

Will it be hard work? Yes, you can count on it! (It has been already!) You can also count on blessings too numerous to count. Our initial outreach efforts in the Kids Hope mentoring program are showing us just what some of those blessings are all about.


During this crossroads time at Emmaus, we all need the prayers and support of one another. For those of us who may become a little more fatigued or frazzled during this

time of hard work and transition, we need to be as kind and gracious as we can with one another, practicing patience and understanding.

We need to remember that not every loose end or every problem can be addressed at once. Let us pray for one another, encourage one another — and trust that the Spirit's grace and guidance will permeate all that we are.

To God be the glory!  
Celebrating the resurrection promise,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary



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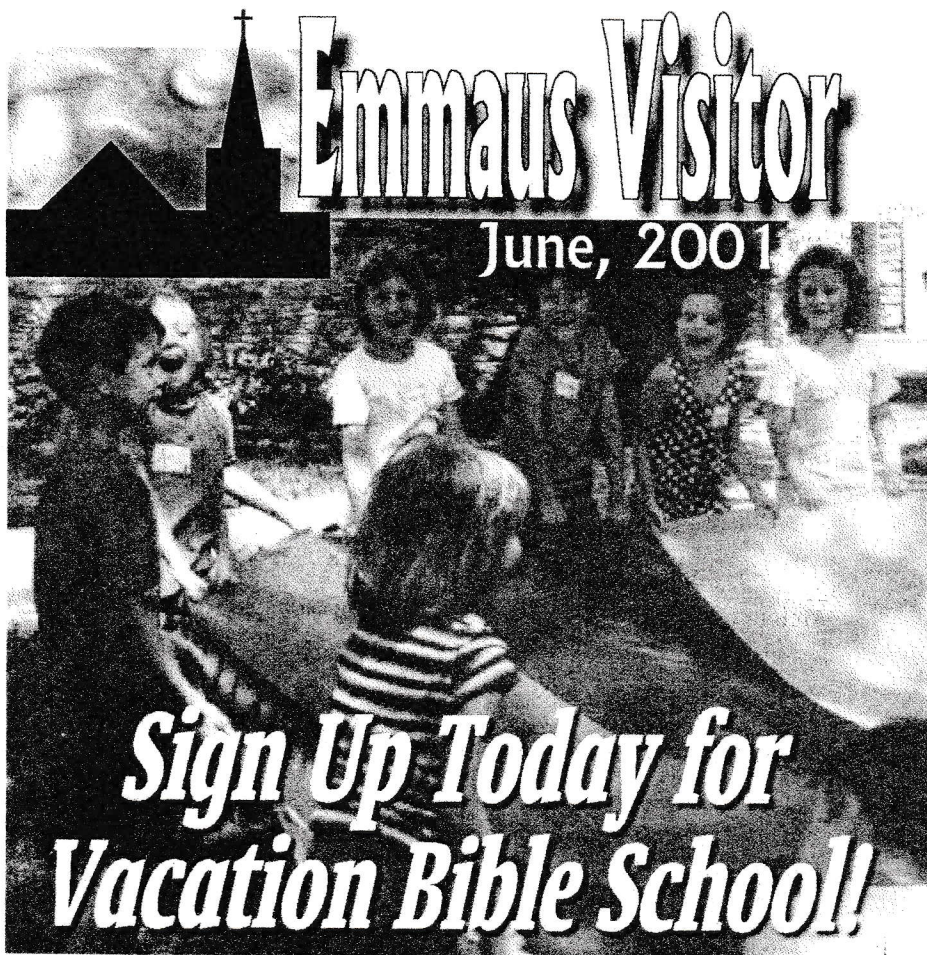
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*In the*  
*May*  
**VISITOR**

- \* *Nashville Mission  
Trippers Plan Barbecue*
- \* *Come Reminisce June 5*
- \* *Clean-Up Day at Church  
Slated May 12*
- \* *Synod Assembly Meets  
May 31 - June 2*
- \* *Convention of Children's  
Ministry Report*
- \* *Ideas Sought for Parade  
Float*
- \* *Fellowship Hall Due for  
Renovation*
- \* *Pentecost Geranium Form*

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### Inside the June Visitor:

- ▲ Pastor Paul  
Accepts Interim  
Call in Wauwatosa
- ▲ Rev. Luther Borgen  
Guest Preacher  
June 23-24
- ▲ Congregational  
Meeting June 10
- ▲ New Members  
Received June 17
- ▲ Softball League  
Game Schedule
- ▲ Four to Take First  
Communion
- ▲ Emmaus Pitches In  
at Habitat for  
Humanity

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

**Kenneth T. Krug**  
May 27, 2001

Kenneth Thomas Krug was born June 23 to Kevin and Tanya Krug of Oak Creek. His sponsors are Joy and Dave Martini and Jamie and Ken Krug. His grandparents are Bill and Gayle Krug, who now live in Owen, Wisconsin.

### Wedding

**Marlene Benson**  
& **William Markus**  
May 19, 2001

Pastor Paul united Bill Markus, son of the late Esther Markus, in marriage with Marlene Benson in a church ceremony May 19. The couple reside in Racine.

### Funerals:

**Michael Ketchum**  
May 3, 2001

Michael Ketchum, 33, died as the result of a boating accident in Lake Michigan on April 29. He has been married to Kerry Andersen since 1998.

## Vacation Bible School Offered July 2-6

Register your kids today for a fun-filled, Spirit-filled week beginning Monday, July 2. "Jesus Is..." is this year's Vacation Bible School theme, based on John 14:6.

Trying something new this year, we are packing the July 4 week



with opportunities — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings will be dedicated to pre-schoolers (3 years and up). The young ones will meet daily from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Temple Room/art area on the second floor. Nancy Smith and Emmaus high school youth will lead the kids in games, crafts, and fun things which will promote the learning of a new Bible story each

day. Wednesday has been set aside to go to the parade and cheer on the Emmaus float.

First through fifth graders (and those having completed kindergarten if they seem to be ready for a full, structured day) will learn and sing and play together under the direction of the Lutherdale Day Camp counselors. Word has it that wonderful and crazy Charlie will be one of the counselors.

This year Emmaus will provide a daily lunch for all kids. Thanks to generous funding of the Siebert Foundation grant, all expenses will be covered by Emmaus.

Invite your friends! Registration forms are available in the narthex.

## Congregational Meeting to Set Priorities

An important congregational meeting will be held in the Sunset Room on Sunday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. The council will bring staffing recommendations and a proposed budget for the last six months of the

year.

Continued prayers are requested for our pastors and for Emmaus during this time of transition.

## Pastor Paul to Accept Interim Call in Wauwatosa

It was 7½ years ago when Pastor Paul began serving as co-pastor at Emmaus.

Until last September, Pastor Paul and Pastor Mary shared equal responsibilities for the leadership of the congregation. During that time they concentrated on the building of trust and communication, pastoral care, and a stronger mission focus. The gift of



Pastor Paul and Ellen

Pastor Paul's voice and musical ability enriched many worship services, with the Chicago Folk liturgy being a highlight for many.

Last fall, as transitioning began leading toward a different staff configuration for Emmaus, Pastor Paul cut back to one-third time. The additional two-thirds time has been dedicated to Zion Lutheran Church where he has since been serving as their interim pastor.

Moving to Racine from

Howell, Michigan, the Nuechterleins have come to find this community a place they consider home. Ellen currently works as office administrator for Crossroads, a national organization that is active in anti-racism work and training. Their Racine office is

located at the DeKoven Center. Although recently having had less time to dedicate to StencEllen, the business she created, Ellen has also been self-employed doing specialized painting and stenciling for local businesses and homes.

After arriving to Racine, all three sons, Joel, Matt and Josh, attended Wadewitz Elementary School. Both Ellen and Pastor Paul have been active in their school and extra-curricular activities, juggling

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## Pastor Paul Accepts Call

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schedules to attend music and sports events as well as to provide rides for their active sons. Joel and Matt are currently attending Walden.

During Pastor Paul's tenure at Emmaus, he has become well known in a number of circles for his extensive work in the area of non-violence. He has been an avid advocate of the anthropological works of René Girard, publishing, teaching and speaking both locally and nationally. Pastor Paul is always eager to share his understanding and interpretation of scapegoating, sacrifice, "mimetic desire" and violence, especially as it relates to the human condition and to the cross. He maintains a website (<http://www.execpc.com/paulnue/>), studying and interpreting the weekly lectionary texts, focusing on Girardian thought and understanding. He is an active member of CoV&R, the Colloquium on Religion and Violence.

In addition to his passion for the work of René Girard, Pastor Paul has used his academic skills to teach at Carthage College, providing outside income for Emmaus while he did so. This spring he has been teaching a seminary track class which is sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Pastor Paul is a member of the Racine Clergy Association and serves on the Family Selection Committee of Habitat for Humanity.

After a period of discernment, Pastor Paul has determined that he is called to continue serving in the role of parish pastor. He has had a positive experience with interim ministry at Zion and will be moving to another such position in mid June. Planning a move the end of June to a newly purchased home on the corner of Summit and Layard, the Nuechterleins will continue to be a part of the Emmaus neighborhood. Pastor Paul will commute to Wauwatosa where he will serve as interim pastor at Redemption Lutheran church. As of that time, the Nuechterleins will no longer have their membership at Emmaus; they plan to continue to worship together as a family at the weekly Sunday evening Sanctuary service.

Pastor Paul and his family will be honored at a reception following the June 3 worship service. The Emmaus family wishes the Nuechterlein family Godspeed and blessing for the future.

### Sanctuary Service Moves to 7:30

The Sanctuary worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church now begins at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Good Shepherd is located at 5040 Northwestern Avenue (Highway 38).

## Pastors Luther Borgen, George Demant to Return

Emmaus' earliest surviving pastor, Rev. Luther Borgen, will return as our guest preacher for worship services on June 23 and 24. Rev. Borgen served as Emmaus' pastor from 1969 to 1972.

The Anniversary Committee will host a reception for Pastor Borgen and his wife, Elna, in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms after the Sunday worship service on June 24.

A son of the congregation, Rev. George Demant, will be our guest preacher on July 21 and 22. Rev. Demant is a brother of Joyce Kaiser and John Demant. He currently lives in Fortuna, California, where he is semi-retired but serving part-time at a church in Redway.

During Fellowship Hour on July 22, the Anniversary Committee will host a celebration of our Danish heritage. The committee will serve Danish treats at a reception for Pastor Demant in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms. This event is sponsored by the Anniversary Committee for no charge.

There will be a reception brunch for Rev. Alan Goertemiller and his wife, Pat, on Sunday, August 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sunset Room (before the service at 10:00 a.m.). See Betty Barth if you can contribute muffins or help.

The Anniversary Committee will meet on Monday, June 18. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month.

### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

PASTORS: Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr. #104 633-3059

Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671

Church Council President: Amy Larsen

Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Parish Nurse: Carol Eschmann

Children's Choir Director: Karla Bielewicz

Sunday School Superintendents: Pat Liesch & Pat LeRoux-Sodke

Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Secretary: Paul Berge

Custodian: Rick Muhammad

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

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (Closed July 5)

The VISITOR is published eleven times a year. The deadline for the July VISITOR is June 17.

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## Come, Be In the Parade!

by Carol Rudey

We need ten to twelve adults to ride on Emmaus' Fourth of July Float! Our entry for the Fourth of July Parade's Good Old Days is an 18'x8' hay wagon pulled by an antique tractor.

Chris Hansen has graciously agreed to drive the

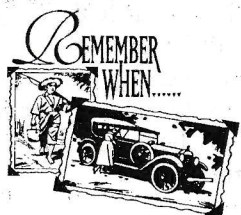


tractor for this special event! Our float will portray an old-fashioned church service, circa 1851.

If anyone has any old costumes, please contact Karen Sedgwick at 681-3188.

## EMMAUS MEMORIES

### "COME AND REMINISCE DAY!"



- Tuesday, June 5
- Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m.

As a part of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this special day has been set aside to share stories, reminisce, and laugh together. Lunch will be served at noon.

Please RSVP at the church office by Sunday, June 3.

## New Members to Be Received June 17

During the 9:15 Sunday morning worship service on June 17, new members will be received into the Emmaus church



family. Anyone interested in knowing more details or those who would like to be a part of the group should contact Pastor Mary.

## Emmaus Lends Helping Hand to Habitat for Humanity

As an anniversary gift to the community, Emmaus will provide financial support, together with physical labor, as we help build a Habitat for Humanity House this month.

Workers and snack providers are needed any time from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as well as from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. (Of those dates, other groups have already committed to work on Saturday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 27.)

We'd like to have Emmaus members helping out on different days throughout the month. Please

sign up in the narthex to help on one day or as many as you'd like. Contact Sandi Zeleski at 886-6278 for more details.

We are also signing up helpers to bring desserts and treats on these workdays. If you would like to help and can't be a worker, please consider baking a treat!

### AAL Matching Funds

Aid Association for Lutherans has sent Emmaus a check for \$800 in matching funds for house pin sales. Habitat for Humanity house pins continue on sale every Sunday morning to raise funds for this worthy charity.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal June 7

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, June 7. Please sign up in the narthex to prepare or bring a dish. We need to provide eight casseroles, seven desserts, and five salads. The recipe for tater tot & ground beef casserole is available

from the church office, as are the 9"x13" pans to make them in.

We also need people to help serve the meal from 5:00 to 6:30. St. Patrick's members handle the set-up beforehand and clean-up afterward. St. Patrick's is located on Douglas Avenue between Hamilton and Prospect Streets.

## Thanks to Office Helpers

Our secretary, Paul Berge, would like to thank the volunteers who helped staff the office during his vacation in May. Many thanks to Margaret Christensen, Kathy

Christensen, Lyle Zielke, Marty Aiken, Bill Irvine, Joyce Kaiser and Evelyn Larsen for being there to handle the tasks and messages!

## Volunteer and Earn Service Points

by Pat Liesch

Most of the confirmation kids are well on their way to completing this year's sermon and service



points. don't forget to volunteer to help make the float, to work at Vacation Bible School, and to volunteer at the carnival. Those points will add up fast!

## Four to Take First Communion

Hailey Sommer, Mike Liesch, Greg Gottfredsen and Courtney Jansen will receive their first

communion during the worship service on Sunday, June 3.

## Barbecue Dinner Earns Over \$2,800

A fun time was had by all who attended the May 20 barbecue dinner sponsored by the middle



school mission trip kids who will travel to Nashville in July.

Organized by Gregg and Kylee Albright, the dinner carried a country western theme throughout. In addition to the dozens of raffle items given away, big hits of the event were the Elvis impersonator, line dancing and the silent auction.

Bidding wars were friendly as folks bid on everything from a get-away at Wisconsin Dells to an autographed football. Proceeds from the dinner totaled over \$2,800

and will be used to help defray expenses of this summer's mission trips to Nashville and Juarez.

A big thank-you goes to the Albrights, the kids and parents who prepared and served, and to everyone who attended!

## Youth Birthdays

- June 6 Collin Babington, 4
- June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 12
- June 9 Zachary Smith, 3
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 7
- June 13 Katy Sanders, 17
- June 14 Jessica Fiebig, 13
- June 16 Ciara Williams, 4
- June 17 Claire Hierseman, 10
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 8
- June 23 AnnMarie Liesch, 14

## Mentors Invited to Awards Program

All Kids Hope USA mentors are invited to an Awards Program on Wednesday, June 6 at Wadewitz Elementary School. Please plan to be there at 1:00 p.m. and stay and help serve ice cream after the assembly.

Any questions? Call Marty at

637-2104 or Carol at 632-0643.

Field Day is the last day of school on Monday, June 11. Volunteers are needed from Emmaus to help with games and to pass out water from noon to 2:30. Call Carol Rudey 632-0643 if you can help.

## Kringles' Game Schedule

### Softball Season Gets Underway

The Emmaus Kringles' softball season is underway! Everyone is invited to come on out to Cliffside Park, on Michna Road north of Six Mile Road, to cheer on the team and to share in the joy of Christian fellowship. New team members are always welcome;



contact Tom Rudey at 632-0643.

Games are on Tuesday evenings; with make-up games and tie-breakers, the season runs through August 14. Here is the schedule of game times, opponents, and the diamond on which the game will be played:

|         |                                  |           |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| June 5  | Emmaus vs. Emmanuel Lutheran     | 7:00 NW ◇ |
| June 12 | Emmaus vs. Mt. Pleasant Lutheran | 7:00 NW ◇ |
| June 19 | Emmaus vs. St. John's Lutheran   | 7:00 NE ◇ |
| June 26 | Emmaus vs. Christian Reformed    | 7:00 NW ◇ |
| July 3  | Emmaus vs. Emmanuel Lutheran     | 7:00 NE ◇ |
| July 10 | Emmaus vs. Mt. Pleasant Lutheran | 7:00 NE ◇ |
| July 17 | Emmaus vs. St. John's Lutheran   | 7:00 NW ◇ |
| July 24 | Bye week                         |           |

## Special Music

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| June 3: Emmaus Adult Choir and Sunrise Singers | June 24: TBA         |
| June 10: Caritas                               | July 1: Gary Wee     |
| June 17: Amy Maack                             | July 8: TBA          |
|  | July 15: Andrew Wild |





## Alyssa Yorgan Wins Concerto Competition

Cellist Alyssa Yorgan, daughter of Jim and Judy Yorgan, won the 2001 Concerto Competition at the String Academy of Wisconsin at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. As a result of the



Alyssa Yorgan

contest, Alyssa went on to perform the Haydn Concerto in C for Cello and Orchestra at UW-M's Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Alyssa is a junior at St. Catherine's High School, and plays cello with the Racine Symphony Orchestra and the String Academy's Cello Solisti group.

## Jill Lynch Honored by Women Sport Advocates

Jill Lynch was one of eight Racine County athletes and 224 from across the state to receive the Women's Sport Advocates of Wisconsin's Award of Excellence for the 2000-01 school year. The award is given to high school seniors who have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and have earned a letter in at least one varsity sport.

Jill, who lettered in basketball, volleyball, and track and field at Horlick High School, had the highest weighted GPA among the county honorees, and ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in her class overall. She achieved her



Jill Lynch

4.37 GPA while holding down a 25-hour per week job in addition to her athletic accomplishments.

The daughter of Julie Lynch and granddaughter of Ella Nielsen, Jill plans to attend Brown University in the fall. She intends to continue competing in track and field, specializing in the shot put and discus.

## New Shower Being Installed

Work is currently in progress to install the new shower and water heater in the lower level of the church. The bathroom adjacent to the kitchen is being converted to a unisex rest room, and the new

water heater is being installed in the nearby boiler room.

Thanks go to Bill Irvine for coordinating the project and to Al Svendsen for the work he is doing to ready the room for the plumbers.

## Scrip Continues Through Summer

by Pat Liesch

Scrip continues to be sold, after services each Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer. While Pat Liesch is out of town,

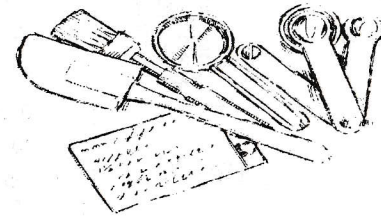
Cathy Meyer will take care of all those orders!

Please support Scrip, as the proceeds go to help support the Anniversary projects.

## Every Cookbook Must Go!

by Pat Liesch

Please continue to support our cookbook sales. Do you know of any events coming up in the summer where



cookbooks could be sold? If so, please contact Kathy Christensen (886-2151) and let her know.

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee.  
Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.  
Center director: Carol Eschmann



## June Birthdays

|         |                     |                                  |       |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| June 1  | Marcie Runge        | 3140 Wood Road                   | 53406 |
| June 7  | Jim Brown           | 1814 Mars Avenue                 | 53404 |
| June 10 | Evelyn Larsen       | 5315 Norman Street               | 53406 |
| June 12 | Lyle Zielke         | 3121 Walden Way                  | 53405 |
| June 15 | Elert LeClair       | 3568 Douglas Avenue              | 53402 |
| June 16 | Doris Jensen        | 1455 Sun Valley Drive #204       | 53406 |
| June 17 | Mildred Schroth     | 3900 N. Main Street #231         | 53402 |
| June 21 | Lillian Frederiksen | 1000 Lely Palms Dr. D311, Naples | 34113 |
| June 22 | June Johns          | 5527 Marboro Drive               | 53406 |
| June 27 | Al Svendsen         | 158 Merrie Lane                  | 53405 |


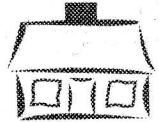

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**1**  
 9:00 am Habitat  
 for Humanity

**2** *Vigil of Pentecost*  
 5:00 pm Worship Service  
 with Holy Communion

*Synod Assembly at Carthage*

|   |   |   |  |  |  |   |
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| <p><b>3</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i><br/>                 9:15 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion; First Communion<br/>                 10:15 am Godspeed and farewell to Paul, Ellen, Josh, Joel &amp; Matt Nuechterlein<br/>                 7:30 pm SANCTUARY worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</p>  | <p><b>4</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 6:00 pm WELCA Board<br/>                 7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music Cmte.</p> | <p><b>5</b><br/>                 9:30 am Staff meeting<br/>                 10:00 am Seniors/ Come and Reminisce Day<br/>                 5:00 pm TOPS<br/>                 7:00 pm Cluster Council</p> | <p><b>6</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 1:30 pm Mary Circle<br/>                 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle<br/>                 5:00 pm Habitat for Humanity</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/>                 11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br/>                 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's<br/>                 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 6:30 pm Lees-Burgoon rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 2:00 pm Lees-Burgoon wedding<br/>                 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>  |
| <p><b>10</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i><br/>                 9:15 am Worship Service Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/>                 10:30 am Special congregational meeting<br/>                 7:30 pm SANCTUARY worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</p>   | <p><b>11</b> <i>St. Barnabas</i><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 6:30 pm Church Council</p>                                | <p><b>12</b><br/>                 9:30 am Staff meeting<br/>                 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>                 5:00 pm TOPS</p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 5:00 pm Habitat for Humanity</p>   | <p><b>14</b><br/>                 11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br/>                 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'</p>  | <p><b>15</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 2:00 pm Steeves-Krug rehearsal</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 2:00 pm Steeves-Krug wedding<br/>                 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> |
| <p><b>17</b> <i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br/> <i>July Visitor deadline</i><br/>                 9:15 am Worship Service with Holy Communion<br/>                 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship and reception of new members<br/>                 7:30 pm SANCTUARY worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity</p>              | <p><b>19</b><br/>                 9:00 am Cluster Clergy meeting<br/>                 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>                 5:00 pm TOPS</p>   | <p><b>20</b><br/> <i>Day of prayer for peace in the Middle East</i><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 5:00 pm Habitat for Humanity</p>                              | <p><b>21</b><br/>                 11:00 am Bulletin deadline</p>   | <p><b>22</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion. Guest preacher Rev. Luther Borgen.</p>               |
| <p><b>24</b> <i>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Nativity of John the Baptist</i><br/>                 9:15 am Worship Service Service of Word &amp; Prayer. Guest preacher Rev. Luther Borgen<br/>                 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship<br/>                 7:30 pm SANCTUARY worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</p>  | <p><b>25</b> <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</i><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 6:00 pm REST event</p>         | <p><b>26</b><br/>                 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br/>                 5:00 pm TOPS</p>   | <p><b>27</b><br/> <i>No Habitat for Humanity today</i></p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>                 11:00 am Bulletin deadline</p>   | <p><b>29</b> <i>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</i><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity</p>                     | <p><b>30</b><br/>                 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity<br/>                 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>   |

July 1 *The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
 9:15 am Worship Service Setting 2 with Holy Communion;  
 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship

**2**  
 9:00 am VBS Day Camp & preschool

**3**  
 9:00 am VBS  
 5:00 pm TOPS

**4** *Independence Day*  
 9:00 am July 4 Parade  
 Office closed

**5**  
 9:00 am VBS

**6**  
 9:00 am VBS

**7**  
 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

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| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
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| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
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| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |
| Home Depot  | 3%           | \$25, \$100, \$250       |          |       |

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| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
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| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
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| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10              |              |    |
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| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
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| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                   |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
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| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |    |
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| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
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| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
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| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |    |
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# JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

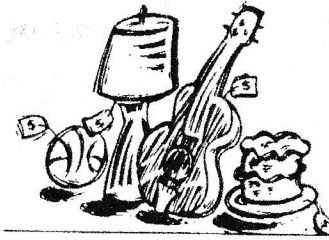


|                    | READERS            | ACOLYTES  | ALTAR GUILD                      | USHERS                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| June 2<br>5:00 pm  |                    |   | Evelyn Larsen                    |                          |
| June 3<br>9:15 am  | Amy Larsen         | Marissa Connet<br>Kelsey Albright<br>Tanya Rasmussen<br>Hailey Sommer | Jan Bertram<br>Ginny Haugsby     | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer    |
| June 9<br>5:00 pm  |                    |   | Pat LeRoux Sodke<br>Boots LeRoux |                          |
| June 10<br>9:15 am | Brenda<br>Gieszler |   |                                  | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen |
| June 16<br>5:00 pm |                    |   | Marge & Lyle<br>Zielke           |                          |
| June 17<br>9:15 am | Eric Larsen        |   | Ruth Estep<br>Bev Hansen         | Team #6<br>John Cook     |
| June 23<br>5:00 pm |                    |   | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barb Larsen     |                          |
| June 24<br>9:15 am | Mildred<br>Schroth |   |                                  | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard |
| June 30<br>5:00 pm |                    |   | Barb Toslek<br>Kelly Austin      |                          |
| July 1<br>9:15 am  | Marsha<br>Connet   |   | Kim Simonsen<br>Sandy Strini     | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi |

|         | <u>Altar Flowers</u> | <u>Fellowship</u>         | <u>Candle Care</u> | <u>Worship Asst.</u> |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| June 3  | C. & M. Meyer        | Godspeed to Nuechterleins | Evelyn Larsen      |                      |
| June 10 | D. & C. Eschmann     | Congregational meeting    | through            |                      |
| June 17 | G. & J. Dykstra      | <i>Please sign up</i>     | May                | Marsha Connet        |
| June 24 | R. Rommelfaenger     | Anniversary Committee     |                    |                      |
| July 1  | A. & D. Rode         | <i>Please sign up</i>     | Pat LeRoux-Sodke   | Cindi Larsen         |

## Rummage Sale Set for September 15

The annual all-church rummage sale is scheduled on Saturday, September 15. Please save your extra and little-used treasures for the sale! The proceeds



will go to various church-sponsored activities.

Help will be needed from Wednesday, September 12 on. Thanks!

### Financial Figures

Gen'l Fund offerings in April, 2001 .. \$19,771.98 ..... YTD \$70,427.60  
 Bldg. Fund offerings in April, 2001 .. \$ 295.00 ..... YTD \$ 1,386.00  
 Unified receipts for April, 2001 ..... \$20,066.98 ..... YTD \$71,813.60

2001 Fund offerings in April, 2001 ... \$ 675.00 ..... CAMPAIGN TO DATE \$ 83,586.22  
 5/10/01 mortgage payment: Principal ..... \$417.63  
 Interest ..... \$548.37  
**Total** ..... \$966.00  
 Principal balance as of 4/12/2001 ..... \$80,177.61

### Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance **April:** 1999: **200** 2000: **191** 2001: **177**  
 Average Sat.-Sun. attendance **May:** 1999: **168** 2000: **148** 2001: **140**  
 Average Sat.-Sun. attendance **June:** 1999: **165** 2000: **136**  
 Average Sat.-Sun. attendance **July:** 1999: **124** 2000: **137**

## Members and Friends Adopt Sundays to Help Retire Emmaus Debt

We extend our earnest thanks to the following for adopting Sundays this spring as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program.

**Rev. Lyle & Betty Rossing,** in thanks to God for 150 years of Emmaus' mission.

**Rev. Paul & Ellen**

**Nuechterlein,** in honor of and thanks to Emmaus and to Pastor Mary for 7½ years of wonderful shared ministry together.

Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.

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 \$300  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

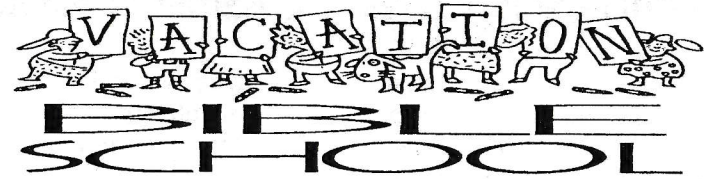
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## Vacation Bible School – July 2-6



### CAN YOU HELP?

- |   | Sun                      | Mon                      | Tue                      | Wed                      | Thu                      | Fri                      |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        | 6                        |
| 1. I can prepare morning snacks:  | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I can serve morning snacks:  | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I can welcome kids as they arrive:   | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. I can help staff however needed:   | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. I can house the 4 Lutherdale counselors _____ (all week)   |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 6. I can help with pre-registration details (phoning, organizing, registration & health forms) _____ (June) |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 7. I can help plan the cook-out for the VBS staff Sunday Evening:   | <input type="checkbox"/> | —                        | —                        | —                        | —                        | —                        |
| 8. I can provide a meal for the Lutherdale staff and their host family:                                     | —                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. I will contribute \$_____ toward a meal out for Lutherdale staff.  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 10. I will contribute \$_____ toward a campership.  |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| 11. I will pray for VBS participants and staff:   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary or church office (634-5515).

## Who Wants to Be the Weakest Link?

So, how much do you know about Emmaus history? In place of the historical article this month, we offer this little quiz. Some of the information has been covered in this series, some has not.

This quiz is just for fun. But if it helps to imagine a bespectacled British woman glaring at you and impugning your intelligence, go right ahead.

1. The "Grundtvigian" followers of Rev. Adam Dan and others who emphasized the "living" Apostles' Creed were more commonly known as:
  - a. Holy Danes
  - b. Happy Danes
  - c. Grumpy Danes
  - d. Sneezy Danes
2. When the Mound Avenue church was built, that street was known as:
  - a. Chattanooga Street
  - b. Chanhassen Street
  - c. Chippecotton Street
  - d. Chiwaukee Street
3. Which pair of Emmaus pastors are each other's great-grandfather and great-grandson?
  - a. Ole Kirkeberg & Lyle Rossing
  - b. Andreas Scheie & E.R. Andersen
  - c. C.H. Jensen & Jeff Wild
  - d. All of the above
4. In 1887, the congregation voted down a resolution critical of Rev. Theodor Lyngby and some church members for attending a dance ball. Where was that ball?
  - a. The Eagles Club
  - b. Dania Hall
  - c. *Kirkelig Samler*
  - d. Studio 54
5. Because of the New Year's Blizzard of 1998-99,
  - a. The organist was half an hour late for Sunday services.
  - b. Worshipers had to come in through the kitchen door.
  - c. The Kids For Christ sleigh ride party was stranded at Lutherdale for five days.
  - d. Saturday and Sunday worship services were canceled.
6. The most recent church founded as an off-shoot of Emmaus was:
  - a. Gethsemane Lutheran Church
  - b. Bethania Lutheran Church
  - c. Our Savior's Lutheran Church
  - d. St. Andrew Lutheran Church
7. Weekly Sunday morning worship services in English were not offered at Emmaus until the pastorate of:
  - a. Elias Prøvensen (1900's)
  - b. E.R. Andersen (1920's)
  - c. O.V. Magnussen (1940's)
  - d. Thorvald Hansen (1950's)

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## Hats Off to Our REST Volunteers

by Pat Liesch

Hats off to all the REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce) volunteers who helped this year. We did it **together**.

Everyone enjoyed the REST party, held on our official last night of REST for the guys. Thanks to Jim Palmer for cooking all those burgers and brats! The guys really appreciated seeing all the volunteers, and all the good food, and the companionship. Several guys approached me to thank me for all we did for them over the year. Some even have plans to get settled by next fall, and come back to help Emmaus as volunteers. It would really be great if that could happen!

A bit of news: for those of you who wonder how Keith is doing, at last report he is scheduled for some sort of surgery in the near future. His mother is coming from Kentucky to be with him.

New plans for fall include having a shower available for the guys, and perhaps a new church to join us for the first Friday of the month. Plans are in the works! So watch for the new volunteer schedule in the narthex, available sometime in September.

See you all on Friday, October 5, and have a wonderful summer!

### Items Sought

REST is in need of a new hand-held mixer. (Thank you very much, Karen Sedgwick, for donating one so many years ago.) It's

running on its last legs!

REST could also use and ironing board and an iron. If we are given more than one of any of these items, we will donate the extras to the rummage sale. Thanks!

Also while you are out rummage sailing this summer, please be on the lookout for men's jeans, sizes 30 through 38; men's white socks; and men's underwear, sizes 30 through 38. Thanks!

### Summer Meal Program

REST is looking for individuals who can donate salads and desserts to our summer meal program. On Wednesday nights during the summer from 6:00 to 7:00. REST and the Vets' Center in Union Grove will provide a hot supper for the homeless of Racine. The meal will take place in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

If you can help, please contact Donna Bumpus at 638-1441

### Emmaus History

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8. Who was Weliom Ronne?
  - a. The congregation's first resident pastor.
  - b. Governor of Wisconsin in 1851.
  - c. The first member expelled from the congregation.
  - d. The first child baptized into the congregation.

Answers:

1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-d, 6-a, 7-b, 8-d.



## Some Assembly Required

Pastor Mary, Amy Larsen and Kathy Christensen are attending the annual Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod May 31 through June 2. The theme of this year's assembly is "Strengthening One Another In Mission."

To see some of the issues our representatives are voting on, you

can read the text of ten resolutions submitted for a vote by visiting Emmaus' web site, <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>. A printable version (requiring Adobe 3.0) is also available on the Greater Milwaukee Synod web site, found at <http://www.milwaukee-synod.org>.

### Elsewhere in Our Area

## See *West Side Story* at Theater Guild

Holy Communion Lutheran Church invites you to a night at "West Side Story." Their high school youth have bought out the house and would like you and your families to join them at the Racine

Theatre Guild on Sunday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$15.00 each.

For tickets and more information, call Kalen at 886-6825.

### Letter

## Rossings Send Thanks from Hibbing

Dear Pastor Mary, Pastor Paul and All!

Thank you so very much for such a wonderful reunion weekend at Emmaus! We had a marvelous time seeing the dear Church Family there and the excitingly renewed Sunday School rooms and all! The services and reception were so special to us as well! Also loved the fun dinner at Dennis and Carol's home on Saturday evening!

The Lord is indeed using your many talents and gifts to renew and touch the people of Racine and beyond! Blessings as you continue to do and live His Word!

Our trip to Minneapolis went well despite heavy rain as we got closer to Minnesota. Seeing little Emily again was a joy and even in one week, she is changing! Ted and Steph had a challenging weekend with water in their basement. They said they had to rearrange anyway but it does take time!

We got home in time to clean parts of the garage and mow the lawn before getting unpacked, etc. Now it is back in the saddle time and I have preps for our Circle Bible Study later so thanks again!

Blessings!

Lyle and Betty Rossing

### Pastor Paul's Column

## Kairos — the "Right Time"

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

In the Greek language, there are two words for time. *Chronos*, from which we get the word "chronology," means time as simply a succession of moments. *Kairos*, on the other hand, carries the sense of being the "right time," the "pregnant moment."

As I leave Emmaus, and you move to a one-pastor ministry team, I would like to reflect on *kairos*, the right time.

For most of the past 30 years, Emmaus has had a two-pastor team. So is switching to a one-pastor ministry team a bad sign for Emmaus? I don't think so. In fact, I think it's *kairos*.

In recent years much discussion has taken place around the budget strain of a two-pastor team. This is a reality that we have needed to talk about.

But it isn't the whole story when it comes to what kind of ministry team is best for Emmaus at the current time. If we did happen to have another \$20,000 or so, would it still be best for Emmaus to keep a two-pastor ministry team? Not necessarily. There are other models for ministry for churches of Emmaus' size.

The church where I am headed to do interim ministry is a case in point. It's about the same size as Emmaus and has used a one-pastor team for years.

Redemption Lutheran in

Wauwatosa averages around 200 for worship and has a budget comparable to Emmaus'. But instead of two pastors, they have one pastor and a ministry team with other paid lay staff. In addition to the usual music, custodial, and office staff, they have several other laypeople paid for directing various programs. They also give about \$60,000 a year to benevolences.



Redemption simply uses a different model for its ministry team. I'm interested, as

an interim pastor, to get a taste for how this different model works. I anticipate having to do less actual program directing, since that's the responsibility of the paid lay staff, and I can concentrate more on the pastoral functions of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. If Redemption had a second pastor instead of their lay staff, one of the pastors would need to be doing the program directing.

Emmaus is going into this transition from a two-pastor model to a one-pastor ministry team quite intentionally. It's not simply a matter of finances. It's also a matter of trying a different model for ministry.

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## Pastor Paul's Column

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Seven and a half years ago, Emmaus moved from the most traditional model of a senior and assistant pastor. The timing was right, I believe, for a co-pastorate to lead the congregation in healing. Now the timing is right for another kind of ministry team to lead Emmaus in a changing sense of mission. The Mission Exploration Team has laid some groundwork for moving into this transition with a positive spirit of mission, a spirit of

moving forward, a spirit of *kairos*.

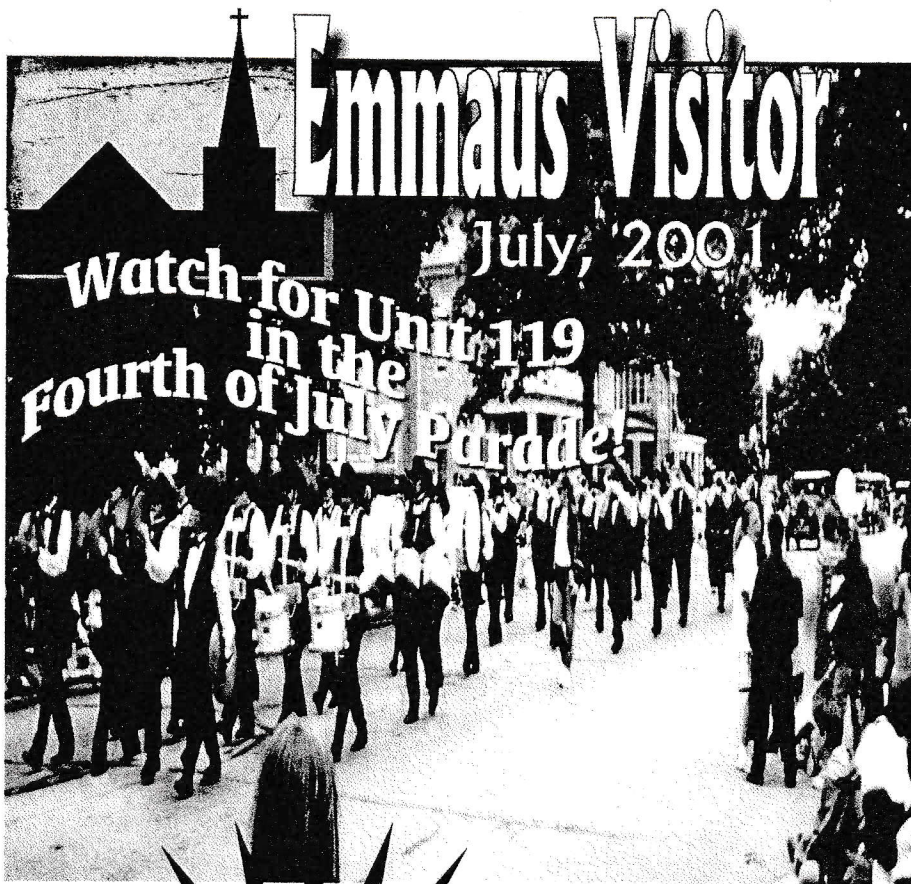
As I leave Emmaus, I feel confident that the time is exactly right for myself, Pastor Mary, and the congregation to enter into new ventures. I pray confidently, trusting in the Spirit's guidance for all of us to face the challenges ahead of mission in the name of Christ.

In the Spirit's love,

*Pastor Paul*

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## Pastoral Acts

### Weddings:

June 9, 2001  
Tanya Lees &  
John Burgoon

Tanya Lees is the daughter of Michael and Mary Lees. John is a sales representative for R & L Carriers; Tanya works for the Sunstone Finance Group. The couple live in Racine.

June 16, 2001  
Jamie Steeves &  
Kenneth R. Krug

Ken Krug is the son of Bill and Gayle Krug. Their identical twins, Janelle and Kevin were maid of honor and best man. The couple live in Racine.

### Funeral:

June 30, 2001  
Howard Foreman

Howard Foreman passed away June 23. He played in a Hawaiian band and enjoyed traveling to Hawaii. He is survived by four sons.

We extend our condolences to Bill Irvine on the death of his brother, John Irvine, on June 7.

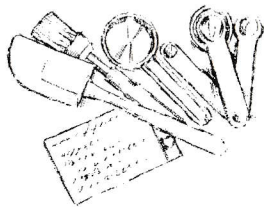
## Calling All Bakers

by Kathy Christensen

To prepare for the Danish celebration on July 22, there will be two opportunities to bake Danish pastries. Anyone who is willing to help is invited to come to the church kitchen on Wednesday, July 11 and Wednesday, July 18, at 9:00 a.m.

If you are unfamiliar with the art of baking Danish delicacies, but would be interested in learning, come and join us. In case the weather is hot and humid, we will move to an air-conditioned location.

The benefit of attending is the privilege of sampling the finished products! There will be a sign-up



sheet in the narthex.

### Photos Missing

During the time of reminiscing at the Senior Center on June 5, there were two pictures circulating, one of a Senior Center group from several years ago, and one of a Cradle Roll group. When I was preparing to leave, the pictures were no longer there. If someone has borrowed them or knows what happened to them, please return them to the bookcase in the Sunset Room. Thanks!

### Reminder

Please continue to support our cookbook sales. They make wonderful gifts for graduates, brides, house-warmings or birthdays.

## George Demant Is Guest Preacher July 21, 22

Son of the congregation Rev. George Demant will be our guest preacher at worship services on July 21 and 22. Rev. Demant is the brother of John Demant and Joyce Kaiser.

Rev. Demant has led a busy retirement. After retiring as a called parish pastor, he founded St. Luke's Manor, a family of residence homes for senior citizens in his hometown of Fortuna, California. He currently serves Grace Lutheran Church in Redway, California, as a part-time pastor.

The Anniversary Committee will host a celebration of our Danish heritage during the fellowship hour on July 22. The committee will serve Danish treats at a reception for Rev. Demant in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms.

Our next guest preacher will be

Rev. Alan Goertemiller (pastor at Emmaus from 1974 to 1978) on August 4 and 5. Pat and Ron Jensen will host a dinner for the Goertemillers on August 4. Persons interested in attending should contact the church office or the Jensens.

Weather permitting, the August 5 service will be a "Mass on the Grass" on the church's front lawn at 10:00 a.m. (This is 45 minutes later than the usual service time!) Live music will be provided by the Sanctuary band.

A neighborhood carnival will follow on the field.

Unfortunately, Rev. Luther Borgen was not able to be with us on June 23-24 as previously announced. He hopes to return to Emmaus sometime in the fall.

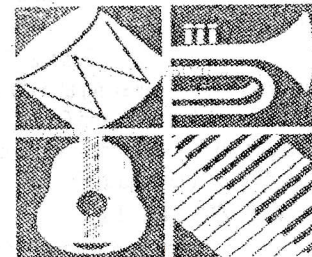


Rev. Demant

## David Kaap to Perform August 12

by Cathy Meyer

David Kaap, a contemporary Christian musician, will perform at Emmaus during the 9:15 a.m. service Sunday, August 12. His performance is



a part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

A free-will offering will be collected to support his ministry and his CD's will be available for purchase after the service.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this inspirational singer and pianist!

## New Members Welcomed to Emmaus

On June 16 and 17, we welcomed fourteen new members into the Emmaus family.

**Linda Jaskulske**  
**Andrew, Amy, Adam**  
 1510 Carlisle Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53404.  
 634-1200

Linda is a home-school worker at Wadewitz. Her children all attend Wadewitz: Andrew is in kindergarten; Amy is in second grade; Adam is in fifth grade.

**Jim Sodke**  
 627 Isabelle Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53402. 681-2386  
 Jim is the husband of Pat LeRoux-Sodke and father of Kaitlyn Sodke.



**Jennifer Welch**  
**Selina Rodriguez, Klerissa & Vanessa Kossack**  
 2432 Summit Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53404. 619-9444  
 Jennifer is an employee at St. Mary's Hospital as well as a part-time student. Her two youngest daughters attend Wadewitz: Selina is in kindergarten; Klerissa is in the fifth grade. Vanessa is in the seventh grade at Gilmore.

**Frank & Bobbie Williams,**  
**Frank, Ciara, Joshua**  
 3158 Kearney Avenue  
 Racine, WI 53403. 554-9017  
 Frank is a police officer with the Racine Police Department, and Bobbie is a nurse. She works at Lincoln Village Convalescent Center and is also a caregiver for Jan Sukus. Their oldest son, Frank, attends Wadewitz.

## Middle School Group to Take Mission Trip to Nashville

Middle School youth going on the mission trip to Nashville will meet at church at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, July 21. The group leaves

at 6:00 sharp.

The middle school mission group will return on Saturday evening, July 28.

## Car Wash to Raise Funds for Mission Trip

The high school youth will sponsor a car wash at Potter's Piggly Wiggly in Oak Creek on Saturday, July 7 to raise funds for their mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. The car wash will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Potter's Piggly Wiggly is located at 2201 E. Rawson Road. If you go up Highway 38 into

Milwaukee County, turn right at Rawson Road (Highway BB). The car wash is on the south side of the road just west of Pennsylvania Avenue (Nicholson Road).



Youth participating in the car wash will need to be there by 10:30 a.m.

## Senior High Group Make Final Plans for Juarez Mission Trip

Eager high school students and their leaders make final preparations for their summer mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. The eleven young people traveling to Mexico are Erin Tussler, Erin Svoboda, Chris Sedgwick, Austin Schultz, Katie Sanders, Jen Olson, Nicole Olsen, Nicole Larsen, Ken Larsen, Becky Fiebig and Kristen Clinton.

The group will be led by Pastor Mary, Ben Field and Nancy Smith. The group returns July 21.

The congregation will give the mission group a send-off at the 9:15 a.m. worship service on July 8.

While in Mexico, the

participants will work on local construction projects and Vacation Bible School in the neighborhood where they will be staying. YouthWorks!, a Minneapolis-based organization, is making all the arrangements for the group while they are in Mexico, leading both daily worship and in the assigned service work projects.

Keep our young missionaries in your prayers as they go out to share the love of Jesus to our friends in Juarez. A big word of "gracias" goes out to all who have supported these kids and help make their trip possible. ¡Dios les bendiga!

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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Vacation Bible School meets at 9:00 a.m. July 2, 3, 5 and 6.

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

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

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## Congratulations to 2001 Graduates!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2001!

Amanda Fiegel, Case.

Brad Falaschi, Park. Brad graduated with high honors (a grade point average above 3.5). He plans to go to work at Case this summer, and to attend the Art Institute of Phoenix in the fall.

Nick Furuglyas Jr., Park. Nick graduated with Honorable Mention (a GPA between 3.0 and 3.24).

Josie Hermann, Horlick.

Ken Larsen, Horlick. In addition to working at Kenosha Testing & Engineering this summer, Ken is going on the Mission Trip to Juarez. He plans to attend UW-Madison in the fall, majoring in English and Secondary Education

Matt Liesch, Case. Matt has been studying at UW-Parkside this year and plans to continue in the fall. He has been doing custodial work at the church since last fall.

Jill Lynch, Horlick. Jill graduated with high honors and plans to attend Brown University in the fall.

Kevin Meteyard, Horlick.

Jen Olson, Park. Jennifer graduated with high honors. She is going on the mission trip to Juarez this month.

Tom Pie, Horlick.

Ellie Reischl, Horlick. She

plans to attend UW-Milwaukee in the fall.

Lynda Ustymowicz, Horlick. She is enrolled at UW-Parkside this fall. She is interested in teaching elementary school.

Chad Strini, Lakeland College. Chad was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and

Sociology. For four years, he was a starter for the Lakeland men's volleyball team. He plans to pursue a position in law enforcement in the Sheboygan area.

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



## Youth Birthdays in July

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| July 6  | Geoffrey Pearson, 14 |
| July 6  | Lukas Reischl, 16    |
| July 7  | Klerissa Kossack, 11 |
| July 7  | Stephanie Lopez, 13  |
| July 11 | Dustin Mickelson, 7  |
| July 12 | Tina Yust, 15        |
| July 15 | Nathan Janusz, 4     |
| July 15 | Katherine Zeleski, 8 |
| July 19 | Vanessa Kossack, 13  |
| July 20 | Patrick Jansen, 9    |
| July 23 | Kaitlyn Krug, 4      |
| July 21 | Katrina Ahrens, 5    |
| July 26 | Kenneth Soens, 10    |
| July 26 | Alexis Austin, 5     |
| July 27 | Amy Meteyard, 13     |

## Welcome to Vacation Bible School

Here is some important information about Vacation Bible School:

Dates: July 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Time: Preschool, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Kids who have been in kindergarten through fifth grade will be here from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Cost: free.

The theme this year is "Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life," from John 14:6.

It is important that health forms be completed and sent with your camper on the first day of camp, Monday, July 2. Campers cannot participate without these completed forms.

Lunches are free. Please bring a clean white tee shirt to paint.

We hope your child has a great time at camp this year! If you have any other questions, call the Church office at 634-5515.

## VBS Menu

Monday:  
Spaghettios and meatballs  
S'mores

Baby carrots and dip

Tuesday  
Grilled cheese sandwiches  
Bananas dipped in candies/nuts  
Red, white & blue jello

Thursday  
Little pizzas  
Watermelon  
Birds' Nest Surprise dessert

Friday  
Macaroni and little weiners  
Carrots and dip  
Ice cream

Stand-by:  
PBJ sandwiches are a daily alternative.

Juice and milk will be served with all lunches. There will also be a daily morning snack.



"It's my pledge card."

# The Carnival's Coming to Our Yard!

Plans are underway for a whole afternoon of fun and activity on Sunday, August 5. In the morning, the fired will be our "Sanctuary" as we worship outdoors. Live music will be provided by the Sanctuary band. (Bring a chair if you can. We will provide chairs for those who can't.)



Then, the field will be transformed into a carnival site for the afternoon neighborhood carnival.

Organized by Nancy Smith and Kylee and Gregg Albright, there will be games and activities for all. Plans include a cake walk, dunk tank, fishing well, and lots and lots of other games with prizes for all.

Popcorn, hot dogs and soda will be common fare. Emmaus families will pitch in to run the games and booths, serve food, and much more. Can you help?

Needed: willing workers, ready for a good time.

► Positions available:

Cake bakers, publicity coordinators, set-up crew, ticket sellers (tickets will be 10¢ each for most of the games), food servers, runners, game workers, clean-up crew.

- Pay: laughter and fun (and tired feet for some!) and lots of kudos.
- For more info: Nancy Smith (633-3059) or Gregg and Kylee Albright (639-6433) or church office.

The carnival will be funded with outreach funds. We hope that neighbors will see Emmaus as the "happening" place interested in the well-being of kids and their families. And, of course, we want this to be a summer highlight for our Emmaus family, too.

Come! Join the fun!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

# Congregational Meeting Approves Budget

The congregation met to approve the July-December budget for Emmaus on Sunday, June 10. The budget includes a realignment of existing employee positions and creation of three new positions now that we no longer operate under the co-pastorate model.

The Kids' Music Director will replace the current Sonrise Singers Director and will involve arranging music for all Sunday School openings. This person will direct the Sunday School kids on one Sunday per month when they sing for Sunday worship, and teach two music rotations for Sunday School (including the Christmas program).

The new budget formalizes the position of Kids Hope Mentor Director, held by Marty Aiken. Marty is our liaison with Wadewitz School, attending meetings of the P-5 Committee and recruiting and training our mentors.

New positions include the Visitation Pastor, a part-time position involving visiting shut-ins and hospitalized members. The synod office has recommended a person for this position.

With our new after-school programs, a new outreach/pastoral support person is needed for mid- to late afternoons Monday-Thursday. This is a paid position.

Also new will be the

neighborhood outreach minister, a layperson position funded by AAL and Siebert grants. This person will connect with neighborhood families and help determine how we can best serve the needs of the neighborhood.

There was a discussion of a need to establish a capital reserve fund for maintenance contingencies. We have been hit by three major maintenance expenses

this spring for repair of the elevator, the lift pump and the cross lights; the city of Racine has also notified us that we need to repair the sidewalks on our property.



## Smiths Adopt Sunday

Our thanks to Art & Nancy Smith, Abby & Ken, Jon & Christiana, Josh & Maggie, for adopting June 3 in honor of Pastor Mary on the tenth anniversary of her ordination.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.

## Memorials

Emmaus Capital Reserve Fund:  
In memory of John Irvine: \$50.00

## Young Pastor Sets Stage for Conflicts to Come

On July 31, 1867, The First Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Racine voted unanimously to extend a call to a 26-year-old Norwegian pastor, Johannes Muller-Eggen. His salary was set at \$250 per year for services on two Sundays of each month. He simultaneously served as pastor of a church in Stoughton, but made his home in Racine.

For the congregation that would become Emmaus, Muller-Eggen's pastorate was a calm between storms. His predecessor, Rev. Johan P. Gjertsen, had been unable to get along with several prominent church members, including Christopher Olsen, who held title to the church property. A rift between Norwegian and Danish members had already developed.

In Muller-Eggen's first month as pastor, Mr. Olsen agreed to turn the church property over to the congregation subject to a mortgage of \$200.

At the same meeting (perhaps as a condition of the mortgage), the congregation adopted a congregational amendment stating, "In case of schism within the church, which God in His mercy forbid, the church property shall

belong to that part which remains loyal to the Norwegian division of the Augustana Synod. And should a separation take place within that body, then shall the said property be held by that part of the congregation which remains in accord with the plurality of the pastors of the said Norwegian division, provided however, that these do not teach or tolerate any un-Lutheran doctrine."

The congregation's subsequent history might have come out very differently had it not been for disputes within the Augustana Synod over rituals of the church. As a result of these disagreements, the congregation voted in May, 1870, to sever its links with the synod, thus nullifying the constitutional amendment.

Congregations seceding from the Augustana Synod formed a new Norwegian-Danish Conference and elected Muller-Eggen secretary of the organization. He announced his resignation as pastor of the congregation, but agreed to stay on until his successor could be secured.

### Addition Built

During Muller-Eggen's pastorate, growth of the congregation compelled the addition of 20' onto the church building for a gallery in 1868. Sunday School met at 3:00

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Rev. J. Muller-Eggen

## Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will not meet on Tuesday, July 3, due to Vacation Bible School.

Senior Fellowship Center meet in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee; programs begin at 10:30 a.m. The Center director is Carol Eschmann, 835-2372.



### July Birthdays

|         |                 |  |       |
|---------|-----------------|--|-------|
| July 4  | Don Velzka      | 11515 1 <sup>st</sup> St. #119, Sturtevant | 53177 |
| July 9  | Helen Mickelson | 1737 Shoop Street                          | 53402 |
| July 21 | Eleanor Lawrenz | 1921 Mt. Pleasant Street                   | 53404 |
| July 27 | Joyce Toslek    | 5809 Sixteenth Street #230                 | 53406 |
| July 28 | Lawrence Estep  | 2522 Maple Grove Avenue                    | 53404 |
| July 30 | Ralph Rasmussen | 2755 Bartel's Drive                        | 53406 |
| July 31 | Glenn Olson     | 1817 Mars Avenue                           | 53404 |

## Rev. Muller-Eggen

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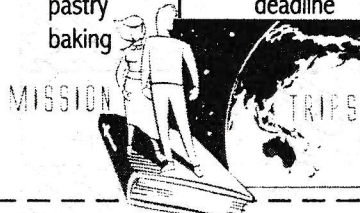
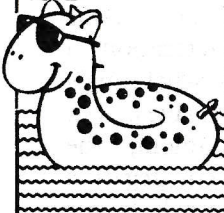
every Sunday, with Norwegian children learning from Norwegian books, and Danish children from Danish books. Lutheran chant was introduced to the congregation, a form of worship overwhelmingly popular among the Danes, but somewhat less so among the Norwegians. The congregation added a Danish hymnal to its worship service in 1869.

Muller-Eggen learned of a charismatic Danish missionary to Palestine and Africa whom he recommended to the congregation as his successor. On June 30, 1871, the congregation extended a letter of

call to Rev. Adam Dan, 23. Muller-Eggen would strenuously oppose Rev. Dan later on as the younger pastor was accused of Grundtvigian teachings, but it is recorded that the two eventually reconciled their differences.

In the years after he left Racine, Rev. Muller-Eggen would be elected vice-president of the Norwegian-Danish Conference, and later turn down its presidency. From 1883 to 1906, he served as pastor of a church in Lyle, Minnesota. He died April 30, 1913 at age 72, survived by six children



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <b>1</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee fellowship<br> | <b>2</b><br>7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.<br><br>9:00 am Vacation Bible School & Day Camp        | <b>3</b><br><i>No Senior Fellowship Center</i><br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>7:00 pm Cluster Council          | <b>4</b> Independence Day<br>4 <sup>th</sup> of July parade<br><i>Office closed.</i>   | <b>5</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>7:00 pm Stamp Club<br><br>9:00 am Vacation Bible School & Day Camp | <b>6</b> <b>CAR Wash</b><br> | <b>7</b><br>11:00 am Car wash at Piggly Wiggly, 2201 E. Rawson, to 2 pm<br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion                               |
| <b>8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer; send-off of Juarez mission group<br>10:15 am Coffee fellowship   | <b>9</b><br>6:30 pm Church council meeting   | <b>10</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br><br><b>JULY</b>                  | <b>11</b><br>9:00 am Danish pastry baking  | <b>12</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br>4:45 am High School mission trip leaves for Juarez, Mexico<br>5:00 pm Worship Service with H.C.; Rev. Heather Bumstead                  |
| <b>15</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service; send-off of Nashville mission group. Guest preacher Rev. Heather Bumstead<br>10:15 am Coffee fellowship                       | <b>16</b><br><i>Visitor</i> deadline<br>6:00 pm Anniversary Committee                            | <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Cluster Clergy<br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS           | <b>18</b><br>9:00 am Danish pastry baking<br> | <b>19</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline  | <b>20</b><br><i>Day of prayer for peace in the Middle East</i>  | <b>21</b><br>4:30 am Middle School mission trip meets at church; leaves 6:00<br>5:00 pm Worship Service with H.C.; guest preacher Rev. George Demant |
| <i>July 14 - 21: High School mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. Scheduled to return to O'Hare at 12:45 a.m. Saturday morning.</i>  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>22</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Mary Magdalene<br>9:15 am Worship Service celebrating our Danish roots; guest preacher, Rev. George Demant<br>10:15 am Coffee fellowship with Danish treats                   | <b>23</b><br> | <b>24</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                     | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>4:30 pm Finneman-Bohon rehearsal                                  | <b>27</b><br>6:00 pm Finneman-Bohon wedding   | <b>28</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion   |
| <i>July 21 - 28: Middle School mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Group returns Saturday evening.</i>  |  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <b>29</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service LBW setting 2<br>10:15 am Coffee fellowship   | <b>30</b><br><br>Page 12   | <b>31</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>5:30 pm Choir Dinner, Racine Yacht Club | <b>Aug. 1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's<br>7:00 pm Stamp club      | <b>3</b><br><br>Page 15   | <b>4</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion  |

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| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
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| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
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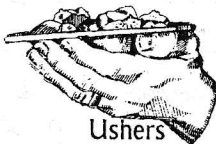
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| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |    |
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| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
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| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
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| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5, 10           |              |    |
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Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

May 25, 2001



## JULY WORSHIP LEADERS



|                    | Readers              | Special Music                  | Altar Guild                    | Ushers                    |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 30<br>5:00 pm |                      | Cathy Meyer                    | Barb Toslek<br>Kelley Austin   |                           |
| July 1<br>9:15 am  | Marsha<br>Connet     | Gary Wee                       | Kim Simonsen<br>Sandy Strini   | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi  |
| July 7<br>5:00 pm  |                      | Cathy Meyer                    | Brian & Denise<br>Keller       |                           |
| July 8<br>9:15 am  | Audrey<br>Rasmussen  | Mark Frankowski<br>Cathy Meyer |                                | Team #2<br>Harold Miller  |
| July 14<br>5:00 pm |                      | Joyce Kaiser                   | Betty Schultz<br>Cathy Meyer   |                           |
| July 15<br>9:15 am | Ruth Hlavka          | Andrew Wild                    | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine | Team #3<br>R. Christensen |
| July 21<br>5:00 pm |                      | Joyce Kaiser                   | Pat Jensen                     |                           |
| July 22<br>9:15 am | Kathy<br>Christensen | Joanne Weishan                 |                                | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer     |
| July 28<br>5:00 pm |                      | Cathy Meyer                    | Judy Berndt<br>Marion Andersen |                           |
| July 29<br>9:15 am | Myra<br>Nielsen      | Jill Lomasney                  |                                | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen  |
| Aug. 4<br>5:00 pm  |                      | Joyce Kaiser                   | Evelyn Larsen                  |                           |
| Aug. 5<br>9:15 am  | Gregg<br>Albright    | Sanctuary Band                 | Arvilla Nemer<br>Lael Richter  | Team #6<br>John Cook      |

|         | Altar Flowers    | Fellowship            | Candle Care      | Worship Asst.  |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| July 1  | A. & D. Rode     | C. & L. Larsen        | Pat LeRoux-Sodke | Cindi Larsen   |
| July 8  | Arvilla Nemer    | Betty Barth           | through          |                |
| July 15 | M. & M. Andersen | A. & J. Haman         | July             | Gregg Albright |
| July 22 | A. & J. Svendsen | Anniversary Committee |                  |                |
| July 29 | Gil Toslek       | Please sign up        |                  |                |

## Banquet Tickets Will Be Available Mid-July

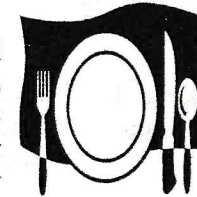
As plans are being made for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet at Festival Hall on September 29, the Anniversary Committee will have tickets available later this month. Good food, a humorous and engaging keynote speaker, memories and music will all be a part of the big celebration.

Tickets for the catered event will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for kids between 3 and 11 years of age. Do you want a break on the cost of your ticket? There will be an **early bird discount of \$2.00 per ticket** for all tickets purchased by August 31.

Sponsor a Pastor or Friend

Benefactors are being sought to

purchase a block of tickets for the banquet for returning pastors and other guests. We would also like to have some complimentary tickets available for those who are on limited fixed incomes or have large families and might find the cost prohibitive. We want **everyone** interested to have the opportunity to attend.



How about a gift of \$25, \$50, or more to make the banquet truly an **all** church family celebration?

If you know of someone who might benefit from a complimentary ticket, please talk with Pastor Mary. Gifts and suggestions will be entirely anonymous.

## Lutherans Participate in Siren Recovery Efforts

CHICAGO (ELCA) — Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is taking part in recovery efforts in Siren, Wis., after a tornado struck the town June 18.

"The tornado damaged or destroyed about 120 homes in this town of about 900 residents," said the Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, director for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Milwaukee, is managing relief efforts on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response.

"An interfaith response

organization will be formed and local Lutherans will participate in that effort. Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran Social Services have teams of 'First Responders' on hand to do assessments and assist with mental health crisis outposts," said Furst.

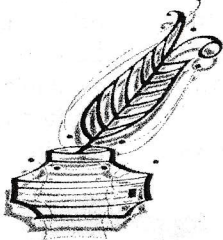
Disaster response volunteers are cutting fallen trees, and local congregations are providing shelter, food and other basic needs, Furst said. "Local cleanup volunteers are needed," he said.

Contact ELCA Domestic Disaster Response at P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 or phone 800-638-3522

## Thanks from Eileen Olson

Dear Friends at Emmaus,

Thank you so much for your cards, notes and most of all, your prayers during my long illness. I'd appreciate it if you would continue to pray for me.



Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul have been very helpful and I thank them and all of you. God bless our Emmaus family.

With love,  
Eileen Olson

### ...and from TOPS...

Dear Pastor Janz,

Thank you for allowing us to use the space in your church for our weekly meeting. It is truly appreciated. Please accept this gift as a token of our gratitude. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
TOPS Chapter 774

*Editor's note: A donation of \$150 accompanied this letter. TOPS also brought an electrician over June 20 to repair a faulty light fixture in the room where their equipment is stored.*

### ...and Pastor Paul

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

Thank you for such a warm and memorable farewell. It was especially meaningful to combine it

with our Pentecost celebration, a wonderful day of worship.

Thanks, too, for your generous gifts to us. The new barbecue is a perfect house-warming gift, and the cash is surely timely as we get ready to move in as your neighbors at 2310 Summit. I will especially treasure the scrapbook filled with your fond remembrances and well-wishes.

I am most grateful for the seven-and-a-half years of ministry that we shared together. I related a number of particulars in my sermon June 3, but let me add a special thanks to you and to Pastor Mary for the *team* aspect of the ministry we've shared. As a pastoral leader of faith communities, I'm well aware of how things can go badly. There is nothing more gut-wrenching for a pastor than having to lead in a climate of turmoil and brokenness. I'm so grateful that my time at Emmaus was one of healing and of growing together in our call to mission. Your partnership and support through these seven years has made it a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your pastor.

As you continue to celebrate 150 years of being on the road with our Lord — that wonderful story about Emmaus in Luke 24 — may you experience many rich blessings in the journey yet before you. I will continue to hold you in my prayers.

Love in Christ,  
Pastor Paul

## Synod Assembly Approves Clarification of 2000 Resolution

Pastor Mary, Amy Larsen and Kathy Christensen represented Emmaus at the Greater Milwaukee Synod's annual assembly at Carthage College May 31 to June 2. Over 400 representatives from the synod's 142 congregations attended the event.

Voting members elected Marilyn Miller of Milwaukee Synod Council Vice President, and Roger Schroeder of Milwaukee Synod Council Treasurer. Mary Alice Peterson of Bethania Lutheran Church was elected as the Racine Mission Cluster's representative on the Synod Council. Mrs. Peterson is the sister of Kathy Christensen.

Possibly the most divisive issue on the assembly agenda was Resolution A, "In Opposition to Blessing of Same Gender Relationships," which was intended to rescind Resolution 1 passed at the 2000 Assembly. Voting members voted to replace Resolution A with a substitute resolution offered by Revs. Dudley Riggle, Steve Samuelson, David Dragseth, Larry Henning and Howard Beutler.

The substitute resolution "recognizes and affirms those pastors and congregations" who "ask God's blessing on permanent, faithful, committed same-gender relationships, doing so on the basis of their understanding of scripture, tradition, and the guiding of the Spirit," as well as those who "do not find that asking God's blessing on

same gender relationships is in keeping with their understanding of scripture, tradition, and the guiding of the Spirit."

The substitute resolution also "supersedes, clarifies, and replaces Resolution #1 adopted at the year 2000 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly" and was approved by a strong majority of the voting members. Resolution B, "A Call to Strengthen Marriage and Family Ministry," submitted by North Cape Lutheran Church, was also approved, while Resolution D, "Ministry to Gay and Lesbians" was defeated.

Voting members also approved resolutions encouraging a more just immigration policy in the United States and urging congregations to minister to the homeless. Voting members passed Resolution F, "Mt. Meru Coffee Project," a partnership effort with our mission partner diocese in Tanzania, which is raising funds through sales of coffee.

## Adult Choir Dinner Slated

by Marsha Connet

The Adult Choir will hold a Choir Dinner on Tuesday, July 31 at the Racine Yacht Club, 2 Hubbard Street. Cocktails at 5:30; dinner at 6:30.

R.S.V.P. to Marsha Connet, 633-2047, by July 25.

## Travelers Need to Stretch Their Legs

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Summertime is vacation time. Sitting for long periods when traveling can cause swollen ankles and calves. This inactivity also increases your risk for the formation of blood clots in the veins of your legs. Signs and symptoms of a clot in your leg may include sudden swelling, possibly accompanied by pain and discoloration.

To prevent a blood clot from developing:

- ▶ Move about - Stop every two hours and walk around for a few minutes.
- ▶ Stretch your legs - Frequently flex your ankles or press your feet against the seat in front of you. This promotes circulation.
- ▶ Check with your doctor to see if you should be wearing support stockings.



- ▶ If you wear support stockings, be sure you are putting them on properly.
- ▶ Avoid alcohol — alcohol promotes dehydration, which can further increase your risk for a blood clot.

If you are traveling with young children, you will need to plan to stop frequently to "get the wiggles out!" When our children were small, and we were traveling long distances, we planned to stop at a lake or community pool to swim for one hour and eat lunch. It made the trip easier and more enjoyable for everyone. It is also fun to take along a tape of favorite songs and sing with the children. You can also play many car games.

Remember whenever you are in the car, all persons should be in appropriate car seats or safety belts.

When you are traveling over a weekend, remember to worship wherever you are.

## ELCA to Hold Churchwide Assembly in Indianapolis

CHICAGO (ELCA) — Voting members to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly Aug. 8-14 in Indianapolis will elect a presiding bishop and secretary, and consider adoption of a proposed constitutional bylaw that is intended to respond to concerns about the ELCA's full-communion agreement with the

Episcopal Church. The assembly will also consider adoption of a social policy resolution on school vouchers.

More than 2,000 people — including 1,040 voting members — are expected to participate in the ELCA's seventh biennial assembly at the Indiana Convention Center. The theme is "Making Christ

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## ELCA Assembly

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Known: Sharing Faith in a New Century."

The churchwide assembly is the ELCA's highest legislative authority and represents the 5.15 million members of the ELCA, the fourth-largest Protestant denomination in the United States and Caribbean. The ELCA is organized into 65 synods, each headed by a bishop.

The Rev. H. George Anderson, who will leave office as ELCA presiding bishop Oct. 31, will chair the assembly. Anderson will be honored during the churchwide assembly for his service as presiding bishop since 1995.

### Elections, Key Issues

The presiding bishop and secretary will be elected by ecclesiastical ballot. Each election, conducted separately, could require as many as five ballots, the maximum prescribed by the ELCA Constitution. Nominations are made on the first ballot; each ballot requires a nominee to receive a certain percentage of all ballots cast to be elected. A specified number of candidates receiving the most votes on a ballot have their names placed on the next ballot.

The fifth ballot, which matches the two nominees with the most votes, plus ties, is decided by majority vote. The presiding bishop and secretary will be elected to

six-year terms.

A key issue to be considered by assembly voting members is a proposed constitutional bylaw that would allow a synod bishop, under certain circumstances, to delegate to another pastor the authority to preside at an ordination. The controversial proposal resulted from concerns of some Lutherans related to "Called to Common Mission" (CCM), a full-communion agreement of the ELCA and the Episcopal Church.

Under CCM, bishops must ordain new pastors. Prior to CCM, a bishop could delegate to another pastor such authority. The requirement that a bishop preside at all Lutheran ordinations has brought criticism from some Lutherans who say the policy increases the power of bishops. Some also have said CCM threatens Lutheran identity.

The bylaw proposal was reviewed by the ELCA Division for Ministry, the ELCA Conference of Bishops and the ELCA Church Council.

In April 2000, the ELCA church council adopted an interim social policy on school vouchers and sent it to the assembly for discussion and ratification. The policy is meant to guide the public policy advocacy ministry of the church as it evaluates a variety of proposals considered by state legislatures. The interim policy listed eight criteria to evaluate proposals for education reform.



# Tropical Storm Allison causes flooding in Texas and Louisiana

June 13 - Tropical Storm Allison's heavy rains - up to 36 inches in some areas - have damaged or destroyed 20,000 homes in southeastern Texas and southern Louisiana. At least twenty people drowned, and 28 counties in Texas and 10 parishes in Louisiana were declared federal disaster areas. The city of Houston alone sustained over \$1 billion in damage. The damage will likely increase. Parts

of hard-hit Texas and Louisiana face the possibility of more flooding as rivers swollen by heavy rains surge south.

"The losses of lives and the damage of tens of thousands of homes are numbing," says The Rev. Gil Furst, director for ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, who reported from the area.

Conditions are difficult for both victims and responders. Thousands of people wait in shelters, uncertain of the damage to their homes. Many people are still missing. Outside the shelters, dense clusters of fire ants and flying insects swarm, and

snakes infest the contaminated waters. With high humidity and temperatures in the high 80s and low 90s, dehydration and heat exhaustion are compounding emotional distress.

The ELCA is helping disaster survivors, working in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of the South and other Lutheran partners. The Lutheran response is coordinated with the American

Red Cross, faith-based responders, and county, state and federal emergency agencies in an effort to meet both short- and long-term needs of affected families.

This is just the beginning of hurricane season. Many forecasters have predicted a summer and fall with high hurricane activity. Your help is needed in this disaster and as new disasters occur.



**100% of gifts designated for Tropical Storm Allison will be directed for this purpose. Please give generously!**

Yes! Send my help:

- To help survivors of Tropical Storm Allison \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- To help disaster survivors where most needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Give through your congregation, or send directly to: ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764, or call 800.638.3522 to give by \_\_\_\_\_  
For more information, go to [www.elca.org/dcs/disaster](http://www.elca.org/dcs/disaster).

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### LSS Offers Pre-Marriage Workshops

Lutheran Social Services, 2711 19<sup>th</sup> Street, will offer pre-marriage workshops on Wednesday, July 11 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 4 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The focus of the workshop, facilitated by Michele Block, is to help participants better understand and prepare for the lifetime commitment of marriage. The program provides a forum in which each couple interacts with each other and with other couples in a small group setting.

The cost for the workshop is \$50. Registration is required. Please call (262) 637-3886.

### Lutherans Concerned Sponsor Forum on Bible and Gays

Rev. Dr. Daniel Helminiak, author of *What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality*, will give a presentation at The Village Church, 130 E. Juneau in Milwaukee, Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. His presentation will focus on Romans 1:26-27.

Dr. Helminiak teaches psychology and spirituality as an Assistant Professor at the State University of West Georgia. He holds Ph.D.'s in both theology and psychology, is a Fellow of the American Association of Pastoral

Counselors, and has ministered as a Roman Catholic priest.

Lutherans Concerned/North America, Greater Milwaukee Chapter bills the presentation as "an opportunity for the L/G/B/T/Q Community and friends to hear a positive message from God's word."

Resources will be available for preview. Books will be offered for sale, and a free will offering will be taken.

The sponsoring organization can be reached at (414) 372-9663, or write

Lutherans Concerned/North America, Greater Milwaukee Chapter, P.O. Box 1676, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1676.

### Finlandia Musicians Tour Area

Finlandia University is pleased to announce the concert schedule for the Third Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival. Soloists Trio Pegasos and Laura Vikman will perform at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in Cedarburg, Wisconsin at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 22, and again at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wheaton, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Tickets are \$10.00.

For more information, please call 1-888-285-8363.



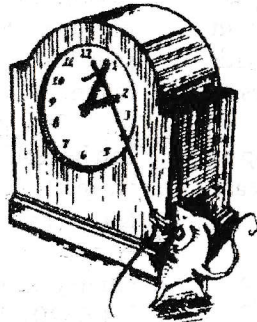
## Practicing Patience

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way..." (1 Cor. 13:4, 5)

I will have heard the words above spoken a number of times in a few months as a portion of the seven weddings I'm a part of. But, today I hear those very first words "love is patient," and I am reminded of more than the love found within marriage. Those words speak to all of us, whether single or married or widowed or divorced.

As I'm reminded that patience is a quality to be strived for, I also realize it's a quality I can be short of at times. For those who know me well, you know that I like action; I like things accomplished *now*. When it comes to practicing patience, I sometimes feel like I need remedial lessons along with that practice.

If I had my way (but then I'm reminded "love does not insist on its own way..."), we would already have a neighborhood minister in place, along with the part-time support person approved at the June 10 congregational meeting. We would also be in the middle of renovation of Fellowship Hall and we would have a new sign in front of the church.



But, you know what? I've been reminded once again that nothing happens overnight. Perhaps a person doesn't get back with an immediate quote, or when he does, we realize we don't have adequate funds. Maybe there are other reasons for delays. I admit it — when things aren't happening, I get antsy.

So, I'm also trying desperately hard to practice patience. Will the landscaper call back with a revised quote? Will volunteers be able to finish the project that is partly completed? Yes, *in time*, it will all happen.

I'm grateful that some staffing decisions have already been made. Karla Bielewicz has said yes to the position of Sunday School Music Coordinator and Pastor Sharon Georgi has said yes to the position of part-time visitation pastor (about eight hours per week). More staffing decisions will be made in the coming months. I ask you to be patient with me and the church council as we work our way through this time of transition at Emmaus.

As for my move to the parsonage, I've also had to "hold my horses" and say that it will be better to wait until mid-August to move rather than right away. With a lot on my plate before then (VBS, July 4 parade, mission trip to Mexico, search for outreach minister, preparations for Danish Sunday and

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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the August 5 "Mass on the Grass" and carnival) and with some painting and other work to be done in the parsonage, I need to wait. I'm going to "practice" patience and attempt to prioritize in a way that makes the most sense.

Meanwhile, I'll need your patience if I get too "antsy."

In all of this time of eager anticipation, mixed with practicing patience, I have to say I am very encouraged. Most of all, I'm encouraged that, in spite of all of our awkward attempts to get our acts together, God is patient. God is patient even when we aren't moving very far or very fast. I know about God's patience first-hand — God is willing to wait years and patiently be there when we are ready to accept God's loving promise and embrace.

No, it's not too late. It's never too late when we consider the expanse of God's time frame and God's patience. It's not too late for us to respond to Jesus' invitation "Follow me."

It's not too late to reach out with the love of Jesus in our neighborhood and community. It's not too late for an inactive member to reconnect with the Emmaus community. It's never too late to share God's love. God patiently waits... and never stops loving us in the meantime.

May we also be patient as the seeds that are sown take root and grow.

*Pastor Mary*

### Financial Figures

|                                   |                                   |             |             |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Gen'l Fund offerings in May, 2001 | ...                               | \$13,695.00 | .....       | YTD \$84,122.60               |
| Bldg. Fund offerings in May, 2001 | ...                               | \$ 416.00   | .....       | YTD \$ 1,802.00               |
| Unified receipts for May, 2001    | .....                             | \$14,111.98 | .....       | YTD \$85,924.60               |
| 2001 Fund offerings in May, 2001  | ...                               | \$ 675.00   | .....       | CAMPAIGN TO DATE \$ 84,261.22 |
| 6/xx/01 mortgage payment:         | Principal                         | .....       | \$420.50    |                               |
|                                   | Interest                          | .....       | \$545.50    |                               |
|                                   | <b>Total</b>                      | .....       | \$966.00    |                               |
|                                   | Principal balance as of 6/12/2001 | .....       | \$79,345.20 |                               |

### Attendance Statistics

|   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>May:</b>    | 1999: <b>168</b> | 2000: <b>148</b> | 2001: <b>140</b> |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>June:</b>   | 1999: <b>165</b> | 2000: <b>136</b> | 2001: <b>126</b> |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>July:</b>   | 1999: <b>124</b> | 2000: <b>137</b> |                  |
| Average Sat.-Sun. attendance <b>August:</b> | 1999: <b>147</b> | 2000: <b>137</b> |                  |



# In the July VISITOR

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# Emmaus Visitor

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## CONGREGATIONAL SESQUICENTENNIAL



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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms:

July 1, 2001  
Kaitlin Hall

Kaitlin is the daughter of Dori and Doug Hall. Her grandparents are Tom and JoAnn Henricksen; her great-grandparents are Wally and Marcie Runge. Her sponsors are Susan McManus and Jon Goldstein.

July 8, 2001  
Jenna Louise Waddell

Jenna is the daughter of Donald and Laurie Waddell and granddaughter of Ralph and Audrey Rasmussen. Her sponsors are Daniel Stedman, Jana Kohlman, and Jessica Stephen.

July 22, 2001  
Trevor Paul Babington

Trevor is the son of Eric and Rachele Babington. His sponsors are Daniel and Michele Cisler.

July 29, 2001  
Samuel Otto Eschmann

Samuel is the son of Dave and Amy Eschmann. His sponsors are Mark and Cathey Johnson.

### Weddings:

July 27, 2001  
Jodi Finneman  
Pat Bohon

Jodi and Pat are natives of Racine and will continue to make their home here along with Jodi's children, Stephanie and David Lopez.

## High School Youth Help Build Hope in Juarez

Pastor Mary, Ben Field, and Nancy Smith led a group of eleven high school students in a YouthWorks! mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, from July 14 to 21.



Erin Tussler, Erin Svoboda, Chris Sedgwick, Austin Schultz, Katie Sanders, Jen Olson, Nicole Olsen, Nicole Larsen, Ken Larsen, Becky Fiebig and

Kristen Clinton helped with construction of a library and houses in the northern Mexico town.

## Youth Birthdays

|         |                |    |
|---------|----------------|----|
| Aug. 21 | Stephen Mayer  | 11 |
| Aug. 24 | Chris Sedgwick | 17 |
| Aug. 26 | David Lopez    | 12 |
| Aug. 26 | Alexa Ahrens   | 2  |
| Aug. 30 | Marissa Connet | 12 |

## Pastor Goertemiller to Preach at "Mass on the Grass"

For one Sunday, the yard of Emmaus becomes the place of worship. On August 5, Pastor Al Goertemiller, Associate Pastor at Emmaus from 1974 to 1978, will be the guest preacher for the special "Mass on the Grass" service at 10:00 a.m. (please note the time change!) and also at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday worship service on August 4.



Rev. Al Goertemiller

The Sanctuary band will begin twenty minutes prior to the service with special music and will also play several numbers following.

Kate Potter Barrow (the lead in Racine Theatre Guild's Patsy Cline show and member of Caritas quartet) is the lead singer for the Sanctuary band. Some seating will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own chairs if you can.

Rev. Goertemiller is pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, a congregation of about 600 baptized members.

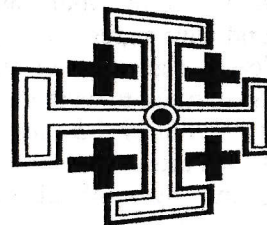
There will be a reception in the Sunset Room for Pastor Al and his wife, Pat, at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, before the 10:00 service.

## *Jensens Host Dinner for Goertemillers*

Ron and Pat Jensen will host a dinner for Rev. Al and Pat Goertemiller on Saturday, August 4 at 6:45 p.m. The Jensens live at 5515 West Branch Drive, north of Four Mile Road.

There will be a reception at

church for the Goertemillers *before* the worship service on August 5. The reception will be at 9:00 a.m., followed by "Mass on the Grass" at 10:00 and "Fun on the Field" at 11:30.



## Memorials

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Howard Foreman: \$10.00

### Designated for R.E.S.T.

In memory of Gary Willis: \$25.00

# Neighborhood Carnival Set for August 5

by Nancy Smith

The members of Emmaus are in high gear as the last-minute touches for the neighborhood carnival falls into place. Over 500 leaflets have been distributed to the surrounding neighborhood. Free tickets were included. Come Sunday morning, the grassy field will be transformed into a mini fairground with games, rides, crafts and food for kids of all ages. Tickets are five for a dollar.

Many hands are helping to make this ambitious outreach project into a major happening. Bakers are creating 80 cakes for the cake walk and baking goodies for the food table. Over 20 game booths will dot the field. Thousands of prizes have been ordered.

Arrangements have been made for a pony ride, a dunk tank, a mini hay ride, and a moon bounce. Fire

and police emergency vehicles will be on display. There will be a wellness center, a Bible story tent, and a face-painting and craft area. Carnival fare consists of grilled hot dogs, chips, popcorn, drinks, and cookies and brownies.



Come and watch our neighbors enjoy a time of "fun on the field." Seating will be provided. If it is comfortable for you to do so, bring your own chairs.

Thanks to the many hands that have worked so diligently and willingly to create this festive occasion.

A special "Yea God" to Kylee and Gregg Albright, Cindi and Loren Larsen, and Traci and Mark Purath, who have been there with their enthusiasm since this idea was conceived this past winter.

# Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Ice Cream Social Aug. 9

Rain or shine, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary will host its annual Ice Cream Social from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 9 at 5820 Lincoln Village Drive. A \$4.00 donation is requested, and includes ice cream, pie, coffee or juice.

The Belle Aire Combo will



provide music. You will also be able to purchase bratwurst, hot dogs, lemonade and chips. Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Bring your lawn chairs and have a great evening!

Please sign up in the Emmaus narthex to bake a pie, or contact Audrey Rasmussen (886-4960). All proceeds go toward enhancing the lives of Lincoln Lutheran residents.

# Purchase Anniversary Banquet Tickets Now for Early Bird Discount

Tickets to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet are available from the church office, or in the narthex before and after weekend worship services. The catered banquet will be at Festival

Hall on September 29.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for kids aged 3-11 years, but you can take advantage of an early-bird discount of \$2.00 per ticket for all tickets purchased by August 31.

# Sunday Sanctuary Services on Hiatus Until September 9

The Sunday evening contemporary worship services sponsored by a number of area congregations, including Emmaus, are on break until September. The Sanctuary Band and local pastors and lay leaders are planning the fall

schedule

Sanctuary will resume Sunday, September 9 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Watch the September *Visitor* for more details.

## EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

**PASTOR:** Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr.#104 633-3059  
**Visitation Pastor:** Sharon Georgi 6733 Jacobsen Lane 886-3960  
Church Council President: Amy Larsen Parish Nurse: Carol Eschmann  
Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Field Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet  
Kids Hope Director: Marty Aiken Groundskeeper: Harley Slater  
Secretary: Paul Berge Custodians: Rick Muhammad & Nathan Albright

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Pastor Mary— mljanz@aol.com 262 634-5515  
Fax: 262 633-0627

August 5 worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship services on August 12, 19 and 26 will be at 9:15 a.m. Informal worship services are held every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The *VISITOR* is published monthly August to June. The deadline for the September *VISITOR* is August 15.

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## Fifty Kids Attend Vacation Bible School

Rocking music, lively worship, engaging Bible studies, creative projects, frequent prayer, active play time and incredible snacks and lunches were all part of this year's Vacation Bible School the week of July 2.

Seventeen pre-schoolers and 31 kids from kindergarten through grade 5 participated in the fun-filled week as they learned about Jesus' love and other key Bible stories. The best news of all is that many of the participants were from our neighborhood and a part of VBS for the very first time.

Pre-schoolers were taught by Nancy Smith, assisted by Pat Floyd, Brandie Pedrosa, Vanessa Kossack, Chris Sedgwick, Erin Tussler and Sue Hall. Art Smith was the photographer who greeted the kids as they arrived.

Each day, the pre-schoolers learned the story behind one of the pictures on the hallway murals: Jonah and the big fish, David and Goliath, Joseph and his colored coat, and Zaccheus.

The older kids, led by Lutherdale counselors Ben, Charlie, Amber and Jenn, followed the theme "Jesus Is..." On Thursday evening, family and friends were invited to a special worship service/program which was followed



VBS students play outdoors

by "pie in the face" (a contest led by the counselors in an effort to raise funds for relief in Bangladesh—over \$260 was contributed!) and an ice cream social.

Dolly Orth and Co. provided colorful, creative and very tasty snacks and lunches every day, ranging from patriotic jello cups to bird's nest desserts (each complete with eggs and a worm!) and smiley-face pizzas. Funds for the food came from grant monies from the Siebert Foundation. Don, Jackie, and Don Orth, Jr. were part of the crew of creative cooks, and Cindi Larsen also assisted one of the days.

Additional thanks go to Julie Field, Carol Rudey, Paul Berge and Pastor Mary, who did much of the behind-the-scenes preliminary work to make this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success! We give God thanks for a wonderful week!

## Emmaus VBS 2001 Photo Album

Photos by Art Smith and Pat Floyd



# Kids Hope Mentors Needed for New School Year

by Marty Aiken

I know things have changed in my life when I'm planning for a new school year and looking forward to its start and the calendar says July. But I also know it is a good change because it means I'm a part of Emmaus's Kids Hope USA program and through our program an important part of the lives of the little and needful children we serve.



I'd like to invite you to begin with me to think seriously about those little children now. Many of the mentors from our first year will continue with their children in the second grade. There will soon be at Wadewitz a new group of children in the first grade with a great need for a committed and loving adult in their lives. Please begin to ask

yourself now if you might be that adult.

As you reflect upon the opportunity to be a mentor, take confidence that really all that is required is the ability to open your heart with compassion and commitment to a child, but also realize that no less than that is required. Also be encouraged that the hurdles of being a completely new program have been cleared, so now we can offer the chance to serve with a head start.

I might have told you that one little child ended the school year by coming up to me in the hall and thanking me for giving him his mentor. Please give me the opportunity to start the school year by thanking you for being a child's mentor

(You can contact Marty at 637-2104, or through the church office, at 634-5515.)

## Sunday School News

### Rally Sunday Proclaims "And It Was Good"

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 16. This special Sunday will include a visit from Daisy the Clown at our 9:15 a.m. worship and lots of fun and surprises following as we continue our exciting "Pathways to Promise"

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

The overall theme this year is "Where in the World is God?" and will begin with the creation story.

More details to come in the September Visitor!



# AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

|                    | Readers            | Special Music  | Altar Guild                                     | Ushers                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Aug. 4<br>5:00 pm  |                    | Joyce Kaiser   | Barb Toslek<br>Kelley Austin                    |                           |
| Aug. 5<br>10:00 am | Gregg<br>Albright  | Sanctuary Band | Arvilla Nemer<br>Lael Richter                   | Team #6<br>John Cook      |
| Aug. 11<br>5:00 pm |                    | Joyce Kaiser   | Pat LeRoux Sodke<br>Boots LeRoux                |                           |
| Aug. 12<br>9:15 am | Kylee<br>Albright  | TBA*           |   | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard  |
| Aug. 18<br>5:00 pm |                    | Cathy Meyer    | <del>Ev. Larsen</del><br>Lyle & Marge<br>Zielke |                           |
| Aug. 19<br>9:15 am | Ken Larsen         | Patt Reistsma  | Mildred Schroth<br>Marge Jensen                 | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi  |
| Aug. 25<br>5:00 pm |                    | Cathy Meyer    | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barbara Larsen                 |                           |
| Aug. 26<br>9:15 am | Chris<br>Lamberton | Cathy Meyer    |   | Team #2<br>Harold Miller  |
| Sept. 1<br>5:00 pm |                    | TBA            | Pat Jensen                                      |                           |
| Sept. 2<br>9:15 am | Chris<br>Lamberton | Chris Inloes   | Gregg & Kylee<br>Albright                       | Team #3<br>R. Christensen |

\*David Kaap is unable to be with us on August 12 as previously announced.

## Altar Flowers


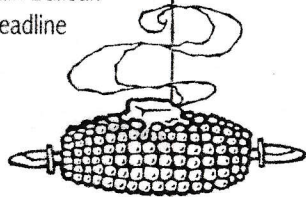

Aug. 5 Gil Toslek  
Aug. 12 G. & J. Dykstra  
Aug. 19 R. & K. Christensen  
Aug. 26 Celia Weber  
Sept. 2 A. Larsen, A. Schultz

## Fellowship

Bonnie French  
Jeff & Linda Clinton  
Please sign  
up on the  
orange sheet

## Candle Care Worship Asst.

Cheryl Dexter  
through  
August  
Pat Jensen  
Rev. A. Goertemiller  
Kathy Christensen  
Rev. Russell Scheel

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY   |
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| <h1>August 2001</h1> <p><b>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church</b><br/>           1925 Summit Avenue,<br/>           Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374<br/>           Telephone 262 634-5515<br/>           Fax 262 633-0726<br/>           e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com<br/>           http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p> |   |  | <b>1</b><br>                                | <b>2</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline<br>5:00 pm Community<br>Meal at St.<br>Patrick's<br>7:00 pm Stamp Club                   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>5:00 pm Worship<br>Service w/HC;<br>guest preacher<br>Rev. Al<br>Goertemiller<br>6:45 pm Jensens host<br>dinner for<br>Goertemillers |
| <b>5</b> <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:00 am Reception for Goertemillers<br>10:00 am <b>Worship Service</b> "Mass on the<br>Grass" with Holy Communion; guest<br>preacher Rev. Al Goertemiller<br>11:30 am Emmaus carnival, to 3:30  | <b>6</b><br>7:00 pm Worship<br>& Music<br>Cmte.   | <b>7</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                       | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline<br>5:00 pm Lincoln<br>Lutheran Ice<br>Cream Social                                       | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>5:00 pm <b>Worship<br/>           Service</b> with Holy<br>Communion  |
| <i>ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Indianapolis, IN, August 8-14</i>  |   |  |  |  |           |  |
| <b>12</b> <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:15 am <b>Worship Service</b> WOV Service of<br>Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  | <b>13</b><br>6:30 pm Church<br>council  | <b>14</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS<br>Pastor Mary moves to<br>parsonage | <b>15</b> <i>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i><br>Sept. <i>Visitor</i> deadline   | <b>16</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline<br> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>5:00 pm <b>Worship<br/>           Service</b> with Holy<br>Communion<br><i>wedding</i>  |
| <i>ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Indianapolis, IN, August 8-14</i>  |   |  |  |  |           |  |
| <b>19</b> <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:15 am <b>Worship Service</b> Chicago Folk<br>Service with Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  | <b>20</b> <i>Day of Prayer<br/>           for Peace in<br/>           Middle East</i><br>6:00 pm Anniver-<br>sary Cmte. | <b>21</b><br>9:00 am Cluster Clergy<br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS            | <b>22</b> <i>Emmaus founded, 1851</i><br> | <b>23</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>5:00 pm <b>Worship<br/>           Service</b> with Holy<br>Communion<br>7:00 pm Atonement<br>REST orientation                       |
| <b>26</b> <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:15 am <b>Worship Service</b> WOV Service of<br>Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  | <b>27</b><br>6:00 pm REST<br>Board  | <b>28</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                      | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline   | <b>31</b> | September 1<br>5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b><br>with Holy<br>Communion<br><i>Weddings</i>   |

# EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Director: Carol Eschmann

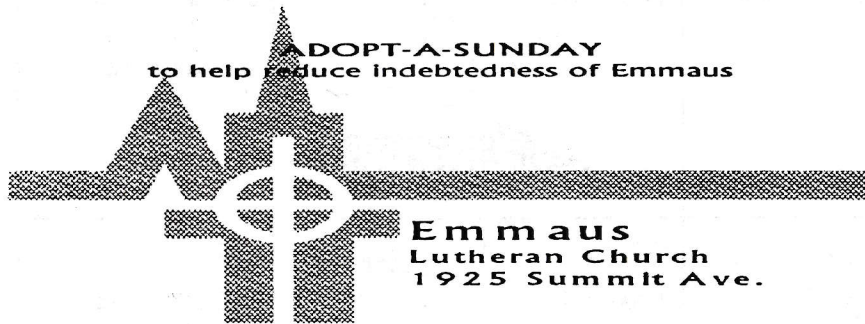
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.



## August Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

|         |                      |                                 |       |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Aug. 1  | George Mathieus      | 5455 Durand Avenue              | 53406 |
| Aug. 4  | Don Gueldenzopf      | 6101 16th Street                | 53406 |
| Aug. 8  | Norman Sorensen      | 3124 N. Green Bay Road          | 53404 |
| Aug. 8  | Dorothy Holtz        | 2200 Carlisle Avenue            | 53404 |
| Aug. 10 | Margaret Christensen | 221 William Street              | 53402 |
| Aug. 10 | Fern Clark           | 1400 Eighth Avenue, Union Grove | 53182 |
| Aug. 11 | Betty Barth          | 4940 Chester Lane #5            | 53402 |
| Aug. 12 | Al Beck              | 733 West Lawn Avenue            | 53405 |
| Aug. 14 | Robert Lawrenz       | 1921 Mount Pleasant Street      | 53404 |
| Aug. 17 | Audrey Rasmussen     | 2755 Bartel's Drive             | 53406 |
| Aug. 28 | Caroline Schultz     | 812 Illinois Street             | 53405 |



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

Sunday to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Letter

### Thanks for Your Prayers

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church,  
 I want to thank everyone for the prayers cards and concerns for my dad, George Mathieus. He is doing wonderfully well and has

made a blessed recovery.  
 Thank you all.  
 Gratefully,  
 Dolly Orth

## This Month In Emmaus History

### Scandinavian Lutherans Found Church

Wisconsin was admitted to the Union in 1848 during a period of growing Danish immigration to the United States. At the time, Denmark and Norway were a single kingdom. The first Schleswig-Holstein war between Denmark and the German states was underway; the U.S. Civil War was still thirteen years in the future.



Rev. Ole Andrewson

In the 1840's, 539 Danes and 17,000 Norwegians came to the U.S. In the 1850's, those numbers increased to 3,749 and 36,070; in the 1860's, America received nearly 10,000 Danes and over 65,000 Norwegians. Many Norwegian and Danish immigrants settled in Racine, including mostly Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists and Lutherans.

On August 22, 1851, a small group of Norwegians and Danes gathered at the Racine home of a carpenter named John Lawson to

organize a church where they could worship as they had in their homelands; this was the sixteenth such meeting. Those who were present had three things in common: their Scandinavian heritage, the Christian faith, and very little money.

The group elected John S. Bang, John Lawson and Andrew Johnson trustees, adopted a constitution, and formed a building committee. But within a short time, the constitution was considered unacceptable because it contained no articles of faith or doctrine; it was rewritten two years later. Bang, incidentally, married a Methodist.

In 1852 a small, rectangular frame building was constructed as the house of worship for the original membership of fifty-two people—eight families and nineteen single persons. The church was

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## Second Quarter Giving Statements Available at Church

Emmaus members' giving statements for the second quarter (April to June) are available in sealed envelopes in the narthex on Sunday mornings and from the church office on weekdays. There are no plans to mail out all the

statements that do not get picked up, if you are unable to pick up your statement and would like it sent to you, however, please call the church office any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Thanks for Sunday Adoption!

We thank Audrey Rasmussen for adopting a Sunday in July in honor of her husband, Ralph, on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of

Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in worship bulletins and in issues of the *Emmaus Visitor*.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

|   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>May:</b>    | 1999: <b>168</b> | 2000: <b>147</b> | 2001: <b>140</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>June:</b>   | 1999: <b>165</b> | 2000: <b>134</b> | 2001: <b>126</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>July:</b>   | 1999: <b>124</b> | 2000: <b>137</b> | 2001: <b>132</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>August:</b> | 1999: <b>147</b> | 2000: <b>137</b> |                  |

### Financial Figures

|                                       |             |                            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| General/Misc. Fund offerings in June  | \$10,126.35 | YTD \$94,248.95            |
| Bldg. Fund offerings received in June | \$770.00    | YTD \$2,572.00             |
| Unified receipts for June             | \$10,896.35 | YTD \$96,820.95            |
| 2001 Fund offerings in June           | \$439.00    | CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$84,700.22 |
| July mortgage payments:               |             |                            |
| Principal                             | \$423.39    | 91,387.12                  |
| Interest                              | \$542.61    |                            |
| Total                                 | \$966.00    |                            |
| Principal balance as of July 12, 2001 |             | \$78,924.70                |

## Rummage Sale Set for September 15

Don't forget the Emmaus annual rummage sale September 15. If you have items you no longer want or need, set them aside now.

All donations will be welcomed. More information will be published in the September *Visitor*.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal August 2

It's that time again! Please sign up in the narthex to prepare either a cake, casserole or jello for the Thursday, August 2 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. The recipe for the

casserole is available in the church office.

Pick up a pan and cover in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your willingness to provide this service.

## Emmaus History

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called "The First Scandinavian Lutheran Church of Racine" and was located on the west side of Marquette Street between State and Liberty. It was later moved to a location facing State Street where Dania Hall now stands. Only thirty-eight by twenty-four feet with an eighteen-foot ceiling, this first church would have easily fit inside the nave of the present church.

For several years, First Scandinavian was annexed to Milwaukee, holding services only occasionally. The first preacher, and one of the organizers of the new church, was Ole Andrewson, 33, also known as Ole Andersen Aasen, ordained on September 20, 1851. He was a member of the Franckian Synod of New York, a breakaway group from the Norwegian Synod. The Milwaukee farmer also served congregations in that city and in Muskego until moving to Fox River, Illinois, in 1853.



Ole Hattlestad

Hans (or Henry) L. Larsen is listed as serving the Racine congregation as a licensed pastor from 1851 to 1853. Almost nothing is known about him save that he studied at Hartwick Seminary in New York from 1848 to 1851, and that he was in poor health during his pastorate here and very seldom able to conduct worship services. He was, however, on the committee that produced the 1853 constitution.

Another organizer of the original church, lay preacher Ole Jensen Hattlestad, 28, often filled the pulpit when Larsen could not. He was another author of the 1853 constitution, along with John Lawson and brothers John S. and L.J. Bang.

In the fall of 1853, Hattlestad accepted a call to a church in Leland, Illinois. Over the next two years, Andrewson took over Hattlestad's duties in Leland in the winter and spring so that Hattlestad could keep the Racine church going until the arrival of its next pastor.

## Volunteers Spruce Up Parsonage

Emmaus undertook a number of projects in the empty parsonage immediately following the week-long stay of the Lutherdale counselors. Outside help has been called in to refinish hardwood floors, replace the bathtub and install carpeting in two bedrooms and the den.

Beyond that, Bill Irvine has coordinated many, many hours of work by volunteers. That includes replacing of hardware and sanding and painting the kitchen cupboards.

Time is also being volunteered for removal of wallpaper, painting, cupboard lining, replacing of light fixtures, window washing and other general "handy-man/handy-woman" jobs and cleaning.

Help is still needed with painting and other miscellaneous

tasks.

Carpeting is being installed August 1, and moving day for Pastor Mary is set for August 14.

A big thank-you goes out to all who have already helped make her move from the condo to the parsonage as smooth as possible. If anyone is interested in helping early in August, they can contact Bill Irvine (639-8971) or Pastor Mary (634-5515).

## Classifieds

For sale: 3-bedroom brick house, north side near Roosevelt School. 1½ baths, 2 fireplaces, central a/c. Contact Pat Jensen at 681-1466.

## Mercury Is Hazard to Health, Environment

*from the Racine Dept. of Health*

Mercury exposure is dangerous to humans. It is especially dangerous to unborn babies during pregnancy. Mercury poisoning has been linked to nervous system, kidney and liver damage, and impaired childhood development. Nervous system disorders include impaired vision, speech, hearing and coordination.

Many products in the home can contain mercury. These include fluorescent lamps, mercury batteries, mercury thermostats,

mercury switches and household fever thermometers—a common source of mercury contamination when they break.

Mercury is the silver colored fluid in thermometers. Red colored fluid is alcohol-based and is generally considered non-hazardous, except when swallowed.

The City of Racine recently enacted an ordinance that bans the sale of mercury thermometers in our community. You may want to consider replacing your mercury

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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

# Fun on the Field

## Neighborhood Carnival

**August 5 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

You can help by:

- TELLING STORIES
- PHONING
- CLEANING UP
- WORKING A BOOTH
- BAKING CAKES
- PROMOTING EVENT
- DELIVERING FLYERS
- SELLING TICKETS
- BAKING GOODIES

Sign up in the narthex or contact

GREGG & KYLEE ALBRIGHT 639-6433  
CINDI & LOREN LARSEN 681-0282  
TRACI & MARK PURATH 752-0007  
NANCY SMITH 633-3059  
CHURCH OFFICE 634-5515

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Respite Services Help With Home Care

Respite Services of Lincoln Lutheran is a Faith In Action organization which matches trained volunteers with families who are caring for an older adult at home. Volunteers provide two to four hours of companionship; this gives the care-giver time to go for a walk, meet a friend for lunch, run errands, or do whatever they need to rejuvenate.

Respite Services Harmony Club is a whole day away for the

care-giver. Harmony Clubs are located at six Racine area churches and at the Burlington Senior Center. Along with a registered nurse, volunteers provide a day filled with fun and laughter for an older adult, leaving time for the care-giver to break away for the day.

If you are the care-giver of an older adult, or know someone who is, please call Respite Services at 632-9828.

### Milwaukee Choir Opens Auditions

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee invites qualified singers to audition for their 2001-02 concert season. Auditions will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Wauwatosa on Tuesday, August 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Rehearsals begin on August 28

and are held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's. Please contact James Larson, Music Director, at 262-949-8541 or 262-740-7541 for more information or to set up an audition appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Mercury

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thermometer with a digital thermometer, available at many retail outlets.

Do not dispose of products containing mercury in the trash. Small amounts of mercury can contaminate relatively large portions of the environment.

The Racine Wastewater Utility, located at 2101 S.

Wisconsin Avenue, is currently conducting a mercury disposal program. The utility accepts switches, thermostats, thermometers and bulk mercury for safe disposal. You may bring those items to the utility on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call 636-7523 for further information.

## Pastor Mary's Column

### The Body of Christ

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Cor. 12:14, 15, 27)

It was on our recent mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, that the above words of St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians took on added meaning for me.

In our orientation the first day in Juarez, the group was reminded that we must never forget our best friends: (1) Jesus, (2) our water bottle, and (3) the YouthWorks! staff person who was assigned as our site director.

As the week went on, it was apparent how important it was that we all function together as a group. We prayed and played and worked together, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus.

I still marvel at the way hearts were touched during our time in Mexico. Relationships were built between our kids and the kids of Mexico — some a continuation of connections that began a year ago.

Blisters, bruises and tired backs and muscles were by-products of the time we spent doing construction (we helped finish a school library and did work in two houses in progress), and we did experience physically that "when one part of the body suffers, the whole body suffers."

But, more than that, we experienced the satisfaction and joy that came with honoring the weaker members of the Body of Christ.

Those Mexican people shared with us unconditionally — their gratitude, their food and even purified ice on several occasions! There was cause for rejoicing when those families were honored and were offered hope for the future because of the servant hearts and hands of our young people and the work



Youth Mission Project

they did.

We truly were the body of Christ, crossing barriers of nationality, language, and skin color. In Juarez, we learned more about what being "one in the Spirit" is all about. And, the body of Christ became even stronger as we offered ourselves in service.

Whether in Racine or in Juarez, there is evidence of the Body of Christ at work. I see it as four babies are baptized at Emmaus

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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during July alone, each being claimed as a child of God and as a member of the body of Christ. I see it as families and individuals are working hard preparing for our neighborhood outreach event, the August 5 carnival.

I am grateful to all who are serving in any way as a part of Christ's body — planning and leading worship, preparing food for the community meal, visiting homebound members, serving as


mentors, offering hours of time to care for the yard, the church and the parsonage (kudos to all who have so willingly pitched in so far!) and the list goes on... As the body of Christ, we honor him as we become servants in his name. May God continue to bless our community through our servanthood, and may our passion for reaching out in the love of Christ become even stronger in the months ahead!

In the Spirit's love,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary

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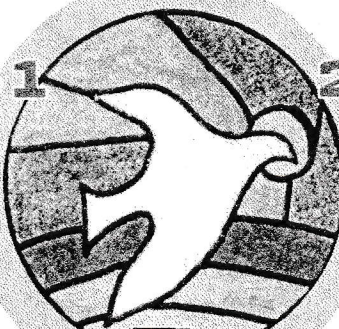


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## PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:  
**Tonia Vaughn &  
 Brian Jarstad**  
 August 18, 2001

Brian is a sales representative for Advance Chemical Company. Tonia is employed by Kewpee's. Their wedding took place at Caledonia-Mt. Pleasant Park in Franksville.

Baptism:  
**Brianna Faith McLain**  
 August 30, 2001

Brianna is the great-granddaughter of Lael Richter. Her parents are John and Melissa McLain. Her sponsors are Sam and Jennifer Suprak.

## Rev. Russell Scheel to Preach Sept. 1, 2

Rev. Russell Scheel, a son of the congregation, will be our guest preacher at Saturday and Sunday worship services September 1 and 2. Everyone is invited to the Sunset Room for a reception for Rev. Scheel after the Sunday worship service.

The Scheel family history at Emmaus goes back several generations. Rev. Scheel is a brother of Bonnie French, a cousin of Bev Johnson, and a brother-in-law of John Psiones.



Rev. Scheel

Rev. Scheel served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Penn Yan, New York for fifteen years, and as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, for twelve.

John Psiones has invited anyone interested to come to dinner with Rev. Scheel at the Summit Restaurant, 6825 Washington Avenue (note change), at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 1. Time is short, so call John at 634-2616.

## Watch for Scrip Sales

by Pat Liesch

Scrip continues to make money for the Anniversary Committee! Watch for the sales each Saturday and Sunday after

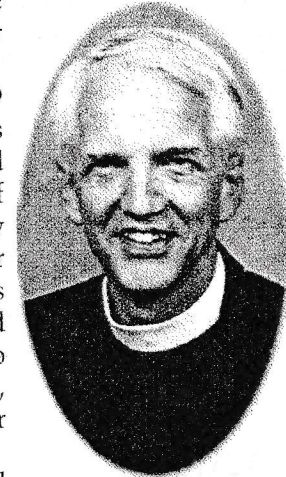
services. We still take special orders—just in time for the Christmas season. If you have questions, please call Pat Liesch or Cathy Meyer.

## Visit by Bishop Rogness to Cap Anniversary Celebration

September 29 and 30 have been earmarked as the weekend to highlight our anniversary year.

The September 29 banquet at Festival Hall is open to members and friends; a number of donated complimentary tickets are available for individuals or families who might otherwise find it difficult to attend. To request those tickets, contact Pastor Mary or the church office.

Our festival anniversary worship will be at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 30. Bishop Peter



Bishop Peter Rogness

Rogness will be our guest preacher. Following the worship service, there will be Sunday School as usual.

There will also be a reception in the Sunset Room at 10:30 with an opportunity to meet Bishop Rogness. From 10:30 to noon, Pastor Mary will host an open house at the parsonage.

Anniversary history books will be available for \$5.00 each the weekend of September 29 and 30.

The book has been prepared under the direction of Kathy Christensen.

## Wheat Ridge's Bimler Brings Laughter to Banquet

On Saturday evening, September 29, Emmaus will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special dinner at Festival Hall. Please make plans to join us for an exciting evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

Tickets will be on sale at the Saturday services and before and after the Sunday services. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children 3 to 11, and free to children less than 3 years of age. The deadline for ticket sales is

Thursday, September 13.

The Anniversary Committee decided it would be fun to invite a speaker to our special dinner who would be humorous and leave us with laughter. Richard Bimler, President of Wheat Ridge Ministries, fits the bill as he juggles and has enough one-liners to fill a hymnal. He links theology and humor, lighting up audiences with a heartfelt message: Let there be laughter!

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## ELCA Elects Mark Hanson Bishop

Rev. Mark S. Hanson, bishop of the ELCA Saint Paul Area Synod, was elected Presiding Bishop of the ELCA at the church's national assembly in Indianapolis August 8 through 14. Hanson, 51, was elected on the fifth ballot with 533 votes of 1,032 cast. He will succeed Rev. H. George Anderson as Presiding Bishop on November 1, 2001.

Ordained in 1974, Bishop Hanson is a member of the Augsburg College Board of Regents and of the Common Board Communities for the Archdiocese

Housing Corporation, Minneapolis. His wife, Ione, is director of social work for Children's Hospitals, Minneapolis and St. Paul. They have six children and one grandchild.

During the balloting process, nominees for Presiding Bishop appeared before voting members for a Q&A session. Bishop Hanson answered a question on the role of rostered lay people in the ELCA by saying "We have undervalued rostered lay people in our desire to

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## Anniversary Banquet

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Bimler travels the world on behalf of Wheat Ridge's mission to seed new health and hope ministries. He tells of the time when he came down with a nasty case of shingles on his way to Australia and was forced to cancel a lecture on "health and healing."

We will also have special music and a display of some of the historical photos of Emmaus' history. Children are encouraged to attend with their families because we are striving to make this a total family event.

Danny's of Racine will cater the menu for the Anniversary

Dinner. It will be a baked chicken dinner with all the trimmings. We will even have Danish layer cake for dessert!



The doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. If you have any

questions about the dinner, please call Carol Rudey, 632-0643, or the church office, 634-5515.

Several tickets have been donated to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, so if you need tickets, please talk to Pastor Mary.

Come join us for a once-in-a-lifetime event!

## 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Classes

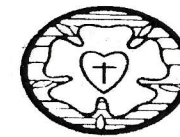
### Confirmand Orientation Slated September 19

Orientation for parents and 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30

p.m. Regular confirmation classes will begin September 26.

### 10th Graders to Meet with Mentors September 19

Tenth graders at Emmaus begin their final steps toward their confirmation as full members of Emmaus this fall, assisted by one adult mentor for each.



Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 19.

They will meet one-on-one with their mentors several times between then and their

The confirmands-to-be will meet their mentors at an orientation meeting at Emmaus at

confirmation at the 9:15 worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 28.

## EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

**PASTOR:** Mary L. Janz      1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059  
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 Youth Music Director: Karla Bielewicz      Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet  
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 Groundskeeper: Harley Slater

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 Fax: 262 633-0627

Sunday worship services are held at 9:15 a.m. Informal worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room; due to the Anniversary Banquet, there will be no Saturday service on September 29. Sunday School begins September 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The VISITOR is published monthly August to June. The deadline for the October VISITOR is September 16.

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# Rally Sunday Proclaims "And It Was Good"

Rally Day for Sunday School is September 16. Families are encouraged to attend the morning worship at 9:15 a.m. Daisy the Clown will provide the creation sermon during worship and kick off the Sunday School hour at 10:30 a.m.

Emmaus last year adopted the Workshop Rotation model for teaching Bible stories. This new model for Sunday School provides the children with an opportunity to learn Bible stories through participation in creative media-inspired, kid-pleasing workshops.

These workshops include art, drama, audio-visual, computers,

Bible games, puppets, food and music. Classes rotate to new workshops each week for a four- or five-week "rotation" period.

During that period only one Bible story is taught. Workshop teachers do not rotate. They stay put in their workshop — repeating their lesson to a new group of children each week. The shepherds accompany their class to the next workshop area each week.

The creation story will be explored during the first rotation. Other fun and exciting Bible stories are planned throughout the rest of the year.



## Sunday School Start-up

## Tentative Plans Set for 2002 Juarez Mission Trip

Several Racine congregations are looking at the possibility of organizing a joint high school mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, next July.

Cost of the trip will be \$275.00 per person, with the remainder to be covered by fund raising events throughout the year.

There will be an organization/

ELCA

information meeting at 10:30 a.m.

on Sunday, September 23. **Deposits of \$50.00 are due by October 7.**

Interested youth and parents who are not able to attend the September 23 meeting should contact Pastor Mary **before** that time to make

arrangements or to receive additional information.

## MISSION TRIP



## Sunday School Staffing Nearly Complete

As preparations are being made for the kick-off of Sunday School September 16, teachers, shepherds and leaders are in place for the first "rotation." Following is the roster thus far:

Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Field

Sunday School Music/Opening worship: Karla Bielewicz

Shepherds: Jackie Orth, Cecelia Bagley, Amy Larsen

Art Workshop: Kris Bournoville

Drama Workshop: Vicki Butler

Video Workshop: Brenda Gieszler

Food Workshop: Jamie Toslek

Pre-School Teachers: Joy Lippmann, Denise Keller

6th/7th Grade Teacher: Carol Rudey

8th/9th Grade Teacher: Carol Yust

Still needed at press time is an additional shepherd or two. Workshop teachers are also being recruited for the second rotation beginning in late October.

The first unit this year is based on the creation story and the

second unit will cover the Old Testament figure of Joseph.

A staff meeting has been set for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4. For more details, please contact Julie Field at 752-0194.

## Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 7
- Sept. 3 Rebecca Gottfredsen, 18
- Sept. 3 Nicole Larsen, 17
- Sept. 3 Melanie Pearce, 7
- Sept. 7 Nate Pearson, 18
- Sept. 8 Ashley Konsinowski, 15
- Sept. 8 Nicholas Estep, 14
- Sept. 9 Nicole Maryland, 18
- Sept. 9 Andrew Reischl, 14
- Sept. 9 Kelli Zeleski, 4
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 10
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 5
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 9
- Sept. 17 Jon Oestreich, 10
- Sept. 22 Tayler Ready, 2
- Sept. 22 Valerie Yorgan, 16
- Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 12
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lamberton, 9

## Renewed Need for Sunday Nursery

Due to a lack of use, the Sunday morning nursery did not operate during the past year. There now appears to be a renewed interest and need for the nursery, however.

If you, your friends, or potential visitors you know of would take advantage of child care

during the 9:15 a.m. worship service, please contact the church office. Using the day care area for our nursery is being considered.

Anyone interested in helping staff the nursery should contact Pastor Mary (634-5515 or 633-3059).



## Rummage/Bake Sale Set for September 15

by Pat Liesch

The annual Emmaus Rummage and Bake sale will be held Saturday, September 15 starting at 9:00 a.m.

We need donations of items you no longer want or need (however, no adult clothing), and baked goods. Rummage donations can be brought to the Fellowship Hall in the church basement starting Wednesday, September 12.



We also need your help. Please consider contributing some of your time to sort and price donated items on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and also to help with the sale on Saturday. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex.

This is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with your Emmaus family while working together for your church. Questions can be directed to Pat Liesch (835-1363) or Kathy Christensen (886-2151).

## Adult Choir Invites You

The Adult Choir will kick off its season of church music with its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. Any person in high school or older is invited to be a part of this vibrant — not to mention fun — group of people.

Voices of all ranges are needed. No specific training or background is required.

Regular rehearsals are held each Wednesday in the choir loft. For more information call Marsha Connet at 633-2047.

## Sanctuary Services Resume at Good Shepherd

Sanctuary worship services start again September 9 at their new time: 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary is a weekly informal worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5040 Northwestern Avenue, led by the



band which led the "Mass on the Grass" worship service at Emmaus in August.

Come to Good Shepherd at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 9, for a pre-service picnic!

## WELCA Bulletins

## Afternoon Circles to Meet September 12

by Betty Barth

The September Circle meetings for the Rebecca and Mary Circles have been changed to Wednesday, September 12 at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Mary will introduce our new Bible study on "Women of the Bible."

The Miriam Circle will meet Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Mary will also introduce the new Bible study to the Miriam Circle. We would like to invite any woman to join us for Bible study

### Racine Cluster Brunch

The Women of the ELCA Racine Cluster will have their Fall Brunch on Saturday morning, October 6 at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 327 Ohio Street, a handicapped accessible church. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will close by noon with a communion service. The cost is \$4.00.

The special guest will be retired police officer Julia Burney, who will tell us about the newly established Reading Center. We will also hear about the fifth Triennial Convention in 2002 in



Julia Burney

Philadelphia. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or call Ruth Hlavka, 639-2061.

### Synod Women's Convention

Women of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod will have their convention October 12-13 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc. Cheryl Dexter will attend as Emmaus' delegate. Ruth Hlavka will attend as a visitor. If there are others who would like to attend, call Betty Barth, 639-7894.

### Book Club

There are several women interested in starting a book club here at Emmaus. What they need is someone willing to organize it. If this would interest you, please contact the church office.

### Women's Weekend at Lutherdale

Rev. Carol Baumgartner will lead Lutherdale's Women's Retreat September 21-23. Activities include group Bible study, refreshing worship experiences, meditative healing exercises, hand-on low-fat nutrition demonstration, introduction to Reike, schedule your massage with the resident masseuse, and relaxing music with Susan Daniels.

Call Lutherdale for registration information at 262-742-2352.

# FALL BRUNCH

WELCA Racine Cluster



Saturday morning, October 6, 2001  
8:30 a.m. (registration) to 12:00 noon  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
327 Ohio Street Racine  
*Handicapped-accessible*



**Program:**  
Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center  
Officer Julia Burney

James 1:22 "Be ye doers of the word ..."

Each church must call paid reservation count by October 1  
Phone 634-8851

Cost \$4.00

## REST Program Begins Ninth Year

by Pat Liesch

It's that time again. REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) resumes in October. Atonement Lutheran Church will be joining us this year, on the first Friday of every month. Emmaus will still be responsible for the second, fourth, and fifth Fridays of every month, and Second Presbyterian will once again be responsible for the third Friday of every month.

The procedures will be pretty

much the same, except for the addition of our new shower! Someone on the first shift will be responsible for getting the folks in and out of the shower in a timely manner, and making sure they clean up after themselves.

Jim Palmer will once again make our sign up sheet, so watch for it in the narthex. We especially need volunteers, for all shifts to start the season, as we are expecting large numbers this year. If you have any questions, please call me at 835-1363. Thanks!

## Lutheran World Relief Seeks School and Health Kits

by Betty Barth

Emmaus will send sewing kits with the Lutheran World Relief shipment on October 13. People are encouraged to make up a kit and bring it to church and deposit it in the basket in the narthex.

Include the following items in each sewing kit:

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton blend fabric; four yards if 36"
  - One package of needles for hand sewing
  - One spool of matching thread
  - One card of buttons
  - Wrap sewing notions inside the fabric and tie with string, yarn or a strip of fabric.
- Kits are used to teach the

young girls to sew. In some countries men and women use the sewing kits to help learn a trade and earn an income. Please help us with this project.

## Berge Seeks Sponsors for AIDS Walk

Our secretary, Paul Berge, plans to participate in Milwaukee's AIDS Walk on September 29.

Paul invites anyone interested in sponsoring him to stop by the church office on weekdays or call 634-5515. The AIDS Walk raises funds for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and several Wisconsin HIV/AIDS charities.

## What You Need to Make LWR Kits

Our annual collection for Lutheran World Relief takes place through the month of September. Lutherans across Racine and the nation will put together school and health kits, blankets and quilts, sewing kits and men's and children's clothing.

Racine donations toward the 2001 Lutheran World Relief Fall Clothing Drive will be loaded onto the train Saturday morning October 13.



- Six new pencils with erasers.
- One eraser about 2½" long.
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons.
- One cloth bag about 12"x14" with cloth handles. Pack all the items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands if you wish.

### Health Kits

Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles—you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits. Each kit should contain:

- One hand towel.
- One washcloth.
- One bath-size bar of any brand of soap.
- One toothbrush.
- One 5-7 oz. tube of toothpaste.
- One comb.
- One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached.
- Six bandages, preferably ½-¾".

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel, or pack in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

### School Kits

School kits are a way to tell children whose lives have been disrupted by war or natural disaster that someone far away cares about them. Adults in literacy classes also appreciate the supplies needed to learn reading and writing.

Each school kit should contain:

- Pads or notebooks of 100-150 sheets of ruled paper approximately 8½"x11".
- One blunt scissors. The "safety" scissors with imbedded steel blades are an excellent choice.
- One 30-cm (12") metric ruler (very few countries measure in inches).
- One pencil sharpener.

## Emmaus Carnival Attracts Neighbors and Friends

August 5 was a day filled with lively worship on the front lawn followed by fun and fellowship in the field adjoining the parsonage.

Under the leadership of the Sanctuary Band, "Mass on the Grass" provided a new venue for worship. Former Emmaus pastor, Rev. Al Goertemiller, was the guest preacher for the day. He and his wife, Pat, were honored at a reception preceding the morning worship.

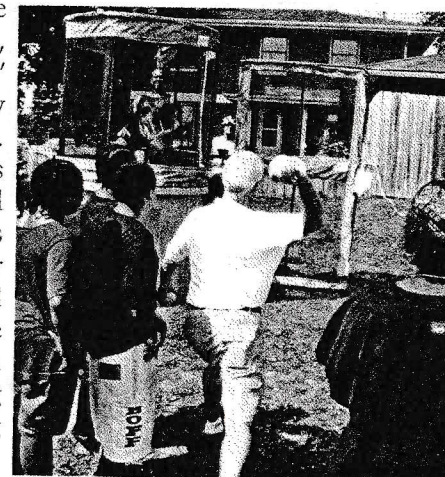
The afternoon festival on the field was filled with food, fun, laughter, and a myriad of games and activities for all ages. Co-chairs for the event were Nancy Smith and Gregg and Kylee Albright. Other members of the organizing committee were Cindi & Loren Larsen, and Traci & Mark Purath.

Dozens of people volunteered to make the event a huge success — from baking cakes and cookies, to distributing flyers and yard signs, to creating and running the booths and games. In addition to the games and activities, there was a wellness tent (complete with free bottled water) run by Carol Eschmann and the food table run by Carol Yust, Lisa Zielke, Don and

Dolly Orth and their families.

The biggest attraction was the dunk tank — initiated by Pastor Mary and later dunking a number of other willing individuals.

Flyers were distributed to approximately 1,500 neighborhood households. Over sixty families who had received those flyers and free tickets responded and participated in the carnival.



The outreach event for the neighborhood was subsidized by funds from the Siebert Foundation grant earmarked for outreach.

Following the carnival, one of our neighbors from across the alley came to thank us for bringing such wholesome, affordable fun to the neighborhood. Another neighbor who was unable to attend sent the church a note with a \$10.00 donation.

A big thank you to each and every one who pitched in with such positive spirits and a true sense of teamwork! The neighbors are already asking if we'll do this again! We'll give the organizers a month or two to catch their breath before we answer that question.

## Thanks from Al and Pat Goertemiller

Dear Mary,

Thank you and the Anniversary Committee for the invitation to us to return to Emmaus during the sesquicentennial year, and specifically for Al to preach at worship on Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5. We both enjoyed meeting many



The Goertemillers

former acquaintances and friends, and we are most grateful for the welcome and hospitality shown by everyone.

Pat and Ron Jensen were most gracious to host the dinner to which we were invited on Saturday evening. ...

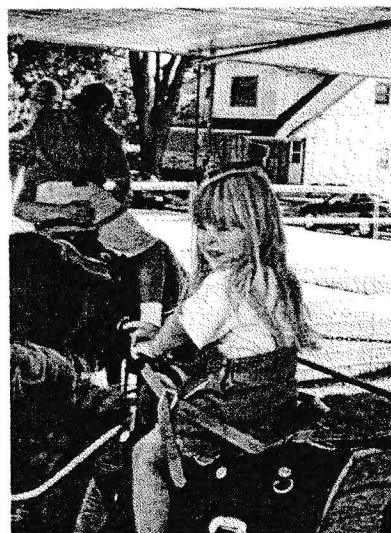
Sincerely in Christ,  
Al & Pat Goertemiller

## Neighbors Express Appreciation for Carnival

Dear staff and members of the Emmaus Lutheran ELCA:

Just a small donation for the tickets you left in my mailbox re: your carnival. I would have come, but we had already gotten tickets to go to Chrysler employees picnic in Kenosha.

When I look out my window daily at your church, I always think of Mrs. Ester Allen who was taken away from us. She was so good. She was my daughter's teacher. Charmaine is 30 years old now, and is an accountant for



Pony ride at Carnival

Gateway College.

Respectfully yours,  
Jewelene Morris

Dear Friends at Emmaus!

Thank you ever so much for the wonderful Carnival on the church grounds. My granddaughter and I had a wonderful time. She especially liked the snow cones and the ponies!

Thank you for a great day.

Linda &  
Rebecca

# SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

|                     | READERS                                       | ALTAR GUILD                       | USHERS                      |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sept. 1             |   | Pat Jensen                        |                             |
| Sept. 2<br>9:15 am  | Chris Lamberton                               | Gregg & Kylee Albright            | Team #3<br>Rich Christensen |
| Sept. 8<br>5:00 pm  |   | Barb Toslek<br>Kelley Austin      |                             |
| Sept. 9<br>9:15 am  | Al Svendsen                                   |                                   | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer       |
| Sept. 15<br>5:00 pm |   | Sandy Strini<br>Kim Simonsen      |                             |
| Sept. 16<br>9:15 am | RALLY DAY                                     | Linda Meteyard<br>Helen Mickelson | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen    |
| Sept. 22<br>5:00 pm |   | Brian & Denise Keller             |                             |
| Sept. 23<br>9:15 am | Mildred Schroth                               |                                   | Team #6<br>John Cook        |
| Sept. 29            | <i>No Saturday worship service this week.</i> |                                   |                             |
| Sept. 30<br>9:15 am | Audrey Rasmussen                              |                                   | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard    |
| Oct. 6<br>5:00 pm   |   | TBA                               |                             |
| Oct. 7<br>9:15 am   | Karen Sedgwick                                | TBA                               | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi    |



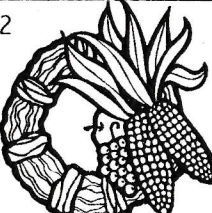
|          | Altar Flowers       | Fellowship              | Candle Care | Pastor/Liturgist    |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 2  | A. Larsen; Kreimers | Anniversary Committee   | Pat Jensen  | Rev. Russell Scheel |
| Sept. 9  | Woodwards           | Bonnie French           | through     | Rev. Sharon Georgi  |
| Sept. 16 | Woodwards           | Please sign up!         | September   | Erin Tussler        |
| Sept. 23 | Doni & Dolly Orth   | Dennis & Carol Eschmann | —           | —                   |
| Sept. 30 | Zielkes             | Al & June Beck          | Ruth Estep  | Bishop P. Rogness   |



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# September, 2001

**1**  
 12:00 noon Bender-Decker wedding  
 3:00 pm Kreimer-Offield wedding  
 5:00 pm **Worship Service** with  
 Holy Communion; guest  
 preacher Rev. R. Scheel

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| <p><b>2</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service</b> <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 w/Holy Communion; guest preacher Rev. Russell Scheel<br/>     10:15 am Coffee fellowship<br/>     10:15 am Blood Pressure checks</p>  | <p><b>3</b> Labor Day<br/> <i>Office closed</i></p>  | <p><b>4</b><br/>     10:00 am Seniors<br/>     5:00 pm TOPS<br/>     6:00 pm Sunday School staff mtg.<br/>     7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee</p> | <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>     11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline<br/>     7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>                | <p><b>7</b></p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/>     2:00 pm Hubert-Pelky wedding<br/>     5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p> |
| <p><i>Pastor Mary on vacation, Sept. 5 - 9</i></p>   |   |  |  |   |   |   |
| <p><b>9</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost; Grandparents' Day<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service</b> <i>WOW</i> Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/>     10:15 am Coffee fellowship<br/>     4:30 pm Sanctuary picnic at Good Shepherd<br/>     6:00 pm SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>                        | <p><b>10</b><br/>     6:30 pm Church Council</p>  | <p><b>11</b><br/>     10:00 am Seniors<br/>     5:00 pm TOPS</p>   | <p><b>12</b><br/>     Rummage sale items accepted Sep. 12-14<br/>     1:30 pm Rebecca Circle<br/>     1:30 pm Mary Circle<br/>     7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>                           | <p><b>13</b><br/>     11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline<br/>     7:00 pm Miriam Circle, J. Sukus'</p> | <p><b>14</b> Holy Cross</p>   | <p><b>15</b><br/>     9:00 am Rummage sale<br/>     5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>        |
| <p><b>16 RALLY DAY;</b> 15th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>     October <i>Visitor</i> deadline<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service</b> Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion<br/>     10:15 am Coffee fellowship<br/>     10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY<br/>     6:00 pm SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p> | <p><b>17</b> Citizenship Day<br/>     x:00 pm Lincoln Luth. Fall Luncheon</p>   | <p><b>18</b> Rosh Hashanah<br/>     9:30 am Clergy Cluster mtg.<br/>     10:00 am Seniors<br/>     5:00 pm TOPS</p>                                      | <p><b>19</b><br/>     6:30 pm Orientation for 8th &amp; 9th grade confirmation<br/>     7:00 pm Adult Choir practice<br/>     7:30 pm Mentor/10th grade confirmation orientation</p> | <p><b>20</b><br/>     11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>   | <p><b>21</b> St. Matthew</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/>     5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>                                      |
| <p><b>23</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service</b> <i>WOW</i> Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/>     10:15 am Coffee fellowship<br/>     10:30 am Sunday School; '02 Juarez trip meeting<br/>     6:00 pm SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>                                    | <p><b>24</b><br/>     6:00 pm Anniversary Cmte. meeting<br/>     6:30 pm REST Board meeting</p>                                       | <p><b>25</b><br/>     10:00 am Seniors<br/>     5:00 pm TOPS</p>   | <p><b>26</b><br/>     7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>   | <p><b>27</b> Yom Kippur<br/>     11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>                                | <p><b>28</b></p>  | <p><b>29</b> St. Michael &amp; All Angels<br/>     5:30 pm Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Festival Hall</p>      |
| <p><i>Pastor Mary at Synod Theological Conference, Lake Geneva, Sept. 24-26</i></p>  |   |  |  |   |   |   |
| <p><b>30</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service</b> <i>LBW</i> Setting 2; guest preacher Bishop Peter Rogness<br/>     10:15 am Reception; Pastor Mary's Open House<br/>     10:30 am Sunday School<br/>     6:30 pm SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>                         | <p>October 1<br/>     6:00 pm WELCA Board<br/>     7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee</p>  | <p><b>2</b></p>    | <p><b>3</b><br/>     1:30 pm Rebecca, Mary Circles<br/>     7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/>     5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Patrick's</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/>     7:00 pm REST</p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/>     5:00 pm <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>                                       |

Emmaus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |
| Home Depot  | 3%           | \$25, \$100, \$250       |          |       |

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|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------|----|
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                   |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                   |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5               |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
|                                   |      |                   | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

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May 25, 2001

## Eschmann Steps Down as Senior Center Director

Carol Eschmann, the second director of the Emmaus Senior Center in its 26-year history, stepped down from her position following the August 21 gathering of the group. A full-time teacher of nursing at Gateway, Carol has juggled her job, the senior center, her position as parish nurse and her role as mom and wife during the past couple of years.

It was not unusual to see Carol at the church Monday nights

setting tables and back again at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday leaving notes and preparations for the host and/or cook of the day.

Thanks and appreciation go to Carol for her tireless work on behalf of the seniors who meet at Emmaus on a weekly basis. We wish her a year ahead of more balance (and sleep!) and are pleased that she is willing to continue in her position as parish nurse for the congregation.

### Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center

The Center will meet on Tuesdays in the Sunset Room until further notice. Coffee and fellowship at 10:00; program at 10:30; lunch at noon.

- Sept. 4 Mark Purath: Funeral arrangements
- Sept. 11 Helen Gill: Piano
- Sept. 18 Meet in Fellowship Hall



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#### September Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

|          |                    |                             |       |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Sept. 1  | Robert Christensen | 221 William Street          | 53402 |
| Sept. 2  | Gerry Dykstra      | 1521 Summit Avenue          | 53404 |
| Sept. 5  | Mary Schultz       | 222 88th Avenue, Sturtevant | 53177 |
| Sept. 9  | Meta Haanstad      | 3340 Fourth Avenue          | 53402 |
| Sept. 10 | Catherine Miller   | 2704 James Boulevard        | 53403 |
| Sept. 11 | Howard Jensen      | 1935 Jupiter Avenue         | 53404 |
| Sept. 15 | Dorothy Bagley     | 2056 Wustum Avenue          | 53404 |
| Sept. 19 | Lucille Dudek      | 3900 N. Main Street #215    | 53402 |
| Sept. 25 | Robert Mathieus    | 5455 Durand Avenue          | 53406 |
| Sept. 27 | Ella Nielsen       | 3321 Fourth Avenue          | 53402 |
| Sept. 28 | Marilyn Anderson   | 150 Lakefield Court         | 53402 |
| Sept. 30 | Vic Johnson        | 7131 Fieldview Court        | 53406 |

## Discussion Continues Regarding Future Senior Center Format, Leadership

Following Carol Eschmann's resignation as Senior Center Director, an assessment is being made regarding what should/can happen for seniors in the future. The format since the inception of the center has been morning coffee and conversation followed by a program, devotions and lunch. Some members of the group remained after lunch to play cards and games.

At press time, a conversation is being held with the seniors, led by Pastor Mary. Pastor Sharon Georgi, part-time Visitation Pastor, is also a part of the discussion.

Questions being asked and discussed include: Should the current format be changed? What types of programs/activities would be of interest to the group? Will the current pool of volunteers who have been preparing lunch be willing to continue? Would the group be flexible and willing to meet another day of the week? What current needs of seniors are not being met, but should be addressed? What should remain the same? What can/should be changed?

As decisions are being made, Pastor Mary would like to hear from you as soon as possible if you

are willing to:

- Be on the planning team for the senior center (meeting approximately six times per year)
- Set tables and get things set out before the seniors meet
- Prepare and/or serve a meal once a month for approximately 25 persons
- Host/lead the weekly meeting once or twice a month
- Provide a program or make arrangements for program/s for the group.

Are you called to be a part of this important ministry of

Emmaus? Are you willing to pitch in during this interim time of reorganization? (Last time there was a vacancy, Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul stepped in as interim directors for a year; that will have to be handled differently during this time of transition.)

For now, the Seniors will meet on Tuesdays in the Sunset Room. On September 4, Mark Purath will present a program on arranging funerals at 10:30 a.m. September 4.

Please give Pastor Mary a call *if you can help in any capacity*, and remember to hold this ministry of Emmaus in your prayers.





## Make No Mistake About It

by Carol Eschmann

Many of you have heard about medical errors. According to an article from *MCW Healthlink*, most medical errors result from problems created by our complex health care system. Errors also happen when doctors and patients have problems communicating. The most important way you can help to prevent errors is to be an active member of our own health care team. That means taking part in every decision about your health care. Research shows that patients who are more involved with their care tend to get better results. The article shares several tips that may be helpful in preventing errors.



- Make sure that all of your doctors know about everything you are taking. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and dietary supplements such as vitamins and herbs. At least once a year bring all your medicines and supplements with you to your doctor. This can help your doctor keep your records up to date, which can help you get better medical care.
- Make sure your doctor knows

about any allergies and adverse reactions you have had to medications.

- Ask for information about your medicines in terms you can understand -both when they are prescribed and when you receive them. What is the medicine for? How am I supposed to take it, and for how long? What side effects are likely? What do I do if they occur? Is this medicine safe to take with other medicines or dietary supplements I am taking? Are there any foods, drinks, or activities I should avoid when taking this medicine?
- When you pick up your medicine from the pharmacy, ask: "is this the medicine my doctor prescribed?" Make sure your refills look the same as the medication you are used to.
- Ask your pharmacist for the best device to measure liquid medicine. Also ask questions if you are not sure how to use it. Many people use household teaspoons, which often do not hold a true teaspoon of liquid. Special devices help to measure the right dose.
- Ask for written information about side effects that your medicine could cause. Written information about medicines

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## Parish Nurse

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can help patients recognize problem side effects and then give that information to their doctor and pharmacist.

- If you are in a hospital, consider asking all health care workers who have direct contact with you whether they have washed their hands. Hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infections in hospitals.
- When you are discharged from the hospital expect an explanation of the treatment plan you will use at home. This includes finding out about your medications and finding out when you can return to your regular activities.
- If you are having surgery, make sure that you, your doctor, and your surgeon all agree and are clear on exactly what will be done.
- Speak up if you have questions or concerns. You have a right to question anyone who is involved with your care.
- Make sure that someone, such as your personal doctor, is in charge of your care. This is especially important if you have many health problems or are in a hospital.
- Make sure that all health professionals involved in your

care have important health information about you. Do not assume that everyone knows everything they need to.

- Ask a family member or friend to be there with you and to be your advocate (someone who can help get things done and speak up for you if you can't).
- Ask about why a test or treatment is needed and how it can help you. If you have a test, don't assume that no news is good news. Ask about the results.
- Learn about your condition and treatments by asking your doctor and nurse and by using other reliable sources.
- Consider keeping a file or calendar with important information about your medical situation that you can take with you to appointments. Write down your symptoms and what is happening when they occur. A pattern may emerge that can help to pinpoint your problems.
- Pray for your doctor and others involved in your care.



I hope that some of these suggestions will help you to feel confident that you are getting the best medical care available. Remember that you are the expert on how you feel and about what seems to be working. I am available as a resource to help you find and understand information about your particular situation.

# Thanks for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following members and friends of Emmaus, who have adopted Sundays as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

**Pastor Mary**, in honor of Nancy & Art Smith.

**Ken & Marilyn Guetlich**, in honor of Audrey Rasmussen on her birthday.

**Julia Durand**, in honor of Pastor Mary, Art & Nancy Smith, and all the volunteers in the Emmaus family.

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Average weekly attendance, <b>August:</b> | 1999: 147 | 2000: 133 | 2001: 139 |
| Average weekly attendance, <b>Sept.:</b>  | 1999: 153 | 2000: 172 |           |

## Financial Figures

|  |                 |                            |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in July, '01 | \$14,926.03     | YTD 109,174.98             |
| Bldg. Fund offerings received in July, '01       | \$258.00        | YTD \$2,830.00             |
| Unified budget receipts for July, '01            | \$15,184.03     | YTD \$112,004.98           |
| 2001 Fund offerings in July, '01                 | \$498.00        | CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$85,198.22 |
| 8/1 mortgage payment:                            |                 |                            |
| Principal  | \$426.30        |                            |
| Interest   | \$539.70        |                            |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>\$966.00</b> |                            |
| Principal balance as of August 13, 2001          | \$78,075.01     |                            |

# Thanks to the Float Crew

These are the people who in some way or another helped with the Emmaus float and our Fourth of July celebration:

Al & Jan Svendsen; Chris & Bev Hansen; Lyle Torrione; Loren & Cindi Larsen; Rich & Kathy Christensen; David Christensen; Jim & Nancy Brown; Julie Field and Brian; Joy Lippmann; Cathy



Knuteson; Ralph & Audrey Rasmussen; D.J. Waddell; Art & Nancy Smith; Pastor Mary; Justin Haman; Nathan Lamberton; Carol Rudey; Amy Larsen & Austin Schultz; June Beck; Sharon Devine; Marsha Connet; Ruth Potterville; Jess, Karen & Chris Sedgwick; Denise Keller; Matt Bergauer; Glenn Mueller; Jim Holding and Holding Farms.

# Bathroom Renovation Is Completed

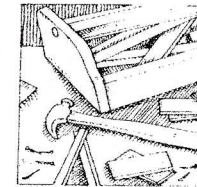
The small bathroom next to the kitchen on the lower level has been transformed during the summer. Thanks to a donation from REST and designated memorial funds, a shower has been

installed.

Thanks go to Al Svendsen, Harley Slater, Randy Bagley, Ray Rommelfaenger and Bill Irvine, who helped throughout the project.

# Renovation of Parsonage is Nearly Complete

Many, many able volunteers have given literally hundreds of hours to help with the renovation of the parsonage. Before Pastor Mary moved into the parsonage on August 14, there was a flurry of activity for five weeks — removal of wallpaper, priming, painting, sanding of kitchen cupboards, lining of cupboards, sewing of curtains, replacing light fixtures, window washing, replacing carpeting in two bedrooms and the den, refinishing of hardwood floors and installation of a new bathtub.



Bill Irvine recruited many of the volunteers and coordinated the work to be done.

Thanks go to Bill along with Harley Slater, Al Svendsen, Vic Johnson, John Cook, Ray Rommelfaenger, Lyle Zielke, Skip Toslek, Amy Larsen, Harold Miller, Marty and Kathryn Aiken, Betty Barth, Marge Jensen, Rich Christensen and Al Beck.

In addition to the above-mentioned, special thanks also go to Mary's friends, Nancy and Art

Smith, Ruth Copeland and Susanne Smith, who gave up a big portion of their summer to help with the renovation and the move.

Art and Nancy Smith have donated new window treatments for the living room, and Pastor Mary has donated new blinds and shades for the rest of the house. Pastor Mary has also hired Brent Georgi, son of Pastor Sharon Georgi, to finish the last of the painting (she's eagerly waiting for kitchen cupboards to be painted so that those boxes can be unpacked), and Pastor Sharon has volunteered to help hang some wallpaper in the kitchen.

The monumental project of the past six weeks would not have been possible without the generosity of time and resources of so many people! Pastor Mary says "thank you" to each and every person who made her transition from the condo to the parsonage go as smoothly as it did. She is planning an open house during the coffee hour on Sunday, September 30 following the worship service.

# August 5 Photo Album



## Mass on the Grass



## Neighborhood Carnival



Photos by Paul Berge and Art Smith

# Churchwide Assembly

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our desire to be a missional church." He added that saw a need to focus on matching laypersons' gifts with the needs of churches and communities.

As Bishop of the St. Paul Area Synod, Hanson this year placed St. Paul-Reformation and Hosanna! Lutheran Churches under "public c e n s u r e a n d admonishment" for violations of the ELCA constitution. Reformation had ordained Anita Hill, a lesbian not approved for ordination by the ELCA due to her committed relationship with another woman. Hosanna! was censured for commissioning and licensing, in a process developed by the congregation, three of its members to function as full pastors.

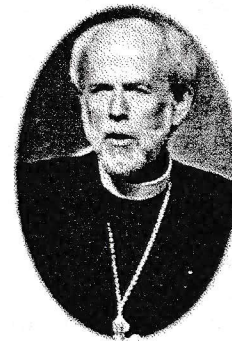
At a press conference, Bishop Hanson said, "Our church now does not ordain gay and lesbian people in committed relationships, and that is the position of this church that calls me to serve as its presiding bishop. ...

"What gives me consolation is that for 2,000 years, the Christian church has been debating and [has been] divided over who is welcomed into the community of faith and on what terms. And,

those have been difficult and contentious conversations."

### CCM Issues

Bishop Hanson also addressed the debate over "Called to Common Mission" (CCM), an ecumenical agreement with the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. Some Lutherans believe CCM threatens Lutheran identity and gives too much power to



Bishop Mark Hanson

Hanson stated that he supports both CCM and constitutional by-law amendment, approved at this assembly, that would allow a bishop to delegate to another pastor the authority to ordain. Under CCM, only bishops could ordain pastors.

"We, as a church, do not want to send messages to our ecumenical partners that our words cannot be trusted," Hanson said. "But, we want our ecumenical partners to have the strongest united church that it can be."

In a printed statement, the Right Rev. Frank T. Griswold, III, presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church, expressed concern over the assembly's approval of "Ordination In Unusual Circumstances" amendment. "This appears to be a unilateral alteration of the mutual

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commitment that both our churches have solemnly made to enter into full communion based on CCM," the statement read.

The issue of same-sex unions came up several times during the assembly. Ellen Maxon, an ELCA Church Council member from Milwaukee, moderated two official hearings on the issue, and five leaders of the ELCA met with representatives of Lutheran Alliance and Soulforce, two advocacy groups for Christian gays and lesbians.

The assembly attracted the protests of Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, a group which travels the country to funerals and other events to proclaim that God hates homosexuals. Soulforce also picketed outside the assembly.

The assembly ordered a churchwide study on homosexuality and an action plan for implementation that will come before the 2005 assembly. Any further action on same-sex unions or ordination of gay and lesbian persons is deferred until that study is completed.

The assembly heard reports on growth of the Lutheran Church in the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Far East. Voting members approved resolutions calling for an end to U.S. naval operations on Vieques, opposing military aid and violence in the Middle East, urging

an end to the embargo against Cuba, favoring measures to prevent Iraq from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, and endorsing the 1998 Birmingham Pledge to combat racism.

### LCMS Addresses Differences

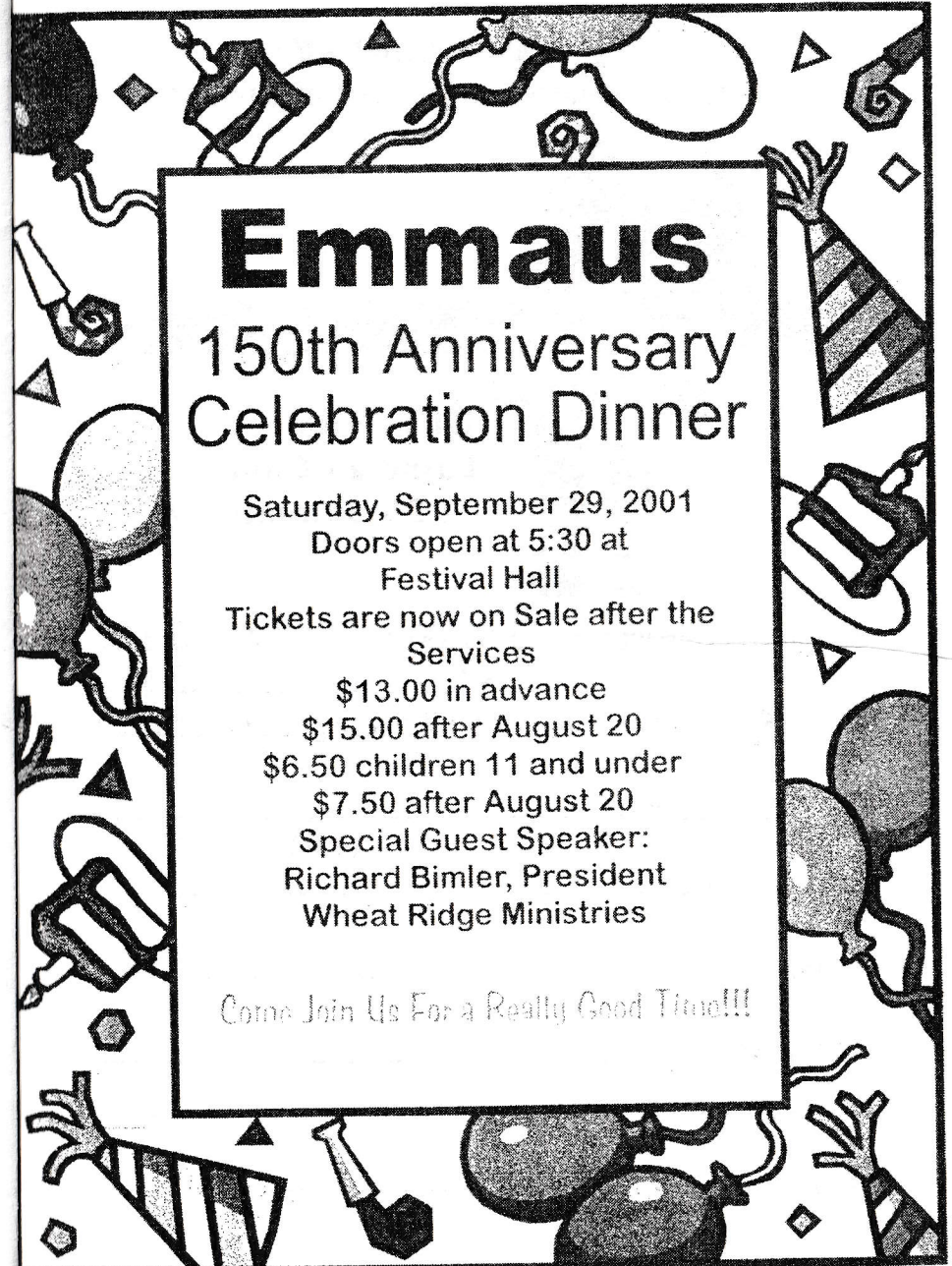
On the final day of the assembly, the assembly heard a message of greeting from the secretary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). The message dealt extensively with this year's LCMS convention resolution that "affirmed the judgement of our late President Barry that we cannot consider you, the ELCA, to be 'an orthodox Lutheran church body,' given the fact that you have entered into altar and pulpit fellowship... with Reformed church bodies, the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church."

Dr. A. L. Barry was president of the LCMS at the time of his death in March from an anti-biotic-resistant staph infection.

LCMS Secretary Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig reported that LCMS President-elect Gerald Kieschnick asks that "the good people of the ELCA not ... read into this resolution any sense of smugness or self-righteousness."

"We will continue to be concerned about your willingness to set aside clear scriptural and

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# Emmaus

## 150th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

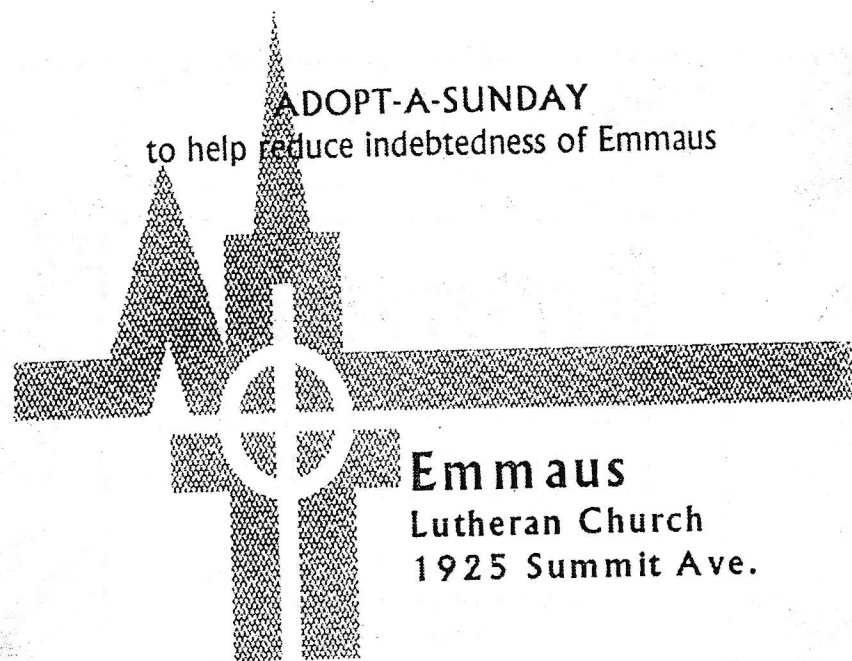
Saturday, September 29, 2001  
Doors open at 5:30 at  
Festival Hall

Tickets are now on Sale after the  
Services

- \$13.00 in advance
- \$15.00 after August 20
- \$6.50 children 11 and under
- \$7.50 after August 20

Special Guest Speaker:  
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Wheat Ridge Ministries

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 \$300  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_

*(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)*

Sunday to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Adopt a Bill for Maintenance, Capital Improvements

Can you help pay for a can of paint or for some additional elevator maintenance that has been necessary? In the past several months, there have been a number of unexpected expenses at the church: elevator repair, lift pump repair (without that, we wouldn't be able to flush the toilets!), and repair of

the lights behind the cross.



And, while the parsonage was vacant for six weeks this summer, painting, refinishing the hardwood floors, and other maintenance took place. These were all non-budgeted expenses; any special gifts to the Capital Improvements Fund would be a huge help right now.

### Elsewhere In Our Area

## LSS Sets Dates for Pre-Marriage Workshop

New dates have been set for Lutheran Social Services' Pre-Marriage Workshop. Scheduled sessions are Saturday, September 29 and Saturday, December 1, from 8:00 a.m. to noon both days.

The focus of the four-hour workshop is to help participants better understand and prepare for the lifetime commitment of marriage. Topics include effective communication, successful conflict resolution, effective decision-making skills, marital roles and responsibilities, trust and respect issues, financial issues, and planning for the future.

The workshop will be held at Lutheran Social Services, 2711 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Racine. The cost is \$50.00. Registration is required;

please call Michele Block at 637-3886.

## Lutherdale Auctions Quilts

Lutherdale's Fest and Quilt Auction will be Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 to 4:00. Enjoy this festive day of food, fun, quilts, and collectibles. There is something for everyone. Proceeds are matched by Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood.

Lutherdale is located on Highway 12 just north of Elkhorn. Call 262-742-2352 for more information.

## Lutheran College Fairs Scheduled for Fall 2001

CHICAGO (ELCA) — Colleges and universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will participate in "Lutheran College Fair" programs in 11 states this fall. The purpose of the fairs is to connect Lutheran college representatives with prospective students and their families.

The Lutheran College Fair program is coordinated through the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA), an association of more than 40 Lutheran colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Its purpose is to encourage, assist and promote cooperation among Lutheran colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

There are 28 colleges and universities affiliated with the ELCA, which is a member of LECNA.

Admissions, financial aid, college life and academic areas of study are among the topics college officials will discuss with prospective students at each fair location.

Dates and locations for fall 2001 Lutheran college fairs include:

- Sept. 23, Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, Milwaukee
  - Sept. 25, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Madison, Wis.
  - Sept. 30, Chicago O'Hare Marriott Hotel, Chicago
- In addition to meeting with

Lutheran college representatives, most fairs include a series of educational workshops about college financial planning and careers and a reception. Some have planned concerts.

A series of Lutheran college fairs will be held in other parts of the United States in spring 2002.

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confessional principles" in areas such as ordination, homosexuality, and sanctity of human life, Hartwig said.

The assembly earlier received messages of greeting from many other national church bodies, including the Moravian Lutheran Church, the Reformed Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

The Rev. Burke Johnson, president of the northern province of the Moravian Church, said, "We too, have many differences among us about biblical interpretation, ordination and issues of charismatic worship, among others. We are one when we believe that God loves us; that the power of love and faith do transcend the artificial distinctions that cause separation."

The next churchwide assembly of the ELCA will be August, 2003 in Milwaukee.

Pastor Mary's Column

## Tradition and Change

Can two words like "tradition" and "change" live compatibly in the same sentence? Can tradition and change live in harmony in an institution like the church?

While sometimes there might be sparks between the two, I think those sparks often ignite

new energy and lead to new possibilities. And, I think the people of Emmaus should be commended for holding a healthy balance between the two.

As we focus on 150 years of history during our anniversary year, we celebrate and remember many people and events from our history. We are reminded of Scandinavian immigrants who gathered to form this congregation, holding fast to much of their tradition, but also taking risks as they ventured into new territory. They strongly held to their beliefs and doctrines, although at times there were divisions and dissension due to differing interpretations of scripture.

As the Holy Spirit blows in and through the church, miracles happen — even amidst differing views. I give God thanks for moving in the lives of so many of

you, making the church more than religious organization, but also a living organism that truly is the body of Christ.

Mission has always been key at Emmaus, and the renewed commitment to mission is crucial as we look ahead. That already takes shape in many ways: in reaching the unchurched and under-churched

young people through the Sanctuary services on Sunday evenings, in our connection to children of the neighborhood through the mentoring program and other outreach efforts, through our mission trips, and in the variety of ministries of which we are a part.

We continue to pray for new miracles as we both honor our tradition and commitment to mission and as we take risks sometimes involving change. May we be in tune with God's will for Emmaus as we are "sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing..."

I thank you for your strong partnership in the ministry of Emmaus and look forward to a future rooted in those blessings we already know.

Yours in the Spirit,  
Pastor Mary

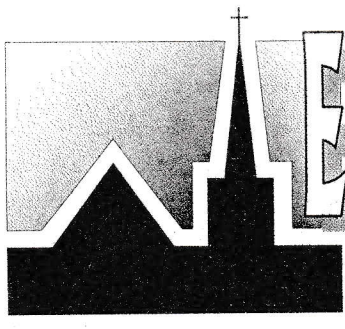


In the  
September  
VISITOR

- *Rev. Russell Scheel to Preach September 1 & 2*
- *Get Your Tickets for the Anniversary Banquet Before September 13*
- *Confirmation Classes Begin September 19*
- *Bishop Rogness to Preach September 30*
- *Eschmann Steps Down As Senior Center Director*
- *Churchwide Assembly Elects New Bishop*
- *Help Lutheran World Relief*

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## Tenth Graders to Be Confirmed October 28

The following tenth graders are completing their preparation to publicly affirm their baptism:

**Nathan Albright**  
**Danielle Pipol**  
**Lukas Reischl**  
**Austin Schultz**  
**Rachel Sommer**

These Emmaus tenth graders will meet with their mentors prior to the rite of confirmation at the 9:15 service on Sunday, October 28. Confirmands and mentors discuss faith as it relates to our everyday lives and the choices we make in life.

Confirmands will have their picture taken following the service at the front of the church.



Parents of confirmands are asked to select a Bible verse to be presented to their son or daughter during the Rite of Confirmation. Please call the church office to inform the church secretary of the Bible verse by October 19; if there is a particular Bible translation you prefer, it may be best to get the verse to the office on paper.

### In the October Visitor:

- ▶ 8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes
- ▶ Write Our Service Members
- ▶ REST Resumes October 5
- ▶ CROP Walk October 7
- ▶ Responding to September 11 Horrors
- ▶ KidsHope USA Mentoring

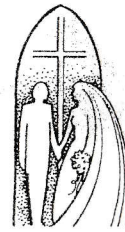


## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

September 1, 2001  
Rodney Offield, Jr.  
& Nicole Kreimer

Nikie is the daughter of Dennis and Michele Kreimer. She was baptized and confirmed here. The couple are house-hunting in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



September 1, 2001  
Bradley Decker  
& Corey Bender

Brad, confirmed here in 1990, is the son of John and Kathy Decker. The couple live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

September 8, 2001  
Scott Pelky  
& Dana Hubert

Rev. Maury Felton married Scott and Dana at Emmaus September 8.

## Expressing Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jim Sodke on the death of his sister, Judith Ann Glowacki, September 16. Mrs. Glowacki was a teacher at Jefferson Lighthouse School.

### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastor: Mary L. Janz 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059  
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Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Marsha Connet  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Rick Muhammad & Matt Liesch  
Groundskeeper: Harley Slater

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is available during Sunday services.

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

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## Juarez Trip Planned for July 13, 2002

In a cooperative effort by a number of ELCA churches in Racine, plans are being made to take a joint mission trip to Juarez next summer. The young people eligible are those who will have completed grades 9-12.

A \$50.00 deposit is due in the office by October 6. The total cost per person is \$275.00; the rest will be raised through fund raising activities.

For further information, please contact Pastor Mary.

## Eighth, Ninth Graders to Study the Commandments

What does it mean to love our neighbor? Is a child expected to honor a parent who is abusive? Does "Thou shalt not kill" have any exceptions? What to the commandments accomplish

anyway?

These and other questions will be asked and discussed in this fall's confirmation class for eighth and ninth graders. The class is held every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

## Emmaus Members Serve Our Country

For those of you who would like to send words of encouragement to Emmaus members serving in the United States military, we offer their addresses below:



LCPL Kreimer Ryan  
7th CommBN Co A (MUX)  
Unit 356 11  
FPO AP 96606-5611

4/C MIDN Eric Larsen  
P O Box 14868  
Annapolis, MD 21412

Jo Anne (Sukus) Wyman, SrA  
2242 Canteen Circle

Odenton, MD 21113

### Youth Birthdays

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Oct. 5  | Samantha Galligan, 12 |
| Oct. 8  | Kaitlyn Hall, 1       |
| Oct. 9  | Joe Ford, 7           |
| Oct. 9  | Nichelle Slawson, 15  |
| Oct. 13 | Adam Jaskulske, 12    |
| Oct. 13 | Mike Liesch, 12       |
| Oct. 14 | Collin Christman, 5   |
| Oct. 15 | Joshua Williams, 1    |
| Oct. 17 | Aaron Smith, 8        |
| Oct. 18 | Joey Butler, 6        |
| Oct. 22 | Sarah Higgins, 5      |
| Oct. 23 | Tim Koenig, 15        |
| Oct. 24 | Kally Jansen, 13      |
| Oct. 26 | Hailey Sommer, 12     |

## You Can Help 9-11 Relief Efforts

As a response to the needs resulting from the September 11 tragedies, members and friends are encouraged to make contributions to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. All contributions designated for

that purpose will be forwarded to the national headquarters of the ELCA in Chicago.

The needs are great. Let's make our response a generous one!

## Walk for the Hungry Sunday, Oct. 7

There is still time to participate in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 7 at 12:30 p.m.

To help by walking, get your sponsor record, then secure sponsor pledges for each kilometer you intend to walk. Once you have collected the pledges from your sponsors, turn them in along with your sponsor record.

Funds raised from the event will be donated to Church World



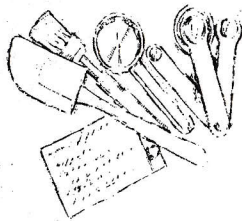
Service to help fight world hunger, with 25% of funds staying in Racine.

If you can't join us in the Walk, please consider sponsoring one or more Walkers!

## Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 4

It's Emmaus' turn to prepare and serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on October 4. On the first Thursday of every other month, Emmaus members prepare jello, cakes, and casseroles to feed needy men, women and children in Racine.

We can always use help in



serving the meal. We meet at St. Patrick's, 1100 Erie Street, at 5:00 p.m. Contact Margaret Christensen at 681-0128 to help.

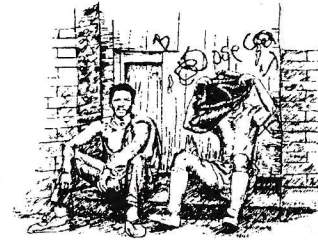
We have pans in the kitchenette off the Sunset Room which you may use; please tape your name to the pan if you leave it at Emmaus for us to take to St.

Patrick's. Thank you!

## Emmaus Opens Doors Friday Nights to Shelter Homeless

REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) starts up at Emmaus on October 5. Emmaus will be the home for REST every Friday night between October 5 and the end of April.

Our new sign-up sheet is hanging in the narthex. Emmaus will staff our site on the second, fourth, and fifth Friday of every month. Please give of yourself and volunteer.



If you have questions, please contact Pat Liesch (835-1363).

## Thanks for Giving, Buying and Rummaging

Thank you to everyone who donated their time and treasures to make this year's rummage sale a big success. We raised \$986.06 this year, of which \$143.83 will go to the Red Cross.

## Julia Burney to Address Seniors

All members and friends of Emmaus are invited to join the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center on October 9, when Julia Burney will be guest speaker.

Burney, a former Racine



Police officer, is the creator of "Cops 'n' Kids," a reading program for children. She has received national recognition for this program, appearing on the Today show and Oprah.

## Circle Drive Gets Spruced Up

Through funds from Keith Protheroe's estate which were designated for landscaping, the berm in the circle drive south of the church has been re-done. What was once an eyesore



is now reshaped, mulched and has new plantings.

A wall of stone has also been added. Plans include adding some perennials from gardens of our members, and there is also space to plant some annuals in the spring.

Thanks to Gregg Albright for coordinating the project.

## Frequently Asked Questions About KidsHopeUSA Mentoring

Q. How often do I meet with my child?

A) Once a week, for an hour.

Q. What if I'm unable to meet?

A) Substitutes are provided for the normal and expected illnesses, special work requirements, personal vacations, etc.



Q. Do I always have to meet at the same time?

A) It is strongly encouraged and preferred. However considerable flexibility is possible with reasonable advance notification. The teacher above all just wants to know what to expect and when.

Q. Is there training?

A) Yes. There will be a group training session October 13, taking approximately 4 hours. There will also be a brief orientation session at Wadewitz just before mentoring begins.

Q. When will mentoring begin?

A) We hope to be introduced to our students the second week of October.

Q. Who will provide me guidance in mentoring?

A) The teacher will provide the academic guidance and materials. For fun and relationship follow your own heart, as well as the support of your fellow mentors.

Q. Will the child accept me?

A) They are thrilled to have an adult give them attention. You will quickly become a special person in their life.

Q. What will I feel at the end of the year?

A) That you have been blessed, and that your circle of loving influence has grown. You'll feel like giving thanks, at the same time many others will feel gratitude towards you.

Any more questions: call Marty Aiken @ 637-2104.

## Bishop Rogness Preaches Here September 30

The Greater Milwaukee Synod's Bishop Peter Rogness will be our guest preacher at the 9:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 30. There will not be a Saturday evening worship service on September 29.



Rogness

There will be a reception

for Bishop Rogness in the Sunset Room after the worship service. Pastor Mary will also be hosting an open house in the parsonage from 10:30 to noon.

Rogness has been Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA since 1988.

## Emmaus Plans Remembrance of Saints

In celebration of All Saints Day on November 4, you are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem. All of these flowers will be placed together in an arrangement at the front of the church. Each stem will honor the memory of one person, and the names of all those honored will be

placed in the bulletin.

Please complete the enclosed form and include \$3.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the church office by October 29. Excess monies will be contributed to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

### All Saints' Day Memorial Garden

On All Saints' Sunday, November 4, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$3.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/Our name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Resurrection to Host Racine Cluster Meeting

by Betty Barth

The Racine Cluster will meet at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 327 Ohio Street, October 6, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Julia Burney, retired police officer, will tell us about the Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center.

Ruth Hlavka needs to call in our reservation on October 1, so please call her right away (639-2061) if you plan to attend.

In your prayers, remember the Women of the Greater Milwaukee Synod who will be attending the convention October 12-13 in Oconomowoc. Cheryl Dexter and Ruth Hlavka will be representing Emmaus.

### Sewing Kits for LWR

We do not do sewing for the kits. These are kits to provide the supplies for women, children and men.

In some countries, men and women use the sewing kits to help learn a trade and earn an income. In the basket in the narthex, there is a sample that you can look at. We need these to be completed and to our church by October 12 so they can be sent with the Lutheran World Relief shipment.

Include the following items in each sewing kit:

- Three yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton blend fabric,



four yards if 36"

- One package of needles, for hand sewing
- One spool of matching thread
- One card of buttons

Wrap the sewing notions inside the fabric and tie with string, yarn or a strip of fabric.

Please help us with this project. We will appreciate help from anyone in the congregation who will make a sewing kit. If you sew and have extra material, it would

be wonderful if you could make a kit.

Thank you for your help.

### LWT Subscriptions Due

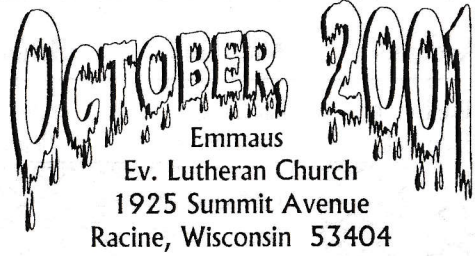





Subscriptions for *Lutheran Woman Today* are being taken during October and at November Circle meetings. For renewals, bring your label from the magazine and \$9.50 to your circle meeting, give your label to Jan Svendsen, or put it in the women's mail slot by the church office. Make checks payable to Emmaus WELCA.

To become a new subscriber, please contact Jan Svendsen at 634-8295. All women are encouraged to subscribe.

# OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

|                     | Readers           | Acolytes  | Altar Guild                    | Ushers                    |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sept. 30<br>9:15 am | Audrey Rasmussen  | Mike Liesch<br>Brian Field                                      | Kim Simonsen<br>Cathy Meyer    | Team #7<br>W. Meteyard    |
| Oct. 6<br>5:00 pm   |                   |   | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine |                           |
| Oct. 7<br>9:15 am   | Karen Sedgwick    | Ann Liesch<br>Erin Sommer                                       | Jan Bertram<br>Ginny Haugsby   | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi  |
| Oct. 13<br>5:00 pm  |                   |   | Judy Berndt<br>Pat Jensen      |                           |
| Oct. 14<br>9:15 am  | David Christensen | Andrew Reischl<br>Geoff Pearson                                 |                                | Team #2<br>Harold Miller  |
| Oct. 20<br>5:00 pm  |                   |   | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barb Larsen   |                           |
| Oct. 21<br>9:15 am  | Lyle Christensen  | Hailey Sommer<br>Tanya Rasmussen                                | Ruth Estep<br>Bev Hansen       | Team #3<br>R. Christensen |
| Oct. 27<br>5:00 pm  |                   |   | Evelyn Larsen                  |                           |
| Oct. 28<br>9:15 am  | Brenda Gieszler   | April Falaschi<br>Amy Meteyard<br>Kally Jansen<br>Krystle Mayer |                                | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer     |
| Nov. 3<br>5:00 pm   |                   |   | Barb Toslek<br>Kelley Austin   |                           |
| Nov. 4<br>9:15 am   | Bev Hansen        | TBA   | Gregg & Kylee Albright         | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen  |

|         | Altar Flowers            | Fellowship           | Candle Care     | Worship Asst. |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Oct. 7  | B. & D. Keller           | Al & June Beck       | Ruth Estep      | Julie Field   |
| Oct. 14 | L. Christensen           | Celia Weber          | through         |               |
| Oct. 21 | H&D Slater; J&J Larsen   | Please sign up       | October         | Joy Lippmann  |
| Oct. 28 | L. & C. Larsen           | Loren & Cindi Larsen |                 |               |
| Nov. 3  | H&E Larsen; D&M Anderson | Please sign up       | Mildred Schroth | Amy Larsen    |

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
|  <p><b>OCTOBER 2001</b><br/> Emmaus<br/> Ev. Lutheran Church<br/> 1925 Summit Avenue<br/> Racine, Wisconsin 53404</p>                                  | <b>1</b><br>6:00 pm WELCA Board<br>7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.   | <b>2</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                    | <b>3</b><br>1:30 pm Mary & Rebecca Circles<br>6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir practice | <b>4</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br>5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's<br>7:00 pm Stamp Club                                 | <b>5</b><br>7:00 pm REST<br> | <b>6</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion  |
| <b>7</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service LBW#2 with Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>12:30 pm CROP Walk<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.       | <b>8</b> Columbus Day<br>6:30 pm Church Council<br> | <b>9</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                    | <b>10</b><br>6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir practice                                  | <b>11</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline   | <b>12</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>13</b><br>8:30 am KidsHope Mentor training<br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion<br><hr/> <i>GMS Women of the ELCA Convention, Our Savior's Lutheran, Oconomowoc</i> |
| <b>14</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.                         | <b>15</b><br>Visitor deadline<br>7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus'   | <b>16</b><br>9:30 pm Cluster Clergy meeting<br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS | <b>17</b><br>6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir practice                                  | <b>18</b> St. Luke<br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline<br> | <b>19</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>20</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.  |
| <b>21</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost<br>9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth.                                 | <b>22</b><br>6:00 pm Anniversary committee<br>6:30 pm REST Board   | <b>23</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                   | <b>24</b> United Nations Day<br>6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir practice               | <b>25</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline   | <b>26</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>27</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.<br>   |
| <b>28</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY<br>9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer; 10 <sup>th</sup> grade rite of confirmation<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Luth. | <b>29</b><br>                                     | <b>30</b><br>10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                                   | <b>31</b> Reformation Day<br>6:15 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir practice                  | Nov. 1 All Saints' Day<br>11:00 am Bulletin deadline  | <b>2</b><br>7:00 pm REST  | <b>3</b><br>5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion  |

Emmaus Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |
| Home Depot  | 3%           | \$25, \$100, \$250       |          |       |

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|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------|
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5               |              |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5               |              |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$10, \$25        |              |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                   |              |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10              |              |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20        |              |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                   |              |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20        |              |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5               |              |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5               |              |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5               |              |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5               |              |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25        |              |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10         |              |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5, \$10         |              |
|                                   |      |                   | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|                                   |      |                   | \$           |

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

May 25, 2001

# EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Director: Carol Rudey  
 The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee  
 Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.



## PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER:

- Oct. 2: 10:30 a.m. - "Falling Leaves" — RSVP  
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions  
 12:00 noon - Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. - Social Activities
- Oct. 9: 10:30 a.m. - Julia Burney, guest speaker  
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions  
 12:00 noon - Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 16: 10:30 a.m. - June Beck, "Weekly Reader"  
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions  
 12:00 noon - Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 23: 10:30 a.m. - Helen Gill, guest pianist  
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions  
 12:00 noon - Birthday Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 30: 10:30 a.m. - Al Beck, "Majestic Canadian Rockies,"  
 presenting his 60<sup>th</sup> slide show!  
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions  
 12:00 noon - Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities



## October Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

|         |                  |                        |       |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Oct. 4  | Marge Jensen     | 1935 Jupiter Avenue    | 53404 |
| Oct. 6  | June Beck        | 733 West Lawn Avenue   | 53405 |
| Oct. 12 | Maryllis Hensel  | 3335 St. Clair St.     | 53402 |
| 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. 25 | Marge Hoffman    | 1715 Venus Circle      | 53404 |
| Oct. 29 | Julia Durand     | 401 Walton Avenue      | 53402 |
| Oct. 30 | Bill Christensen | 1700 C.A. Becker Drive | 53406 |

## Parish Nurse's Column

### In Wake of Tragedy, Children Need Reassurance

by Carol Eschmann, R.N.

The tragic events of September continue to haunt most of us, even as we try to resume our normal routines. Children, like those that love them, may be confused and frightened by the news. They look to their parents and other close persons for information and guidance on how to react.



The best way to help is to assure them of their safety and security. I have compiled a list of suggestions that may help you too help those children in your lives.

Focus on your children. Tell them you love them and they are safe. Try to help them understand the events, keeping in mind their developmental level.

Infants and very young children may sense your fear and insecurity. Continue to hold them close and cuddle them. Expect that they may be more fussy and clingy in times of tension. Toddlers are unable to distinguish what is live on TV and what is replay. Expect many questions. They need very simple explanations and assurance that they are safe.

You may find that children do not want to go to bed or will wish to sleep with their parents. Often they wake with bad dreams. Hold them close, sing to them, and pray with them. They may need a

light left on in their room.

Early school age children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with the reassurances that the daily structure of their lives will not change. They may be more active and may also experience bedtime anxiety and bad dreams. Doing something (giving money, hanging flags) for the victims and their families may be helpful. When

they ask questions, you may want to ask what they think the answer is before you answer. Sometimes you may need to say something like, "I can't answer that right now, I have to think about it first. Can we talk about that later?"

Older school age and early middle school age children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need help in separating reality from fantasy. Helping in a concrete way may be helpful for them.

High school students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society. They will share ideas about how to make school safer and how to prevent tragedies in society. They are often committed to doing something to help the victims and affected communities.

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## Remember Scrip for Your Holiday Shopping

Now is the time to start your Christmas shopping — why not start with Scrip? Scrip offers a list of gift certificates, just perfect for giving — like Toys R Us, Bath & Beauty Works, WaldenBooks, Sears,

J.C. Penneys, Best Buy, Circuit City. And Emmaus receives a percentage of that gift certificate, anywhere from 3% to 19%! That's a gift for Emmaus!

## Parish Nurse Corner

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Make time to talk to your children. Take the time you need to determine what you will say.

Your physical presence will reassure your kids and offers opportunity to monitor their reaction. Many children will want actual physical contact. Hug them. Let them sit close to you. Take extra time at bedtime to cuddle and to reassure them that they are loved and safe.

Limit the amount of television viewing. Watch with them for a short time, then turn the set off.

Maintain a "normal" routine for meals, homework, chores and bedtime, but realize that you may need to be flexible. Children may have a hard time concentrating on schoolwork or falling asleep at night.

Pray for the victims and the survivors. Write a poem or draw pictures that help children express feelings. These things also help children feel that they are supporting others.

Remind them that trustworthy people are in charge.

Explain that emergency workers, police, firemen, doctors and soldiers are helping people who are hurt and working to prevent more tragedies.

Children may not express their concerns verbally. Changes in behavior, appetite, and sleep patterns may also indicate a child's level of grief, anxiety or discomfort. Kids express their emotions differently. There is no right or wrong way to feel or to express those feelings. Children may need help and patience from adults to enable them to express their feelings.

Tell the truth and stick to the facts. Don't try to pretend that tragic events have occurred or that they are not serious. Children are smart. They will be more worried if they think you are to afraid to tell them what is happening.

Pray that our leaders will ask God's guidance.

There are many resources available in our community. Don't hesitate to seek help if you or your children are having trouble coping with the attack on our country. God Bless America.

## Thank You for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following members of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in September. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

**Darbi Jones**, in honor of Carol and Dennis Eschmann.



**Martin & Marion Andersen**, in celebration of Emmaus' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Marjorie & Lyle Zielke**, in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

|  |                  |                  |                   |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Aug.:</b>  | 1999: <b>147</b> | 2000: <b>137</b> | 2001: <b>139</b>  |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Sept.:</b> | 1999: <b>153</b> | 2000: <b>172</b> | 2001: <b>149*</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Oct.:</b>  | 1999: <b>176</b> | 2000: <b>160</b> |                   |

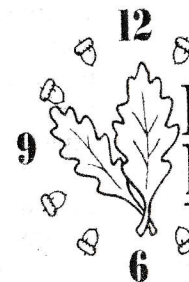
\*As of September 16, 2001. Attendance count is not available for Sept. 23.

### Financial Figures

|  |             | Year to date                | Last year    |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General funds receipts in August           | \$13,973.90 | \$123,148.88                | \$118,747.81 |
| Bldg. Fund offerings received in August    | \$ 442.00   | \$3,272.00                  | \$ 5,073.00  |
| Unified funds receipts in August           | \$14,415.90 | \$126,420.88                | \$123,820.81 |
| <u>Campaign total</u>                      |             |                             |              |
| 2001 Fund offerings received in August     | \$190.00    | \$85,578.22                 |              |
| September mortgage payments                |             | Principal ..... \$429.23    |              |
|  |             | Interest ..... \$536.77     |              |
|  |             | <b>Total ..... \$966.00</b> |              |
| Principal balance as of September 14, 2001 |             |                             | \$77,645.78  |

## Daylight Savings Runs Out of Time

Daylight Savings Time will end on Saturday night, October 27. Before you go to bed that night, be sure to set your clocks back one hour, and enjoy the extra hour of sleep before church Sunday



morning!

Of course, if you should happen to arrive at church an hour early because you forgot to set your clock back, feel free to enjoy the extra hour of Sunday morning.

Letters

# Strickers Send Sympathies from Denmark

*Pastor Paul forwarded this letter from Steen and Bettina Stricker, former members of Emmaus congregation:*

Dear Paul, Ellen and the congregation at Emmaus:

We were devastated when we learned about the horrible attack on the WTC and Pentagon. It is not to believe, that people can have a so profound contempt for other peoples lives, that they, for whatever cause can execute such a terrible act.

The entire Europe is grieving with the American people and we, Bettina and I are thinking of all our friends in the USA in this moment

of tragedy.

May God bless the American people and those who are suffering from personal losses. And may God also guide the decision makers, who have the responsibility to orchestrate the response to this attack, that it will not throw the entire world into war.

Please extend our profound sympathy to the congregation at Emmaus. In more quiet times, I hope we will meet again and renew our friendship.

Love from  
*Bettina e) Steen Stricker*  
Denmark

## Thanks to AIDS Walk Sponsors

Dear friends at Emmaus,

I want to thank everyone who signed up to sponsor me in the Milwaukee AIDS Walk on September 29. Since September 11, the tragedy in New York and Washington, D.C. has overshadowed many of the charitable causes that existed before that date, so I greatly appreciate your donations. Thanks to you, I exceeded my goal for this year, raising \$425 to assist in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In response to the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and AIDS Network have announced that the

American Red Cross has been added to the list of benefitting agencies for this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Registrations this year are reported to be 15% ahead of last year, and, according to ARCW's Doug Nelson, "At this time of national emergency, we consider it a duty and a privilege to channel a portion of the AIDS Walk proceeds to the American Red Cross for their work in the wake of the terrorist attacks."

Again, many thanks to those of you who are supporting me. It means a lot to me.

Peace,  
*Paul Berge*

## Elsewhere in Our Area

# Local Jazz Artists Help Lift Up Justice Work

The nationally renowned Manty Ellis Trio will share their musical gifts to help the Lutheran Human Relations Association raise funds in their second annual Jazz for Justice Fall Festival.

Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee will be the place. Food and fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by poetry at 6:30, then the concert and recognition of the lifetime justice walk of Rev. Joe and Joyce Ellwanger at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20, but if you need assistance or can help in any way, call 414-536-0585 or [vanguard@lhra.org](mailto:vanguard@lhra.org).



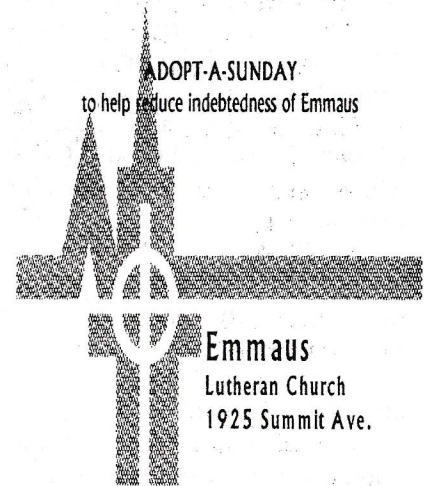
Ever since he was a little boy, Manty Ellis has been honing his talent. His style was influenced by Wes Montgomery, and he has performed with other jazz greats like Dizzy Gillespie, Freddie Hubbard and Duke Ellington, to name a few. The evening will be an absolute treat.

## Siena Center Offers "Supper With Substance" Series

Contact Sr. Rita Lui at 639-4100 to register for the Siena Center's "Supper with Substance."

Send \$13.00 for supper and program, or \$8.00 for program alone, to 5635 Erie Street.

Upcoming programs include: "Muslim Spirituality" with Imam Wali K. Shakoor-Luqman, October 16; "Mozart and Spirituality" with Sister Kathleen Loewen, October 30; and "A Challenge to Love: Gay and Lesbian Issues" with Rev. Tony Larsen, November 13.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lutheran Disaster Response Estimates Need for New York Effort at \$20 Million

NEW YORK, September 21 (ELCA) — Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) may need as much as \$20 million over a three-year period to respond to a multitude of human needs here in the wake of the destruction of the World Trade Center, said the Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, LDR director, Chicago.

Furst made the comments during a visit here Sept. 18-19, one week after the terrorist attacks. The visit included leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), which work together in responding to domestic disasters through LDR.

"This is probably more money than has been ever put in a disaster in the history of the ELCA," Furst said. "This is a long-term effort, the needs are deep, and they're incredible."

In New York, Lutherans know the names of more than 100 parents of children or church members who are unaccounted for or dead as a result of the attacks, said the Rev. Stephen P. Bouman, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod.

As a result of the attacks, staff of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Metropolitan New York are housed temporarily at the Interchurch Center in Upper West Manhattan, said Anthony Harris, acting chief executive officer. The LSS building, within two blocks of

where the World Trade Center towers stood, was damaged when falling debris knocked a hole in the roof, he said.

### Arabic Lutheran Congregation

During the Sept. 19 meetings, the Rev. Khader N. El-Yateem, pastor of Salam Arabic Lutheran Church, an ELCA congregation in Brooklyn, expressed great concern for members of his small congregation. He said he has spoken with many members who will not leave their homes because they are terrified of retribution for the attacks. Arab Christians and Muslims in the United States "mourn with America," he said.

"I'm just asking them to stay calm and not to respond to anybody who makes remarks against them," El-Yateem said in an interview.

Members have been asked to report specific threats to the police or the district attorney, who is working closely with the Arabic community in New York, he said.

"We are one body of Jesus Christ," he said. "Lift us up, hold us in prayer and share [information] that not all Arabs are terrorists, and there is good and bad in every community."

El-Yateem said he is working with members to be "confident" to resume their normal lives, return to work and send their children back to school. "That will remain our main concern at this time," he said.

### Pastor Mary's Column

## Prayers of Support Transcend Geographical Miles

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

On September 21, an e-mail arrived with the following message:

"Dear Pastor Mary and members and friends of Emmaus Lutheran Church:

"I receive your *Emmaus Visitor* because I am a friend of Pastor Mary. I have enjoyed reading your history. I have paid attention to the many actions you take on behalf of others.

"I am celebrating your 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary from a distance, but with prayers of support that transcend our geographical miles. Sunday, I will write a check for the ELCA Disaster Relief and put it in the offering at the church I serve, Richfield Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

"Prayers going with it will be for its use in ministry in New York or Washington D.C. as well as thanksgiving prayers for your years of faithfulness serving the people of the Racine area.

"God's blessings on your celebration and your future!

"In Christ's service,  
"Pastor Patricia Hawley"

Needless to say, I was very touched by the message from my dear friend, Pastor Pat. She and I have traveled to Israel on two different occasions, and I supported her in prayer as she spent her sabbatical there this past winter.

While in Israel, Pastor Pat learned and saw first-hand how devastating oppression and division and violence can be, and now more than ever, she is dedicated to the cause of justice and the vision of *shalom*.

Even as she grieves the horrendous loss and devastation as a result of the September 11 tragedies, Pastor Pat joins us with those in need of help by sending a gift to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. She does so as she also includes the people and ministry of Emmaus in her prayers.

"Prayers of support that transcend geographical miles"... those are our prayers as we join Christians throughout the world in the aftermath of September 11. We pray that the power of God's love will overcome those forces of evil that pose such a threat throughout the world. We pray that God will continue to lead Emmaus for the next 150 years and beyond.

And most of all, we pray that the reality of resurrection and new life will permeate our very beings, transforming fear into hope and assuring us that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." — Romans 8:38,39.

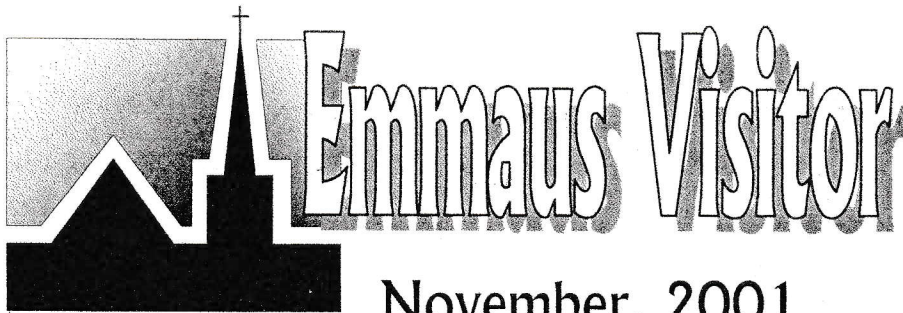
As our anniversary gift to the wider community, I ask that you join me in following my friend, Pastor Pat. Let's dedicate the time between now and Thanksgiving as a special time of our anniversary year to reach out beyond our own

community. We can do that through daily prayer and by designating a special gift to ELCA Disaster Relief Fund. Let us all be an *active* part of our caring Christian community. With God's help, we can make a difference!

*Pastor Mary*

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## ***Covenant With God Is Stewardship Theme***

*by Gregg Albright*

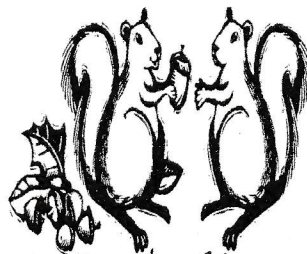
Covenant, *n.*, a formal, solemn, and binding agreement. *v.*, to promise by a covenant.

We don't use the word covenant very much any more; rather, the words promise or commitment. Nevertheless, the meaning is relatively the same. We make promises through the rites of baptism and marriage. We celebrate Christ's covenant with us through the sacrament of Holy Communion.

In a broader sense, we are called to reaffirm our commitment to our church community and our neighborhoods. At Emmaus, we have made that commitment to others, both inside and outside our congregation.

On Sunday, November 11, we invite all members of Emmaus to renew a covenant with God, a covenant set in motion on our

baptism day. We are asking everyone to make at least one covenant in three areas of service: outreach, congregation service and finance.



*Be a cheerful giver*

During this service, Emmaus members will be invited to bring their covenants forward to the altar as a solemn promise to God to fulfill that promise during the next year. We will also celebrate Holy Communion in a continuous style.

Prior to November 11, members will receive more details and "covenant card" facsimiles in the mail. Please use this opportunity to discuss these covenants with your family and to pray for the strength to carry out these obligations during 2002.

## Roth Returns as Guest Organist, All Saints' Sunday November 4

Dr. William Passavant Roth, a Carthage college faculty member since 1957, retired in 1991 as Professor Emeritus, will be guest organist at Emmaus on Sunday, November 4. Dr. Roth was recently appointed Associate Vice President for Church Relations, presenting organ recitals, workshops and hymn festivals nationwide.

Professor Roth served in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II, then received his graduate degree from Northwestern University. He toured for two decades with the Carthage Organ and Brass Choir and directed the Carthage Choir for seven years, presenting concerts in United States and Europe.

During his sixth European tour in 1993, he presented organ

recitals in Hamburg, Berlin, Erfurt, Rothenburg, Amorbach, Ettal, Oberammergau, Pirmasens, and Bad Bergzabern. Over the past thirty years, he has presented over two hundred organ workshops and hymn festivals in the midwest, east coast and Florida. He also performed in

Washington D.C.'s National City Christian Cathedral and National Cathedral.

Previous cassette releases of "The New Old World Sound I, II, and III" were recorded in Carthage's Siebert Chapel on the four manual tracker organ of 3,500 pipes.

During worship on November 3-4, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

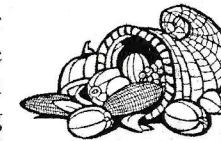


- Esther Below Reichenberger (Jan. 28, 1900 - Nov. 27, 2000)
- Clara Larsen Buchman (Nov. 2, 1908 - Nov. 28, 2000)
- Mary Fiala Smerda (Mar. 20, 1913 - Nov. 28, 2000)
- Joyce Hardy Burby (Jul. 3, 1933 - Jan. 7, 2001)
- Clayton Dwight Clark (Mar. 12, 1926 - Jan. 24, 2001)
- Doris Boudreau Mapes (Mar. 3, 1917 - Jan. 29, 2001)
- Doris Scapple Decker (Jul. 26, 1921 - Feb. 22, 2001)
- Lowell "Bob" Klees (Jun. 25, 1915 - Feb. 24, 2001)
- Edith Fritchen Bohn (Jul. 23, 1916 - Mar. 2, 2001)
- Florence Held Fors (Sep. 19, 1920 - Apr. 11, 2001)
- Michael Allen Ketchum (Nov. 18, 1967 - Apr. 29, 2001)
- Howard Foreman (Jan. 26, 1927 - Jun. 23, 2001)
- Rev. Luther S. Borgen (Dec. 14, 1919 - Oct. 12, 2001)

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Features Processional Offering of Food

Help fill the shelves of our local food pantry! As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry, the pantry to which Emmaus has contributed food and money for several years now, located at Trinity United Methodist Church.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to



Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity! Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Sharon Georgi preaching. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in Fellowship Hall. Donations at the tables will be used to finance next summer's mission trips for our middle and high school youth.

## Rev. Luther Borgen Dies in La Crosse

Rev. Luther Borgen, Emmaus' pastor from 1969 to 1972, passed away in La Crosse, Wisconsin on October 12. He was 81.

Rev. Borgen grew up in Viroqua and was ordained at Central Lutheran Church of Minneapolis in 1944. In addition to that parish and Emmaus, he served congregations in Madison, Eau Claire, Blair, Stoughton, and Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and Portland, Oregon. He retired from active ministry in 1981, but served as visitation pastor for congregations in Wesby and La Crosse from 1984 to 1995.

Rev. Borgen's funeral was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of La Crosse on October

16. He is survived by his wife, Elna (née Lee), a son, John Borgen of New Brighton, Minnesota; a daughter, Christine Drotning of Albuquerque, as well as grandchildren and other relatives.

## Charles Johnson Dies

Charlie Johnson, 95, a longtime member of the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center, passed away on October 24. He is survived by three daughters, Judy Koleske, Judy Madsen and Jane Bragg, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We extend our condolences to his family.

## Meet Our Community Outreach Minister

Greetings, Emmaus family!  
My name is Velvetta Hargrove, and I am the new Community Outreach Minister for Emmaus. It is truly a blessing and an honor to join Pastor Mary and the Emmaus family.

I am a graduate of UW-Whitewater. I am married, with three sons. I am currently the Administrator for St. Paul Child Development Center. I have been with this organization for the past three years.

In the past several months, however, the Lord placed in my spirit that it was time for me to move on. I began putting résumés out to various employers, as well as networking with various community leaders.

I know you've heard that the Lord may not come when you want him, but he will be there right on time. Well, my meeting with Pastor Mary was just that, on time! After my initial conversation with her, and not knowing if she would actually offer me any type of employment, I began to contact many of my resources about information pertaining to after-school programs.

Pastor Mary wasn't certain of my job title or job description, but she was certainly bursting with enthusiasm and excitement about Emmaus's responsibility for

community outreach and helping the children and families in this neighborhood. I, too, share her excitement and enthusiasm for the endless possibilities this program can offer these families. A Cops 'n' Kids Reading Center is already in the making as well as Gateway Community Campus.

I welcome any telephone calls or visits from my new extended family here at Emmaus. Please bring your suggestions as well. This project should be a reflection of us all.

God is in the miracle business and this was truly a miracle!

May God bless you and keep you in his loving arms. Until we meet,  
Your faithful servant,  
*Velvetta Hargrove*

### *We Lift Up Our Thanks*

Emmaus thanks AA Welding Supply — Staeger's for the donation of helium for our Reformation Sunday balloons on October 28.



Thanks also to O&H Bakery for providing the cake enjoyed at the Anniversary banquet September 30. It was excellent!



Velvetta Hargrove

## Lutheran Brotherhood to Match "2001—A Faith Odyssey" Funds

by Amy Larsen

During the month of November Lutheran Brotherhood will match \$450 of gifts given to the 2001 Fund. The 2001 Fund drive began in 1997 with the specific intent of paying extra principal payments on Emmaus' mortgage. The project was named the "2001 Fund" looking forward to the year of Emmaus' 150th Anniversary.

To date the 2001 Fund has raised over \$115,000—and our current mortgage balance has been

reduced to \$77,000.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2001 Fund! Many pledges made in 1998 were generously exceeded. The congregation's efforts to reduce our debt has resulted in lowering our monthly payments considerably. Lutheran Brotherhood now presents us another a opportunity to impact our mortgage principal by presenting us with matching funds. Please consider a gift to the 2001 Fund during November...and thank you, Lutheran Brotherhood!

### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

|                    |                             |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pastor:            | Mary L. Janz                | 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059 |
| Visitation Pastor: | Sharon Georgi               | 6733 Jacobsen Lane 886-3960 |
| e-mail:            | Church—emmaus@execpc.com    | Church office:              |
|                    | Pastor Mary—mljanz@aol.com  | 262 634-5515                |
|                    | Velvetta Hargrove—[pending] | fax: 262 633-0726           |

Council President: Amy Larsen  
Sun. School Coordinator: Julie Field  
Kids Hope USA Dir.: Marty Aiken  
Community Outreach Minister:  
Velvetta Hargrove  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Marsha Connet  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Rick Muhammad & Matt Liesch  
Groundskeeper: Harley Slater

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 21.

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

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## Lutheran Woman Today Subscriptions Are Due

Subscriptions for *Lutheran Woman Today* are being taken during October and at November Circle meetings. For renewals, bring your label from the magazine and \$9.50 to your circle meeting, or put it in the women's mail slot by the church office.

If there are new subscribers, please contact Denise Keller at 619-9911.

The Bible study for the circles is in the magazine, as well as many interesting and inspiring articles.

### Thankoffering Service

The women of Emmaus have invited Pastor Sharon Georgi to be the preacher for the annual women's Thankoffering services to be held the first weekend in December.

The women's service will begin this year's Advent focus: Waiting in Hope.

Interested in helping out, or participating in some way? Please contact Pastor Mary for more information.

There are Thankoffering boxes available in the narthex. There will also be thankoffering envelopes in the pews.

### Advent Musical

December 3 at 7:00 p.m., our Emmaus women are invited to a special Advent Musical program at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

3011 Erie Street. We hope we will have a good representation. Please sign up in the narthex. They would like to know how many women are coming.

### Cookie Pack

December 5 at 1:00 p.m. during the Mary & Rebecca Circle meeting will be cookie packing day for the shut-ins. We will accept cookies from anyone in the congregation. They can be brought to the kitchenette, off the Fireside Room.



Please mark them for shut-ins and have them there by December 4. If you would like to help deliver the cookies, call the church office. Pastor Mary will present the Bible study at the meeting.

### Rummage Sale

The women made \$129.35 from the bake sale that was held in conjunction with the rummage sale on September 8. The profits will go toward our Women's Scholarship and Convention fund. Thank you to all the bakers and those who worked.

Thank you to those who contributed sewing kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

## Women's Chorus Being Formed

by Marsha Connet

A Women's Chorus is being formed to sing on Sunday, December 2. All women of

the church are invited to sing. Brief rehearsals will be held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 7:15 and at 8:30 a.m. on December 2.

## Listen! Do You Hear God Calling?

by Carol Eschmann

Emmaus Visitors is alive again. Emmaus has nearly thirty persons who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Pastor Mary and Pastor Sharon visit to bring communion, but are not able to see everyone as often as they would like. Several persons have been interested in visiting our shut-in population, but don't know what they should do or expect at a visit. Do you hear God calling?

Pastor Sharon and Carol Eschmann, Parish Nurse, will be conducting a training session on Saturday, November 17. We will begin with coffee at 9:00. The session is planned for about two hours and will include visiting skills, scripture selections, and health practices.

The last portion will include optional training for lay communion assistants. This will enable visitors to bring

communion to shut-ins more frequently. The visitation communion kits are being purchased with designated memorial funds.

The tape ministry is also a part of the Emmaus Visitor project. Delivering the tapes of the services will be a part of the visitor responsibility.

Perhaps you do not feel comfortable visiting. Could you copy tapes? Could you be responsible to turn on the tape recorder at each service? Do you hear God calling?

We would like to invite those who may not be able to visit to become prayer partners with our Emmaus Visitors. Do you hear God calling?

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex; or you may phone the church office at 634-5515, or Carol Eschmann at 835-2372 to participate. We hope to see you on November 17 from 9:00 to 11:30.





Sunday School News

## Kids Begin Preparations for Christmas Program

Parents, please mark your calendars!

Sunday School will be held on November 24, Thanksgiving weekend. Beginning that Sunday, we will be learning about the Christmas story as we make preparations for the Christmas program.

Our Christmas program will be on December 16 at the 9:15 a.m. service. We hope to see you all there!

Please remind your children that their attendance and participation are important! Thanks to all the kids who bring offerings of money to support out Rosa, our Christian Children's Fund sponsored child, and non-



perishable food items for the Northside Food Pantry.

And a special thank you to parents, grandparents, volunteers and all who support our Sunday School with your time, help and prayers.

### Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 1 Brittany Schanstine, 10
- Nov. 3 Chris Buelow, 14
- Nov. 12 Austin Schultz, 16
- Nov. 20 Anicka Purath, 7
- Nov. 23 Amanda Hegeman, 14
- Nov. 25 Erin Tussler, 17
- Nov. 26 Stephen Santos, 9
- Nov. 27 Erin Svoboda, 17
- Nov. 30 Eilis Purath, 5

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

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|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Sept.:</b> | 1999: <b>153</b> | 2000: <b>172</b> | 2001: <b>156</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Oct.:</b>  | 1999: <b>176</b> | 2000: <b>160</b> | 2001: <b>137</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Nov.:</b>  | 1999: <b>167</b> | 2000: <b>173</b> |                  |

### Financial Figures

|   | <u>Year to date</u>     |              |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| General funds receipts in September, 2001 .....     | \$16,421.65             | \$139,570.53 |
| Bldg. Fund offerings received in September, 2001 .. | \$ 899.00               | \$ 4,171.00  |
| Unified funds receipts in September, 2001 .....     | \$17,320.65             | \$143,741.53 |
|   | <u>Campaign to date</u> |              |
| 2001 Fund offerings received in Sept., 2000 .....   | \$835.00                | \$92,910.12  |
| October mortgage payments:                          |                         |              |
| Principal .....                                     | \$432.19                |              |
| Additional principal .....                          | \$0                     |              |
| Interest .....                                      | \$533.81                |              |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                  | <b>\$966.00</b>         |              |
| Principal balance as of October 12, 2001 .....      | \$77,213.59             |              |

## Psalm 100

Find these words from Psalm 100.  
Write the name of each picture on the lines.  
Transfer the letters to the lines of the verse.

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"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs... Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name!"

## Larsens, Confirmands Adopt Sunday

Our thanks to the following, who adopted Sundays in the month of October as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

**Cindi & Loren Larsen**, celebrating their wedding anniversary, and Eric and Ken's birthdays.

**The 2001 confirmands**, in honor of their confirmation guides,

Pastor Mary, Pastor Paul, and Carol Yust.

If you would like to adopt a Sunday at some time this year, please fill out the form included in your Sunday bulletin or *Visitor*. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or you can drop it off at or mail it to the church office.

### Worship & Music Notes

## Christmas Decoration of Church Scheduled

We will once again be decorating our church in celebration of the Christmas season. Designated decorating days are November 29 and 30 and December 1. Please join us one of



the scheduled days if you can, as we hang the greens here at Emmaus.

Join the fun; call Marsha Connet at 633-2047 to help and to get scheduling details.

## New Decorations Grace Narthex

A banner by Carol Eschmann, commemorating Emmaus' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is hanging in the narthex of the church. This beautiful banner is based on the anniversary logo designed by Austin Schultz. It will be displayed throughout the rest of this anniversary year.

On September 30, Lutheran Brotherhood Branch 8013 presented Emmaus with a framed line drawing of the church building. Given in recognition of

Emmaus's sesquicentennial, the lithograph is currently on display in the church narthex.

### Discretionary Funds Low

Discretionary Funds have been depleted due to heavy demand this fall. Any contributions to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund are greatly appreciated.

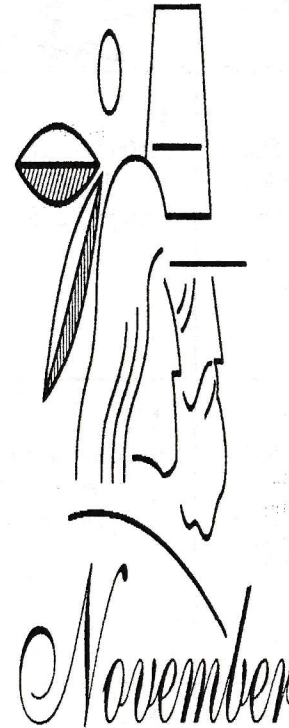
## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

The Fellowship Center now meets in the Sunset Room every week on Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Director: Carol Rudey

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

### PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER:



- Nov. 6: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation  
10:30 a.m. - Christine Otters, All Saints dietitian, on senior health  
12:00 noon - Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- Nov. 13: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation  
10:30 a.m. - Al Beck's slides, "Fall Colors" are presented  
12:00 noon - Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- Nov. 20: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation  
11:00 a.m. - "Quilts" by RSVP  
12:00 noon - Lunch  
1:00 p.m. - Games
- Nov. 27: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation  
10:30 a.m. - Marty Aiken: KidsHope USA  
12:00 noon - Birthday lunch  
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.



### BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

|         |                |                                 |       |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Nov. 1  | Dolly Wiley    | 1100 Fountain Hills Dr. #419    | 53406 |
| Nov. 8  | David Anderson | 155 Lakefield Court             | 53402 |
| Nov. 11 | Boots LeRoux   | 3418 St. Clair Street           | 53402 |
| Nov. 20 | Chris Hansen   | 240 88th Ave. Sturtevant        | 53177 |
| Nov. 26 | Dorothy Niva   | 5810 Lincoln Village Drive #405 | 53406 |
| Nov. 28 | John Haanstad  | 3340 Fourth Avenue              | 53402 |



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| <b>November, 2001</b><br>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church<br>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404<br>☎ 262 634-5515   |  |  |    |  | <b>1</b> <i>All Saint's Day</i><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline | <b>2</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>3</b><br>5:00 pm Worship<br>service with Holy<br>Communion |
| <b>4</b> <i>All Saints' Sunday</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE LBW Setting 2<br>w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & fellowship; blood<br>pressure checks<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary worship service at<br>Good Shepherd L.C. | <b>5</b><br>11:00 am Staff<br>meeting<br>7:00 pm Worship<br>& Music<br>committee                                 | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                         | <b>7</b><br>1:00 pm Mary & Rebecca<br>Circle<br>6:15 pm 8th-9th grade<br>confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Women's Chorus<br>7:15 pm Adult Choir | <b>8</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline  | <b>9</b><br>7:00 pm REST   | <b>10</b> <i>Martin Luther's<br/>           birthday</i><br>5:00 pm Worship<br>service with<br>Holy<br>Communion |   |
| <b>11</b> <i>Covenant Sunday. Veterans' Day.</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE Covenant<br>Sunday service<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary worship service at<br>Good Shepherd L.C.                    | <b>12</b><br>11:00 am Staff<br>meeting<br>6:30 pm Church<br>Council  | <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                        | <b>14</b><br>6:15 pm 8th-9th grade<br>confirmation class<br>7:00 pm Women's Chorus<br>7:15 pm Adult Choir                                    | <b>15</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline;<br><i>Dec. Visitor</i><br>deadline   | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm REST  | <b>17</b><br>9:30 am Emmaus<br>Visitors<br>training<br>5:00 pm Worship<br>service with<br>Holy<br>Communion      |   |
| <b>18</b> <i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:15 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy<br>Communion<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary worship service at<br>Good Shepherd L.C.            | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>9:30 am Cluster Clergy<br>meeting<br>10:00 am Senior Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS | <b>21</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline<br>7:00 pm Worship service<br>with Holy<br>Communion<br>8:00 pm Pie social                        | <b>22</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i><br><i>Office closed</i><br> | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm REST  | <b>24</b><br>5:00 pm Worship<br>service with<br>Holy<br>Communion  |   |
| <i>Pastor Mary on vacation, Nov. 19-23</i>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| <b>25</b> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i><br>9:15 am WORSHIP SERVICE WOV Service<br>of Word & Prayer<br>10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30 am Sunday School<br>6:00 pm Sanctuary worship service at<br>Good Shepherd L.C.                        | <b>26</b><br>11:00 am Staff<br>meeting<br>6:30 pm REST<br>Board<br><br><b>November Visitor</b><br><b>Page 12</b> | <b>27</b><br>10:00 am Senior<br>Fellowship Center<br>5:00 pm TOPS                        | <b>28</b><br>7:00 pm Women's Chorus<br>7:15 pm Adult Choir   | <b>29</b><br>11:00 am Bulletin<br>deadline   | <b>30</b> <i>St. Andrew</i><br>7:00 pm REST                      | Dec. 1 <i>World AIDS Day</i><br>5:00 pm Worship<br>service with Holy<br>Communion                                |   |

Emmaus Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Younkers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |
| Home Depot  | 3%           | \$25, \$100, \$250       |          |       |

|                                   |      |                   |              |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------|----|
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                   |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                   |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5               |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5, 10           |              |    |
|                                   |      |                   | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

May 25, 2001

# GLAD TO BE IN GOD'S SERVICE

|                      | Readers           | Acolytes                          | Altar Guild                   | Ushers                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nov. 3<br>5:00 pm    |                   |                                   | Barb Toslek<br>Kelley Austin  |                           |
| Nov. 4<br>9:15 am    | Bev Hansen        | Brian Field<br>Andrew Reischl     | Gregg & Kylee<br>Albright     | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen  |
| Nov. 10<br>5:00 pm   |                   |                                   | Pat Jensen                    |                           |
| Nov. 11<br>9:15 am   | Ruth Hlavka       | Justin Haman<br>Nathan Lamberton  | Evelyn Larsen                 | Team #6<br>John Cook      |
| Nov. 17<br>5:00 pm   |                   |                                   | Evelyn Larsen                 |                           |
| Nov. 18<br>9:15 am   | Amy Larsen        | Marissa Connet<br>Kelsey Albright | Arvilla Nemer<br>Lael Richter | Team #7<br>Wm. Meteyard   |
| Nov. 21<br>Noon/7:00 |                   | /Kally Jansen<br>Amy Meteyard     | Evelyn Larsen/<br>Pat Jensen  | /Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi |
| Nov. 24<br>5:00 pm   |                   |                                   | Brian & Denise<br>Keller      |                           |
| Nov. 25<br>9:15 am   | Gregg<br>Albright | Erin Sommer<br>April Falaschi     |                               | Team #2<br>H. Miller      |
| Dec. 1<br>5:00 pm    |                   |                                   | Betty Schultz<br>Cathy Meyer  |                           |
| Dec. 2<br>9:15 am    | Marsha<br>Connet  | TBA                               | Jan Bertram<br>Ginny Haugsby  | Team #3<br>R. Christensen |

|         | Altar Flowers            | Fellowship        | Candle Care     | Worship Asst.     |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Nov. 4  | H&E Larsen; D&M Anderson | TBA               | Mildred Schroth | Amy Larsen        |
| Nov. 11 | Amy Larsen               | Kathy Christensen | through         | —                 |
| Nov. 18 | Harley Slater            | TBA               | November        | Jess Sedgwick     |
| Nov. 21 | —                        | —                 | ↓               | Karen Sedgwick    |
| Nov. 25 | Connets                  | TBA               | ↓               | —                 |
| Dec. 2  | Austin Schultz           | Please sign up!   | Pat Jensen      | Kathy Christensen |

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## Scrip Certificates Make Great Gifts

by Pat Liesch

Scrip is now taking special orders for holiday gift giving. Pick up a sheet in the Scrip bucket in the narthex, or contact Pat Liesch or Cathy Meyer. Order early, so

you won't be disappointed! Scrip is also available every Saturday and Sunday, after services.

The last day to order Scrip is December 9th, with December 16th being the last day to purchase Scrip on site.

## Speaking of Shopping...

by Kathy Christensen

The holidays are almost here once again. Let us help you with your Christmas shopping. Look for the following items in the narthex:

A History of Emmaus Church in the Sesquicentennial Year has been published and is available for sale at a price of \$5.00 per copy. This book tells the story of Emmaus from 1851 until the

present and is a nice keepsake of Emmaus' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

An Emmaus Cookbook is an excellent and much-appreciated gift at a cost of \$12.50. Keep it in mind for your Christmas gift list.

A new supply of house pins are available and some have a Christmas theme.

Scrip gift certificates or cards from numerous businesses are also available.

## REST Reopens with New Shower

by Pat Liesch

Twenty men and one woman came to Emmaus on Friday, October 5, for our first REST night of the season. Many took advantage of our new shower. Everyone was very appreciative to Emmaus, for the food, the volunteers, and especially, the new shower.

Thanks to June Beck, who will be making curtains for the shower room.

REST is currently in need of

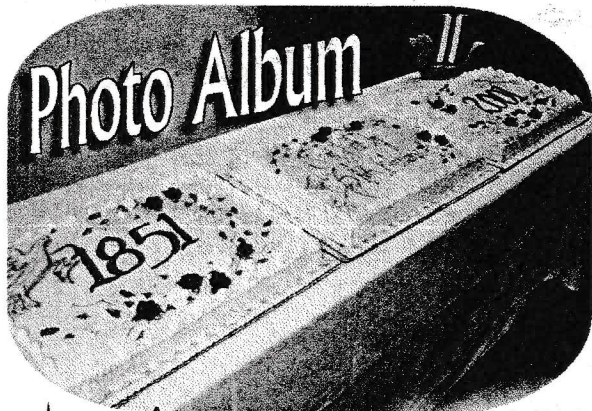


mens jeans and underwear, sizes 30 through 40, men's winter coats, and men's white socks. We're also looking for a pair of size 10 sneakers.

REST is once again in need of volunteers to staff the site. Shifts run from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Please sign up on the REST board in the narthex. We need you!

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# Anniversary Celebration



September 30, 2001

## Letter

### Zielkes Send Thanks

Dear friends:

We wish to thank the Emmaus congregation for the beautiful mum plant. We also appreciate your sharing the

September 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with our observance of our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a corsage and boutonniere.

—Lyle and Marjorie Zielke

## Parish Nurse Corner

### Seven Factors Constitute Resilience

by Carol Eschmann, RN

Resilience is the capacity to find new and creative ways to assert life despite great trauma and obstacles. Mental health experts tell us that resilience has seven components: morality, relationships, initiative, independence, humor, creativity, and insight. One author states that morality and relationships are the most important resiliencies.

Morality is the desire to do a good thing for someone — to do the right thing. The desire to provide service is the greatest resource we have. We have the ability to do acts of goodness, to feel good in the face of evil. Supporting other people and helping in ways that are meaningful to you are important in coping with difficult times.

The ability to share relationships with other people is another part of resilience. One of

the good things that have come out of our recent tragedy is that many of us are talking more to people they know and love — and to strangers. Many express a desire to hug people. Most people are talking about how important the people they care about are.

Relationships create strengths that work as part of the process of resiliency.

In this faith community we have many opportunities to support one another and others in our community and in our world. While

some individuals may suffer psychiatric symptoms and will need additional support, most of us will learn from the experience and grow stronger. Faith can help each of us to feel more centered and grounded in life. Look forward to connecting with friends in genuine ways, talk about what is happening with them and worship together.



## ELCA Installs Rev. Mark Hanson as Bishop

CHICAGO (ELCA) — The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) installed the Rev. Mark S. Hanson as its third presiding bishop Oct. 6 in a historic ceremony at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago. About 2,000 participants included the ELCA's Church Council and 65 synod bishops, Lutheran bishops from around the world and other religious leaders.

Hanson presided over the three-hour ceremony, assisted by ELCA vice president Dr. Addie J. Butler. Elizabeth Branstad Burtness, Hanson's aunt and godmother, and Ione Agrimson Hanson, his wife, read passages from the Bible.

"When I was called to this office on August 11, I began to look forward to October 6 with joyful anticipation," Hanson said at an Oct. 5 news conference. "That mood is now one of subdued joy, because of the events of September 11.

"The context of the church in this nation and the world is quite different today than it was the day I was called to this office. So, one of the major challenges before us is to pay attention to how that context has changed," said Hanson.

"We are a church that takes very seriously its local context," said Hanson, explaining that he had invited the Rev. Heidi B. Neumark to preach the installation

sermon because she is the pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, a bilingual church in the South Bronx of New York City.

That congregation is "dealing with all the realities of poverty and diversity and the post-September 11 tragedy, and that's where this church lives out its mission — in the life of people in the day-to-day fabric of the world with its joys and tragedies," said Hanson.

Neumark challenged the ELCA and Hanson personally at several points in her sermon. "Mark, people will be watching your feet — where you walk, where you visit, where you lead and where you allow yourself to be led," she said.

"Literally within minutes of becoming aware of the terrorist attacks, people began clamoring to get to Ground Zero in New York City — to come in person and to send all kinds of resources, material and spiritual for rescue, comfort, support and the rebuilding of life. This stampede of generosity is still going on and it's wonderful. You, church, have joined that marvelous stampede," said Neumark.

"Mark, please lead the stampede," she said. "Lead us to Ground Zero. Take us to the waste places of disconnect from each other, from other nations, from our earth, from God — that we too may be made new all together."



*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 \$8.25 each

(# \_\_\_\_\_ red # \_\_\_\_\_ white # \_\_\_\_\_ pink)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

As a MEMORIAL for: \_\_\_\_\_

and/or to HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to order and make payment is December 2, 2001.**  
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: ❄



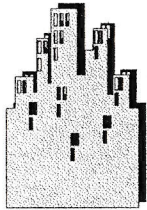
# Lutheran Disaster Response Pitches In Toward 9-11 Relief

Between now and Thanksgiving, Emmaus members and friends are encouraged to make contributions to the Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to help respond to the attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. All contributions so designated will be forwarded to the ELCA's national headquarters in Chicago. Specially marked envelopes are available in the pews.

Lutheran Brotherhood will match all contributions made to

Lutheran Disaster Response up to \$650,000. LDR is coordinating local Lutheran organizations' disaster-related needs, including foster care for some of the 400 children orphaned, counseling and pastoral care to the victims' families and others, and a special program to help children deal with their grief.

To receive the Lutheran Brotherhood match, it's important to note "Sept. 11-LB Match" on the check memo.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Have You Been Wondering Where the Time Goes?

A woman's watch was found in the kitchen in September and has been sitting unclaimed in our lost and found ever since. If you

can identify this unclaimed item, please call the church office at 634-5515.

### Elsewhere In Our Area

## Carthage Hosts Festival of Hymns

Carthage College Music Department presents "People of God, Gather to Sing... A Festival of Hymns" with Michael Burkhardt, organist-director, the Carthage Choir, the Carthage Brass Ensemble, and a massed choir comprised of area church choir singers Sunday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at Siebert Chapel, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

## Get Your Flu Shots

Visiting Nurse Community Care, Inc., will offer flu shots for \$15.00 and pneumonia shots for \$25.00 at several sites in Racine this month. Medicare Part B is accepted, but Medicare HMO is not.

- Racine sites this month are:
- Nov. 1, Spring Street Piggly Wiggly, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Nov. 2, Rapids Drive Pick 'n' Save, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Nov. 3, Green Bay Road K-Mart, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - Nov. 4, Schaefer Motor Sales drive-thru, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

- p.m.
- Nov. 5, Grove Avenue Piggly Wiggly, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 6, Rainbow Foods, 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 7, Erie Street Piggly Wiggly, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 8, Durand Avenue Piggly Wiggly, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9, Green Bay Road Pick 'n' Save, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10, Douglas Avenue K-Mart, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11, Grove Avenue Piggly Wiggly, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 17, Green Bay Road Pick 'n' Save, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For updates on schedule changes, call the flu hotline at 656-8412, extension 207, or visit [www.myflushot.com](http://www.myflushot.com).

Women in their first trimester of pregnancy should **not** receive flu shots. Women in the second and third trimester should consult their doctor before receiving a flu shot.

## Wow! Sometimes the Spirit Moves Very Quickly!

Do you ever stand back in amazement and awe when something in your life "clicks," and you know you can't take the credit for it? I've just had one of those "Wow!" weeks, and I'd like to share a bit of that with you.

After what had been several months of whirlwind activities that included the Juarez mission trip, the neighborhood carnival, work on the parsonage, a move, a quick trip to D.C. for a wedding, and anniversary events and entertaining, I breathed a big sigh of relief when October 1 came.

Finally, there was more room for routine and daily walks and reflective prayer. And, my time of prayer and reflection has included neighborhood outreach and questions to God about how we were going to do God's will in our neighborhood.

During that time of listening, it became clear to me that those questions couldn't be answered in a vacuum, so I went to talk with Julia Burney. I was taking her up on her earlier offer, "Let me know what I can do to help, Pastor Mary."

So, after some talking and



some visioning, I expressed to Julia that we needed a person with passion for kids and their families — someone who could help dream with us and could coordinate an after-school program for Emmaus. Funds from Siebert and AAL grants are earmarked for such a position, but I didn't know how or where to begin to identify the right person for the job.

Julia's ready reply was, "Velvetta Hargrove. Call her. She's ready for a new challenge. She's a real self-starter! She'd be perfect for the position!"

### Energy and Enthusiasm

And a new "whirlwind" has begun — in a very positive sense of the word. On Monday, October 15, I left a message for Velvetta. When she returned the call, we talked well over an hour. I explained that we were entering new territory, and that no firm job description was in place. I was calling about a nebulous work in progress.

Would she be willing to talk in person? The answer was "Yes." Two days later, Velvetta spent over two hours at Emmaus. After expressing her "oohs and aahs" over the space we have created for

children, we talked more.

Ideas flowed. There was energy and enthusiasm as we shared possibilities. It was as though sprouts of life were emerging from that seed that was planted in the grant proposal a year ago.

How about newspaper coverage of the artwork and innovative space at Emmaus? Could we make some links with Barnes & Noble for sponsorship of a kids' library? Could Emmaus be an extension of Julia Burney's reading center? What input might neighborhood families have? These questions were all asked by Velvetta, and she has already begun to take action on all of them.

After over two hours of conversation with a number of church leaders on October 21, Velvetta was offered the position of Community Outreach Minister. She officially began her work October 23.

This lay position is currently half-time with the expectation that it will become a full-time position sometime after the first of the year.

The Holy Spirit is at work, and where and how the Spirit will blow and inspire and guide

is anybody's guess! How God will move to touch lives of kids and their families in our community remains to be seen. Continue to pray for the mission of Emmaus.

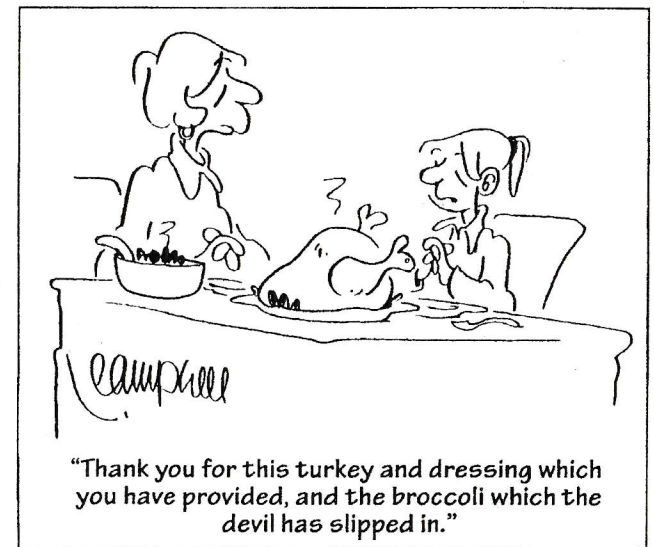
### Your Prayers

Remember in your prayers the neighborhood, Velvetta, Emmaus — and most of all, God's will for us — as we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ, reaching out in love together.

We are blessed in so many ways and give thanks to God for the privilege to be a part of this exciting ministry. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Velvetta Hargrove. May this be a time of mutual support, encouragement and creativity.

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary




# In the November Visitor

- *William Roth Plays Organ  
November 4*
- *Thanksgiving Eve Services  
November 21*
- *Velvetta Hargrove Is New  
Community Outreach  
Minister*
- *Lutheran Brotherhood to  
Match 2001 Funds*
- *Emmaus Visitors Resume  
November 17*
- *REST Reopens*
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Merry Christmas  
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Carmel Marshall  
Garnet  
Paul  
Velvetta Hargrove  
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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Ashley Caroline Wyma  
November 25, 2001

Ashley is the daughter of Steve and Debie Wyma and the granddaughter of former Emmaus members Don and Naomi Andersen. Her sponsors are Stacie and Sara Wyma and Dave and Steve Andersen.

## *Begin Your Christmas with Christ December 24*

The 4:30 p.m. Festival Service will offer music by the Brass Nickel and organist Joyce Kaiser. The 10:30 p.m. Candle Light service

features the adult choir and guest organist Jim Brown. Holy Communion will be served at both the 4:30 and 10:30 services.

### **EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES**

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Sun. School Coordinator: Julie Field  
Kids Hope USA Dir.: Marty Aiken  
Community Outreach Minister:  
Velvetta Hargrove  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Marsha Connet  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Rick Muhammad & Matt  
Liesch  
Groundskeeper: Harley Slater

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School on Dec. 30.

CHRISTMAS EVE, there will be a festival service at 4:30 p.m. and a candlelight service at 10:30 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Dec. 25.

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## *Join Us For the Sunday School Project!*

Kids from preschool through grade six will be a part of the annual Christmas program Sunday, December 16 at 9:15 a.m.

Under the direction of Julie Field and Karla Bielewicz, the story is told through the point of view of the animals. "A Mouse's Tale" includes the "Camel's Rap" as well as traditional carols.

There will be practices on Sundays December 2 and 9 during the 10:30 Sunday School hour. There will be a special rehearsal on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-schoolers do not have to be present for the entire Saturday rehearsal; they may arrive at 11:00 a.m.

Following the December 16 program, there will be treats and a



birthday cake for Jesus in Fellowship Hall.  
Thank You

Thank you to Sunday School teachers and helpers who have served since September: Jackie Orth, Amy Larsen, Carol Rudey, Carol Yust, Brenda Gieszler, Vicki Butler, Kris Bournoville, Celia Bagley, Jamie Toslek, Sandy Zeleski, Nathan Albright, Karla Bielewicz and Julie Field.

### **December Youth Birthdays**

|         |                      |    |
|---------|----------------------|----|
| Dec. 7  | Erin Balthazar       | 6  |
| Dec. 10 | Willie Maryland      | 17 |
| Dec. 11 | Elizabeth Orth       | 1  |
| Dec. 11 | Eric Pearce          | 6  |
| Dec. 24 | Becky Fiebig         | 18 |
| Dec. 25 | Brandie Pedrosa      | 17 |
| Dec. 27 | Laura Olson          | 15 |
| Dec. 28 | Trevor Babington     | 1  |
| Dec. 28 | Danielle Pipol       | 16 |
| Dec. 29 | Kristen Clinton      | 18 |
| Dec. 29 | Ashley Lamberton     | 15 |
| Dec. 30 | Renee Galligan       | 9  |
| Dec. 30 | Alexander Villalobos | 4  |

### *Advent Decoration Wraps Up December 1*

Volunteers interested in helping decorate the church for Advent November 29-December 1 are asked to please call



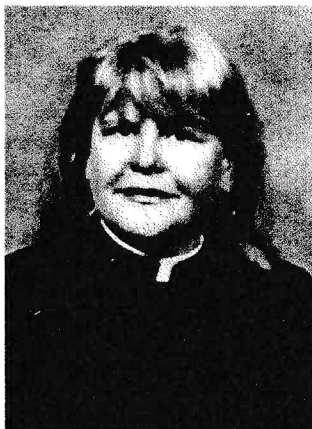
Marsha Connet (633-2047) if you can help. Remember: "Many hands make light work!"

## Women Lead Services December 2

The women of Emmaus have invited Pastor Sharon Georgi to be the preacher for the annual women's thankoffering services on December 1 and 2.

The women's service will begin this year's advent focus, *Waiting in Hope*.

Thankoffering envelopes are in the pews for women's thankofferings.



Rev. Sharon Georgi

### Christmas Cookie Pack

Cookie packing for the shut-ins will be at 1:00 p.m. on December 5. The Mary and Rebecca Circles will meet following the cookie packing. Pastor Sharon will lead our Bible study.

Come and join our fellowship and carol sing.

We have a lot of shut-ins and

if you can contribute some cookies, leave them in the kitchenette off the Sunset Room. Be sure to mark them "Cookies for shut-ins."

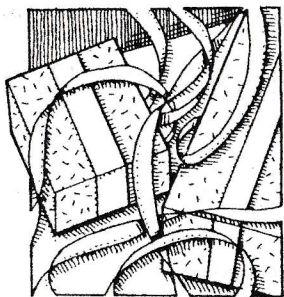
Thank you to all the bakers. We will also need some help in delivering the cookies. If you can help us, call the church office.

### Advent Musical

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3011 Erie Street, has invited us to a special Advent Musical program December 3 at 7:30 p.m. (not 7:00, as announced in the November *Visitor*). We hope we will have a good representation.

## Have You Done Your Christmas Shopping Yet?

Emmaus elves will be in the narthex to take SCRIP orders on December 10, the last SCRIP order day of the year. Would you rather purchase on the spot? Check out the variety of



certificates that are "in house" and can be purchased directly — everything from Piggly Wiggly to K Mart to Barnes and Noble.

By giving these gift certificates, you are giving twice — both to Emmaus and to the recipient of the gift card/certificate.

## Giving to Those Less Fortunate: Opportunities Abound!

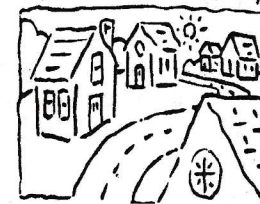
A noisy offering in the amount of \$108.26 was collected on November 17 and 18 during our worship services. As a part of National Family Week, Family Service of Racine sponsored the collection of funds throughout Racine.

The money collected will be used for holiday baskets and other immediate needs of area families. Pastor Mary serves on the board of Family Service.

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Due to unusually high needs of low-income families during the past

several months, the pastor's discretionary fund has been nearly depleted.



The fund depends entirely upon designated donations — any

amount is appreciated!

Thank you for anonymously meeting the needs of your sisters and brothers who are struggling to provide the basic needs for their families. Any donations should be designated "Discretionary Fund."

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 6

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 6 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Please sign up to provide either a casserole, cake or jello.

The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the

Sunset Room. We also have canned beans and cream of mushroom soup for making the casserole. Thanks to Pat Liesch for the canned goods, and thank you for your continued support of this program.

## Northside Food Pantry Seeks Donations

In addition to the non-perishable food items brought to the Thanksgiving Eve service, there is tremendous need



this year for gifts of additional food or money to the Northside Food Pantry.

Remember the hungry as you fill up the grocery cart in the narthex. Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."

## R.E.S.T. Volunteers Needed

R.E.S.T. (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) needs volunteers for the upcoming weeks. Even if you have not been a R.E.S.T. volunteer before, our more seasoned volunteers would be happy to show you the ropes.

Shifts run on Friday nights



from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Saturday mornings from 5:00 to 7:00. Can you help? Please sign up in the narthex today or contact the church office (634-5515), Jim Palmer (681-2363) or

Pat Liesch (835-1363)! Thanks!

## Barbershop Groups Sing to Benefit R.E.S.T. Program

Join Opus 2000, the Churchsingers, Caritas, and the Dairy Statesmen at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. Sixth Street, for a concert to benefit the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (R.E.S.T.) program. The concert begins at

7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 9.

A free-will offering will be taken. Concert-goers are asked to bring a non-perishable canned good for Racine's food pantries.

R.E.S.T. t-shirts, will be available. Recordings by the singing groups will also be for sale.

## Outreach Works Both Ways

by Pat Liesch

For several years, our church has focused on "outreach"—reaching out to those in need in our neighborhood. Well, surprise! It works both ways!

On Wednesday, November 21, Mrs. Witthuhn's fifth grade class from Wadewitz School, visited Emmaus, and presented Pat Liesch with four large pans of home-made lasagna, to be eaten by the folks in the R.E.S.T. program. The kids all chipped in one dollar each, and

made the lasagna at school. The whole class walked to Emmaus.

Here they heard about the R.E.S.T. program and had a chance to ask questions. It was truly a gift from the heart, and is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all the members of Emmaus for all your caring and sharing for the R.E.S.T. program. The folks greatly appreciate all that you do for them. We hope you will all have a blessed holiday season.

## Response to 9-11 Fund Was Generous

Since the tragedies of September 11, members of Emmaus have responded generously to aid the families of the victims. Funds, being matched by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), are being channeled through those who work

with disaster relief in the ELCA.

A check for \$825 is being mailed as Emmaus' contribution to the aid being offered.

Thank you to all who have opened your hearts and your checkbooks to those in need!

## Wadewitz Comes Bearing Gifts for Emmaus

The students at Wadewitz have been very busy during the month of November, as they have used their creativity to make gifts and treats for others. Who says outreach works only one way?

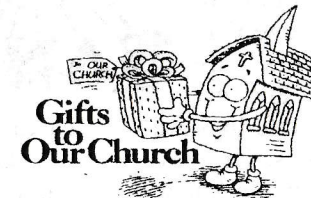
Emmaus has been the recipient of gifts made by Wadewitz students on three different occasions in November. Third graders made Bavarian pretzels and other sweets that were served at a

Sunday morning coffee hour.

Another class prepared four lasagnas to be served at the R.E.S.T. shelter. The latest gift, shared with Seniors, the Sunday School and others,

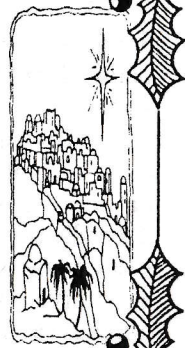
was a whole collection of pencils decorated with patriotic colors by the first graders.

We thank Wadewitz teachers and kids for their creative gifts.



## December Worship Highlights:

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| Dec. 1 & 2 | 5 pm/9:15 am | Women's Thankoffering Service   |
| Dec. 16    | 9:15 a.m.    | Sunday School Christmas Program   |
| Dec. 24    | 4:30 p.m.    | Christmas Eve Festival worship service; Music by the Brass Nickel                                 |
| Dec. 24    | 10:30 p.m.   | Christmas Eve Candle Light worship service; Music by the Adult Choir and guest organist Jim Brown |



## House Pins Raised \$3,000 for Habitat

by Cathy Knuteson

Thank you to all who have generously supported our House Pin sales. On December 9, we will present a check for \$3,000 to a

representative from Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds from the sale of House Pins made after November 15 will be donated to the REST program at Emmaus.

## Sanctuary to Identify Needy Families

Aware that there are a number of "working poor" within the ELCA family in Racine, Sunday evening Sanctuary worshipers are preparing gift baskets. Fifty per cent of the December offerings are being designated for those families.

If you, or a family you know, could use an extra boost during this holiday season, please contact



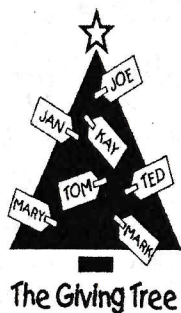
Pastor Mary immediately.

If you would like to donate money, gift certificates or food for this cause, please designate your gifts to "Sanctuary — Gift Baskets."

## Help Someone Through the Giving/Mitten Tree

by Cathy Knuteson

Lutheran Social Services' Christmas Party is planned for December 11, 12 and 13. We offered to provide twenty presents for children attending these parties. Tags on the Giving Tree identify whether the gift is for a boy or girl in various age ranges. Please take a tag, purchase and wrap a gift, and return it to the church by December 9.



Suggested price range is \$15 to \$20. Let's help make Christmas extra special for some extra special children.

### Mitten Tree

The Giving Tree continues the tradition of giving long after Christmas is over. Continuing to build our neighborhood outreach, mittens, scarves, and hats placed on the tree will be donated to Wadewitz Elementary School.



*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 \$8.25 each  
(# \_\_\_ red # \_\_\_ white # \_\_\_ pink)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

As a MEMORIAL for: \_\_\_\_\_

and/or to HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Some colors may not be available after December 2, 2001.** Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

**I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24.**

**Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.**

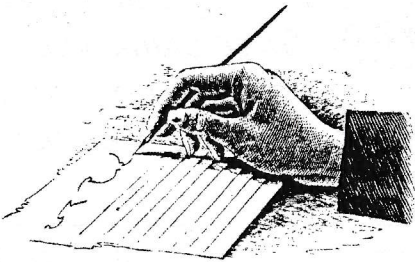
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## Dykstras Send Thanks for Prayers

Dear friends,  
 Thanks from Gerry and Judy for your cards, visits, prayers, and concerns during Judy's recent hospitalization.  
 —Gerry & Judy Dykstra



You are greatly appreciated by so many.  
 Again, thank you for your continued and generous financial

support. What your congregation does for Lutherdale counts for so much in so many lives. Thanks on behalf of the campers and retreaters who have grown in wonder of God's creation.

In God's peace,  
 —Darlene Breon  
 Development Director

## Lutherdale Appreciates Donation

Dear Friends at Emmaus Lutheran Church

Thank you for your recent gift of \$150.00 to Lutherdale annual fund. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated. It is congregations such as yours, along with other organizations and devoted individuals who make this ministry possible to others who may have no other way to hear the Gospel and good news of Christ's love.

This year has been a year of much growth for Lutherdale. We have many new staff members who all bring their enthusiasm and expertise to this ministry. The number of participants taking part in programs here on campus and off has grown again this year. More of God's children, both young and not so young, experience His love as a result of your gifts to Lutherdale.

## Elna Borgen Thanks Emmaus

Dear friends,  
 Thank you for friendly phone chats, the check (given to Our Savior's, La Crosse), and for remembering Luther at your All Saints' Sunday service and in church paper, etc.

Gratefully,  
 Elna Borgen

*Elna Borgen is the widow of former Emmaus Pastor Luther Borgen, who passed away October 12. A memorial in Rev. Borgen's name was sent on behalf of the congregation.*

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Director: Carol Rudey  
 The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.  
 The center will be closed any time weather conditions close the public schools.  
 We will also be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

### PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER:

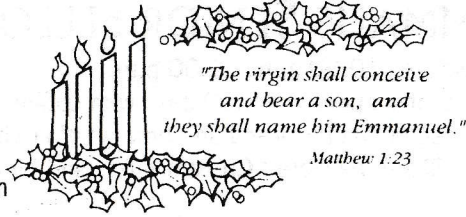
- Dec. 4: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation  
 10:30 a.m. Janet Exner: "Senior Finances"  
 11:45 a.m. Devotions  
 12:00 noon Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 11: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation  
 10:30 a.m. Helen Gill plays Christmas favorites on the piano  
 11:45 a.m. Devotions  
 12:00 noon Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 18: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation  
 10:30 a.m. Al Beck: "Christmas Show"  
 11:55 a.m. Devotions  
 12:00 noon Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Games
- Dec. 25: No Senior Fellowship Center
- Jan. 1: No Senior Fellowship Center



## December Birthdays - 70 Years and Better


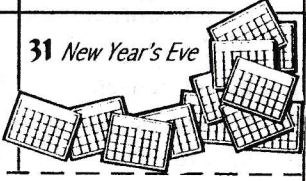
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| Dec. 1  | Harry Larsen       | 5315 Norman Street                | 53406 |
| Dec. 5  | Milton Christensen | 4202 Walsh Road                   | 53405 |
| Dec. 8  | Wally Runge        | 3140 Wood Road #15                | 53406 |
| Dec. 14 | Esther Jensen      | 5737 Erie Street #301             | 53402 |
| Dec. 19 | Shirley Velzka     | 11515 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Lot 119 | 53177 |
| Dec. 23 | Lael Richter       | 1724 Polaris Avenue               | 53404 |

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# December, 2001

**1 World AIDS Day**  
 10:00 am Mathieus funeral  
 5:00 pm Worship Service:  
 Women's Thankoffering  
 service with Holy  
 Communion

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| <p><b>2</b> First Sunday in Advent<br/> <b>9:15 am Worship Service:</b> Women's Thankoffering service w/Holy Communion<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Blood Pressure checks<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sunday School</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff meeting<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship &amp; Music Committee</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>                             | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>1:00 pm</b> WELCA Christmas party &amp; cookie pack<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir rehearsal</p>       | <p><b>6</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday bulletin deadline<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Community Meal at St. Pat's<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Stamp Club</p>                | <p><b>7</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>                        | <p><b>8</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>  |
| <p><b>9</b> Second Sunday in Advent<br/> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <i>WOV</i> Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>4:30 pm</b> Sanctuary picnic at Good Shepherd<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>                       | <p><b>10</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff meeting<br/> <b>6:30 pm</b> Church Council</p>   | <p><b>11</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Senior Fellowship Center<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>                            | <p><b>12</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday bulletin deadline</p>  | <p><b>14</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>                       | <p><b>15</b><br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Sun. School program rehearsal<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p> |
| <p><b>16</b> Third Sunday in Advent<br/>     January <i>Visitor</i> deadline<br/> <b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School program: "A Mouse's Tale"<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <b>10:30 am</b> Sun. School birthday party for Jesus<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Staff meeting<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Miriam Circle, J. Sukes'</p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/> <b>9:30 am</b> Clergy Cluster mtg.<br/> <b>10:00 am</b> Seniors<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>     | <p><b>19</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday bulletin deadline<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir rehearsal</p>                    | <p><b>20</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Christmas bulletin deadline<br/> </p> | <p><b>21</b> <i>St. Thomas</i><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>     | <p><b>22</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>  |
| <p><b>23</b> Fourth Sunday in Advent<br/> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <i>WOV</i> Service of Word &amp; Prayer<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <i>No Sunday School</i><br/> <b>6:00 pm</b> SANTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>  | <p><b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i><br/> <b>4:30 pm</b> Festival Service with Holy Communion<br/> <b>10:30 pm</b> Candle Light Service with Holy Communion</p>                     | <p><b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i><br/> <i>Office closed.</i><br/> <i>No Senior Fellowship Center.</i></p>          | <p><b>26</b> <i>St. Stephen</i><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS</p>  | <p><b>27</b> <i>St. John</i><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday bulletin deadline</p>  | <p><b>28</b> <i>Holy Innocents</i><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p> | <p><b>29</b> <i>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</i><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>                |
| <p><i>Pastor Mary on vacation, Dec. 26 - 31</i></p>  |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| <p><b>30</b> First Sunday of Christmas<br/> <b>9:15 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <i>LBW</i> Setting 2<br/> <b>10:15 am</b> Coffee fellowship<br/> <i>No Sunday School</i><br/> <b>6:30 pm</b> SANCTUARY service at Good Shepherd</p>  | <p><b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i><br/> <br/> <i>Pastor Mary on vacation Dec. 26 - 31</i></p> | <p>Jan. 1, 2002<br/> <i>New Year's Day</i><br/> <i>Office closed.</i><br/> <i>No Senior Fellowship Center.</i></p> | <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>1:30 pm</b> Rebecca, Mary Circles<br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> TOPS<br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> Adult Choir practice</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>11:00 am</b> Sunday bulletin deadline</p>   | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>7:00 pm</b> REST</p>                        | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Worship Service</b> with Holy Communion</p>   |

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SCRIP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

| Store name  | Emmaus earns | Denominations available  | Quantity | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| <b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Kohl's Food Store                                 | 4%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Piggly Wiggly                                     | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Sentry Foods/Super Saver                          | 4%           | \$25, \$10               |          |       |
| <b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b> |              |                          |          |       |
| American Eagle Outfitters                         | 8%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| August Max Women                                  | 19%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Burlington Coat Factory                           | 12%          | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Casual Corner/August Max                          | 16%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| Dick's Sporting Goods                             | 8%           | 25%                      |          |       |
| Foot Locker                                       | 13%          | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Gap debit card                                    | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| J. C. Penney gift card                            | 5%           | \$25, \$100              |          |       |
| K-Mart  | 3%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| The Limited                                       | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Old Navy debit card                               | 8%           | \$20, \$25               |          |       |
| Payless Shoe Source                               | 12%          | \$10, \$20               |          |       |
| Sears   | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$100, \$250 |          |       |
| ShopKo debit card                                 | 4%           | \$25, \$50               |          |       |
| Structure   | 10%          | \$25                     |          |       |
| T. J. Maxx, Marshalls                             | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Youngers  | 9%           | \$10, \$25, \$100        |          |       |
| <b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Barnes & Noble                                    | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| Office Max debit card                             | 3%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| Walden Books                                      | 8%           | \$10, \$25               |          |       |
| <b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT; VIDEO RENTAL</b>      |              |                          |          |       |
| Best Buy  | 2%           | \$10, \$25, \$50         |          |       |
| Blockbuster Video                                 | 7%           | \$10                     |          |       |
| Circuit City gift card                            | 2.5%         | \$25, \$50, \$100        |          |       |
| Hollywood Video                                   | 15%          | \$1                      |          |       |
| Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast                      | 10%          | \$10                     |          |       |
| Radio Shack                                       | 4%           | \$25                     |          |       |
| <b>SPECIALTY</b>                                  |              |                          |          |       |
| Bath & Body Works                                 | 13%          | \$10, \$20, \$25         |          |       |
| Home Depot  | 3%           | \$25, \$100, \$250       |          |       |

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|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------|--------------|----|
| Menards Home Improvement          | 3%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Mrs. Fields                       | 20%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Original Cookie Company           | 25%  | \$5               |              |    |
| Pier 1 Imports                    | 7%   | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| <b>TOYS</b>                       |      |                   |              |    |
| KB Toys                           | 9%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us | 3%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| <b>TRAVEL; SERVICE STATIONS</b>   |      |                   |              |    |
| BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card         | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Citgo                             | 3%   | \$25, \$50        |              |    |
| Exxon/Mobil driver cash card      | 2.5% | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Kwik Trip                         | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Shell Oil                         | 2%   | \$25, \$50, \$100 |              |    |
| Speedway/Super America            | 3%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| <b>RESTAURANTS</b>                |      |                   |              |    |
| Applebee's                        | 8%   | \$10, \$20        |              |    |
| Bob Evans                         | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Burger King booklets              | 3.6% | \$5               |              |    |
| Chi-Chi's                         | 15%  | \$10              |              |    |
| Chuck E. Cheese debit card        | 7%   | \$10              |              |    |
| Cracker Barrel                    | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Denny's                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Domino's Pizza                    | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| KFC                               | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Little Caesar's                   | 5%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Olive Garden/Red Lobster          | 13%  | \$10, \$25        |              |    |
| Perkins                           | 8%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Pizza Hut                         | 9%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
| Ponderosa                         | 9%   | \$5               |              |    |
| Wendy's                           | 7%   | \$5, \$10         |              |    |
|                                   |      |                   | <b>TOTAL</b> | \$ |

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases on those purchases. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church. Turn your order in to the Scrip table in the narthex after first service or before second service on Sunday morning. You can pick up your order the following Sunday. Thanks!

May 25, 2001



# DECEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS



|                     | READERS              | ALTAR GUILD                     | ACOLYTES                         | USHERS                                |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Dec. 1<br>5:00 pm   |                      | Betty Schultz<br>Cathy Meyer    |                                  |                                       |
| Dec. 2<br>9:15 am   | Marsha<br>Connet     | Jan Bertram<br>Ginny Haugsby    | Hailey Sommer<br>Tanya Rasmussen | Women's team<br>J. Beck, M. Zielke... |
| Dec. 8<br>5:00 pm   |                      | Judy Berndt<br>Marion Andersen  |                                  |                                       |
| Dec. 9<br>9:15 am   | Kathy<br>Christensen |                                 | TBA                              | Team #4<br>Jim Palmer                 |
| Dec. 15<br>5:00 pm  |                      | Lyle & Marge<br>Zielke          |                                  |                                       |
| Dec. 16<br>9:15 am  |                      | Mildred Schroth<br>Marge Jensen | TBA                              | Team #5<br>Howard Jensen              |
| Dec. 22<br>5:00 pm  |                      | Cheryl Dexter<br>Barb Larsen    |                                  |                                       |
| Dec. 23<br>9:15 am  | Eric Larsen          |                                 | TBA                              | Team #6<br>John Cook                  |
| Dec. 24<br>4:00 pm  |                      | Pat Jensen                      | TBA                              | Team #7<br>Bill Meteyard              |
| Dec. 24<br>10:30 pm |                      | Evelyn Larsen                   | TBA                              | Team #1<br>Mark Falaschi              |
| Dec. 29<br>5:00 pm  |                      | Kim Simonsen<br>TBA             |                                  |                                       |
| Dec. 30<br>9:15 am  | Ken Larsen           |                                 | TBA                              | Team #2<br>Harold Miller              |
| Jan. 5<br>5:00 pm   |                      | Jan Svendsen<br>Shirley Irvine  |                                  |                                       |
| Jan. 6<br>9:15 am   | Gregg<br>Albright    | Gregg & Kylee<br>Albright       | TBA                              | TBA                                   |

# GLAD TO BE IN GOD'S SERVICE

|                        | Altar<br>Flowers              | Fellow-<br>ship | Advent Candle<br>Lighters | Candle<br>Care                  | Communion<br>Assistant.                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Dec. 2                 | Austin Schultz                | WELCA           | Sommers                   | Pat<br>Jensen<br>(thru<br>Dec.) | K. Christensen                                 |
| Dec. 9                 | John & Meta Haanstad          | <i>Please</i>   | Balthazars                |                                 |  |
| Dec. 16                | Lee & Betty Woodward          | <i>sign</i>     | TBA                       |                                 | Kylee Albright                                 |
| Dec. 23                | Don & Jackie Orth             | <i>up</i>       | TBA                       |                                 |  |
| Dec. 24<br>4:00 pm     |                               |                 |                           |                                 | Pat & Ron<br>Jensen, Julie Field               |
| Dec. 24<br>10:30<br>pm |                               |                 |                           |                                 | Nancy Brown,<br>Marsha Connet,<br>Cindi Larsen |
| Dec. 30                | Bob & Margaret<br>Christensen | TBA             |                           |                                 |  |
| Jan. 6                 | Tosleks                       | TBA             |                           | TBA                             | Shirley Velzka                                 |

## News of Our Members

### Julia Durand Profiled in *Nursing Matters*

Emmaus member Julia Durand was featured in the November issue of *Nursing Matters* as part of the newspaper's "Reflections of Our Heritage Series." The article by Signe Cooper, R.N., called Durand "someone who truly exemplifies the spirit of nursing."

The article recounts how Durand graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1931, then worked as a private duty nurse during the Great



Julia Durand

Depression. Her career included stints in obstetrics and polio units at St. Luke's Hospital and at hospitals in Winona and Lake City, Minnesota.

A dedicated member in the Kenosha-Racine Nurses Association for nearly 70 years, she is still actively involved in the organization.

# Emmaus Members Respond to God's Covenant

by Gregg Albright

On November 10 and 11, Emmaus members, in services of reflection, gratitude and thanksgiving, responded to God's call to commitment by offering their financial and ministry covenants.

Has everyone of us responded yet? Has our response been one of "faithful generosity"? Do we take seriously our covenant with God?

Each of us is called to a faith-response, rather than "giving to a need." This means that our motivation for giving is because of our faith. We know that Christ gave his life for us, the ultimate gift, and we follow his example and respond in kind, financially and through our gifts of service.

Christians are reminded of this as we celebrate Holy Communion and receive the new covenant in the body and blood of Jesus Christ. What begins with our baptism, we carry on throughout our lives.

How has our response been so far? At the time of this writing, one week later, we answer God's call rather slowly. 91 pledges totaling over \$125,000 have so far been received. In 2000, Emmaus received a total of 116 pledges for \$148,000. In 1999, Emmaus received 116 pledges totaling \$149,000.

If you have not returned your

covenant cards, we urge you to prayerfully consider your response and to mail those in or bring them to church.



*Be a cheerful giver*

Emmaus members have also responded to God's call for service, both within and outside of our congregation. Our ministry does not end with our own

members. As the hands and feet of Christ, we offer service to those in need through our participation in Kid's Hope, the REST program, becoming a communion deacon, making food and setting up for funerals and so many other ways. Let us continue this service!

During this season, we pray that the Holy Spirit works in each of us to faithfully respond to God's call to serve and to make a covenant to the mission and ministry of Emmaus Lutheran Church.

We give thanks to God for all who have already responded — your gifts do make a difference!

## Gifts Due Dec. 31 for 2001 IRS Credit

In order to claim donations to Emmaus as charitable gifts made in 2000, you must either bring them to the church no later than the offering collection on December 31, 2001, or have them postmarked by Monday, December 31.

# Lutheran Brotherhood Matches 2001 Fund Gifts

Lutheran Brotherhood matching funds of \$450.00 are being given to Emmaus for special gifts made to the 2001—A Faith Odyssey Fund during the month of November. The 2001 Fund was established four years ago, looking ahead to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and to the goal of eliminating our debt.

Although the debt has not yet been eliminated, the progress has

been significant. Many additional principal payments have been made, lowering our mortgage to slightly over \$75,000.

Gifts of any amount to the 2001 Fund are still welcome as we look forward to burning our mortgage within the next year or two.

A big thank you to all who have supported this important endeavor!

## Thank You to Our Thanksgiving Pie Bakers

Thank you to Betty Barth, Pat Liesch, Matt Liesch, Celia Weber, Cindi Larsen, Dolly Orth, Amy Larsen, Celia Bagley, Marion

Andersen, Shirley Velzka, Marjorie Jensen, and Marsha Connet for baking pies for the Thanksgiving Eve pie social.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

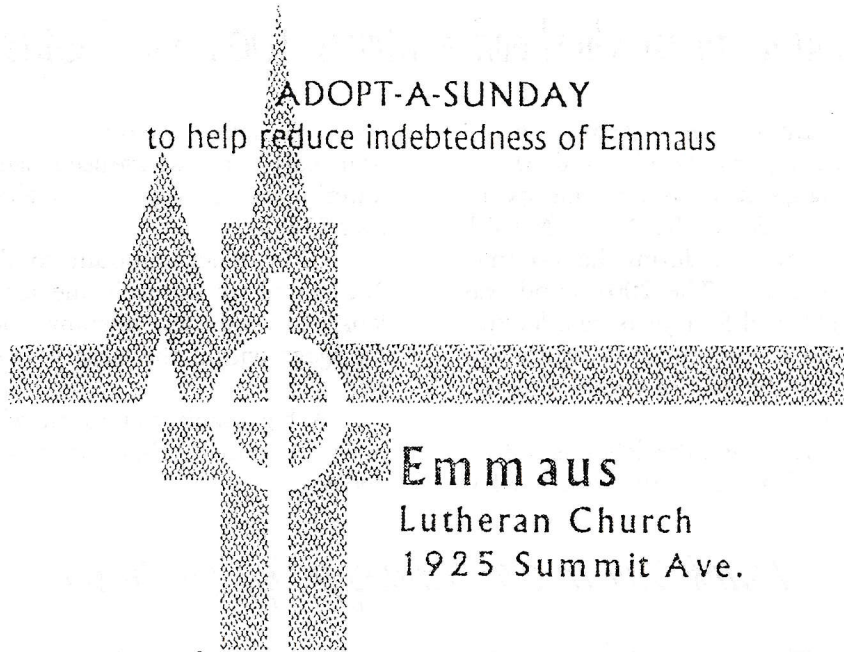
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|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Oct.:</b> | 1999: <b>173</b> | 2000: <b>160</b> | 2001: <b>137</b> |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Nov.:</b> | 1999: <b>197</b> | 2000: <b>173</b> | 2001: <b>139</b> |
| Thanksgiving Eve Attendance:            | 1999: <b>102</b> | 2000: <b>86</b>  | 2001: <b>54</b>  |
| Average Weekly Attendance, <b>Dec.:</b> | 1999: <b>179</b> | 2000: <b>143</b> |                  |

### Financial Figures

|   |                    | <u>Year to date</u> |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| General funds receipts in October           | \$11,491.62        | \$151,062.15        |
| Building Fund offerings received in October | \$ 699.00          | \$ 4,870.00         |
| <b>Unified funds receipts in October</b>    | <b>\$12,190.62</b> | <b>\$155,932.15</b> |

|  |                 | <u>Campaign to date</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 2001 Fund offerings received in Oct. '01 | \$540.00        | \$93,450.12             |
| October mortgage payments:               |                 |                         |
| Principal                                | \$435.16        |                         |
| Interest                                 | \$530.84        |                         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$966.00</b> |                         |
| Principal balance as of October 12, 2001 | \$77,213.59     |                         |

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Just for KIDS**

**Telling the Christmas Story**

These words are all part of the Christmas story. First, find them in the puzzle below. Circle them. You may find them → ← ↖ ↗ ↘ ↙ ↑ ↓. There will be 12 letters that remain uncircled. Write them in the order found on the lines below. You will find a special Christmas message! Then use the words from the list to tell the story to someone!

|           |              |           |          |         |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| joy       | hay          | men       | inn      | wise    |
| Lord      | star         | baby      | king     | east    |
| Mary      | gold         | angel     | taxes    | Jesus   |
| sheep     | myrrh        | three     | manger   | Savior  |
| donkey    | Caesar       | Joseph    | birthday | Messiah |
| shepherds | frankincense | Bethlehem | Augustus |         |

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| R | C | B | J | S | M | Y | R | R | H | R | S | A | E | K |
| T | J | O | Y | E | H | E | T | S | A | E | S | E | M | N |
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“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

# Millions at risk of starvation in Afghanistan



www.elca.org/dgm/disaster

NOVEMBER 12—In a race to beat the beginning of the brutal winter in Afghanistan, which will leave many areas of the country inaccessible, the international humanitarian community is desperately trying to reach as many Afghans as it can to provide relief supplies.

Even before the U.S. military strikes in Afghanistan began, the worst drought in 35 years was threatening hunger and starvation for millions of residents who had begun to flee their homes in search of food.

This emergency situation was made worse as tens of thousands of people joined a mass movement toward rural and border areas in Afghanistan as well as into neighboring Pakistan, Iran and Tajikistan to flee the bombing.

In addition, decades of poverty, civil conflicts and natural disasters, including an earthquake in 1998, have severely affected Afghanistan. The survival prospects of millions of vulnerable Afghans seem weaker than ever now.

The ELCA, while responding to the needs of survivors of the terrorist attacks in the United States through ELCA

Domestic Disaster Response, is responding to this international crisis through its International Disaster Response arm.

Action by Churches Together (ACT), an international alliance of Protestant and Orthodox churches, has launched a joint humanitarian operation with several agencies working in Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

The ELCA has already responded by sending \$300,000 through ACT for use by Church World Service and Norwegian Church Aid, partners on the ground in Afghanistan and surrounding countries.

Contributions to ELCA International Disaster Response will help with emergency relief efforts in and around Afghanistan. \$300 provides shelter supplies (tent and bedding) for one family. \$120 provides cooking and household supplies (stove, fuel, plates, etc.). \$25 provides a hygiene kit (soap, towels, bucket, etc.).

**Please give generously! 100% of gifts designated to help displaced people in Afghanistan and refugees from there will be directed to that purpose.**

Yes! Send my help:

- To help Afghan refugees \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- To help disaster survivors abroad where most needed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Give through your congregation, or send check made out to ELCA International Disaster Response to: P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. To designate your gift, write "Afghan refugees" on the notation line. Call 800.638.3522 to give by credit card.

**WINTER HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS**  
**A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS**  
**FEATURING THE MAJESTIC SOUNDS**  
**OF THE WALTER FRITSCH MEMORIAL ORGAN**

*Gloria in Excelsis*  
*Deo*

*Concert*

Saturday, December 1, 2001, 7:30 p.m. • Sunday, December 2, 2001, 4:00 p.m.  
**A. F. Siebert Chapel**

*Art Exhibit*

Featuring prints from the Lutheran Brotherhood National Headquarters  
 Art Exhibit in the Johnson Art Center Gallery.  
 The Gallery will be open one hour before and after each concert.



## Redeemer Hosts Christmas Concert December 9

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, on Gilson Street at Drexel, will host "O Come Let Us Worship the King," a Christmas Concert featuring the Redeemer choir and musical groups from the area. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 9; a reception follows the concert. A free will offering will be taken.



## UW-Parkside Hosts Christmas Concert Dec. 2

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside Choirs perform with special guests the Stephen Bull Fine Arts Elementary School Chorale on Sunday, Dec. 2. The University's Master Singers, the University Chorale, the Voices of Parkside, and the Bull Fine Arts Chorale perform selections by George Frideric Handel, J.S. Bach, and many others.

Ray Charles' version of "Jingle Bells" will be performed and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble performs Steve Allen's "Cool Yule." The combined choirs and audience close the concert with "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." The concert begins at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors.

## UW-P Presents Ethics & The Internet Dec. 3

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside invites area residents to explore the questions surrounding morality and cyberspace during the next Perspectives on Religious Issues program. Scheduled for Monday, Dec. 3, "Ethics and the Internet" features UW-Parkside Emeritus Professor of Computer Science Morris Firebaugh.

The public is invited to attend this free program to be held in the UW-Parkside Student Union building, room 104-106, beginning at noon. Parking is free in the Union lot.

## Messiah to Host Epiphany Festival January 6

You are invited to an Epiphany Festival of Music Sunday, January 6, 2002 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3015 Pritchard Drive. The church is across from Pritchard Park on Durand Avenue.

A service with ten local choirs and "Voices and Verses" will begin at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please sign up on the sheet at Emmaus' bulletin board.

## My Christmas Letter

After writing my annual Christmas letter to out-of-town family and friends, it occurred to me that you could read over my shoulder to see what it is that I'm sharing with those people who have been a part of my life even longer than you have.

So, this is the first time I will send my annual Christmas letter to those of you who don't live out of town. I thank you who have shared part of your life with me this past year, and I am grateful for your love, support and prayers. Following is my annual letter, which this year is also addressed to you.

Dear friends,

I almost feel that this Christmas letter needs to begin with a substantial confession. I confess that in 2001 I have been terrible about connecting with many of my friends and relatives. I have also over-scheduled myself on a consistent basis, and I have been remiss about expressing gratitude to the many, many folks who have helped me keep my head above water so much of the time.

So, what was happening that led to such a packed year? The list is long and includes: monthly events celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Emmaus (the dunk

tank was great fun at the neighborhood carnival!), implementing neighborhood outreach ministries for Emmaus (including the use of grant money to hire Marty and Velvetta), serving as a mentor at Wadewitz Elementary School, saying goodbye to colleague Paul Nuechterlein (co-pastor for 7½ years), traveling to

Juarez on a mission trip in July, traveling to D.C. twice to participate in the weddings of Jon Smith and Abby Smith, selling my condo, overseeing the refurbishing of the parsonage, moving, getting settled, dealing with the aftermath of September 11 ... and the list goes on. But...

Having just returned from visiting my mom in North Dakota, I've been reminded of some other things: the need to connect more often with those we love (the last time Mom and I had seen each other was in January for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday), the need to have some days now and then when I don't have to set the alarm, and the realization that I'm not indispensable. Now I need to convince myself once again that too much "comfort food" makes me

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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*uncomfortable!*

I also realize that I need you to help hold me accountable in 2002 as I try to find more balance. Priorities, patience, pace — those will be among my mantras in the coming months. And, for you I desire peace — peace of mind ... peace and harmony in your relationships ... the peace of God that passes all understanding.

May the Prince of Peace enter your world — and the entire world — in unexpected, new ways during this season and in the year to come. I'm counting on miracles and trust you are, too! Blessings to you and yours during this holy season.

Shalom and love,

*Pastor Mary*

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