

# Emmaus Visitor

January, 2003



Happy  
New Year  
*from everyone at Emmaus!*

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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Ariyah Marie Brooks  
December 8, 2002

Ariyah is the daughter of Nicole Peterson. New member. Her sponsors are Tammy Mentch, Jennifer Baker and Willis Ray.

## Annual Congregational Meeting Will Be February 2

The year 2003 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday, February 2. 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 or council president Amy Larsen.



A note to current council members: the office will need council reports for the annual report to the congregation by January 15 so they can be available to the congregation by January 25.

If submitting a report on computer disk, please identify the word processing program on the disk label. You may also submit reports via e-mail, fax, or on paper. Thank you!

Pledge Comparison			
Year	# of pledges	Total pledged	Average annual pledge
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	116	\$146,756.00	\$1,265.14
2002	98	\$141,584.00	\$1,444.73
2003	99	\$140,370.00	\$1,417.88

## Emmanuel Hosts Epiphany Festival

Join choirs from a number of ELCA congregations for a special Epiphany Festival to be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The festival service of music will be held

January 12 at 3:30 p.m. and followed by refreshments at 4:30 p.m.

Emmanuel is located at 725 High Street.

## Worship Recordings Available in Tape Ministry Mail Slot

by Kathy Christensen

A high-speed dubbing machine has been purchased and we now have tapes of the worship services available on Sunday mornings. A mail slot outside the church office has been designated for "Tapes."

Labeled tapes can be picked up there to be delivered to shut-ins

by family members or friends. Used tapes can also be returned to the same box.

Please let the church office know if someone is interested in receiving tapes and who will be delivering them. If you have questions, you may contact Kathy Christensen at 886-2151 or the church office.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

Pastor: Mary L. Janz 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059  
 Visitation Pastor: Sharon Georgi 6711 Jacobsen Lane 886-3960  
 Church office: 262 634-5515 E-mail: Church — emmaus@execpc.com  
 Fax: 262 633-0726 Pastor Mary — mjanz@aol.com

Council President: Amy Larsen  
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
 Kids Hope USA Dir.: Marty Aiken  
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Marsha Connet  
 Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: Harley Slater & Matt Liesch

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. Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on January 1. The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the February VISITOR is January 15.

# Pat Liesch Named REST Coordinator

by Ron Thomas,  
REST Board President

The REST Board is pleased to announce the addition of Pat Liesch, Program Coordinator, to our staff. She will be in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Donna Bumpus will continue as our Executive Director, and will be available in the afternoons. Pat will be visiting the seven REST sites in the next several weeks. Feel free to contact her with your questions and concerns.

Happy Holidays!

## Volunteers Needed to Coordinate Emmaus REST Site

by Pat Liesch

Dear REST Volunteers, donors, and in general, just about anyone who's interested,

On December 4, I took on the position of Program Coordinator for the citywide REST program. I will be responsible for handling the seven sites, the guests, and the office. Donna Bumpus, Executive Director will be responsible for fund raising, community contacts, and development of the single site.



Pat Liesch

well on its way to functioning apart from me; however, I will remain available for whatever questions and problems that may arise.

This is where all of you come in. I have broken down our Emmaus REST program into do-able size responsibilities; some can be done along with your regular weekly activities, and some will need extra time and commitment on your part. Please search your hearts, and volunteer for what you feel you can handle.

Please contact me with any concerns you may have, or to volunteer. You can reach me at home, 835-1363, or at the REST office (mornings), 638-1441.

I will treasure all the friends I have made over the years with Emmaus REST. Please let's continue this program, which we all know is so important — to the guests and to Emmaus.

I look forward to taking on these new challenges, but due to time restraints, I find I must give up some of my previous responsibilities with REST here at Emmaus. I will remain active with Emmaus REST through the remainder of this REST year, but will need lots of help from you.

By fall, 2003, I hope and pray that our Emmaus program will be

### Sunday School News

## Sunday School Resumes January 5

by Denise Keller

In December, the Sunday School kids presented a wonderful Christmas program entitled "A Christmas of Values." The play was written and directed by Pastor Sharon Georgi.

The kids enjoyed dressing up as the Nativity and putting on the production for family, friends, and the congregation. In between costume fittings and singing songs and rehearsing, we viewed the video "The Nativity" and made Christmas cards for the seniors and for the shut-ins.

After the program, the kids and their families enjoyed a Birthday Party for Jesus down in Fellowship Hall.

### Walking on Water

Sunday School resumes January 5. This month, the Sunday

School kids will learn a story from the New Testament: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33).

The children will learn to believe in Jesus and trust him even when you cannot understand everything. They will see how Jesus can help us when we are afraid. We'll know what it means to worship Jesus.

The Sunday School kids will sing January 26 at the 9:15 service.

Sunday School is open to all children pre-school age and up. Pre-school through grades five meet upstairs. Sixth and seventh graders meet with Mr. Albright.

Grades 8-12 meet in the Fireside Room with Ms. Carol Yust.

Sunday School begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:30. Snack time is 10:15-10:30.



### REST Volunteers for January

—Items of the month: toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors—

	5 - 8 pm	6 - 9 pm	7:30 - 11 pm	11 pm - 5 am	5 - 7:30 pm
Jan. 10	Olson, Slater, E. Murphy	Lambertons		Lambertons, J. Kaiser	J. & T. Halberstadt
Jan. 24				T. Roos, C Knuteson	

# Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring January 25-26

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 25 and Sunday, January 26 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. Soon, congregations of all faiths in all parts of the country were raising millions of dollars each year. 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.

## Superbowl Sub Sandwich Sale

The youth planning to go to the Atlanta Youth Gathering this summer will sponsor a sub sandwich sale on Superbowl 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 Atlanta trip and other youth events.

## Confirmation Pix Are In

The 2002 confirmation photos have been delivered. Members of the 2002 class of confirmands who have not already picked their copy up are asked to find them in the narthex. They are in large labeled envelopes.

Jan. 6	Heather Miller	18
Jan. 7	P.J. Liesch	18
Jan. 10	Tanya Rasmussen	14
Jan. 11	William Syty	4
Jan. 11	Frank Williams	12
Jan. 11	Rachel Haug	18
Jan. 16	Lance Fry	5
Jan. 16	Allison McManus	5
Jan. 16	Nathan Albright	17
Jan. 25	Haley Will	3
Jan. 26	Rachel Sommer	17
Jan. 28	Kaitlyn Sodke	3
Jan. 31	Brad Johnson	5

## Youth Birthdays

Jan. 1	Patrick Austin	5
Jan. 4	Josh Mickelson	18

# Emmaus Responds to Need for English Classes

As the neighborhood surrounding Emmaus continues to attract more and more Latino/a families, it is apparent that many of the Spanish-speaking adults have a real desire to learn English. That desire has been expressed by two of the mothers of children participating in our EASY program.

The kids in the after-school program speak English very well, but that is not always the case with their parents or grandparents.

Kay Gregor, Executive Director of the Racine Literacy Council, confirms that there is a high demand for ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction in Racine. Currently, the RLC has a waiting list

of over 900 people wanting to learn English!

Joint conversations including Pastor Mary, Cassell Lawson of Gateway, and Kay Gregor of RLC have led to a new ESL offering for January. Beginning January 27, English classes will be held at Emmaus every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The classes will take place in Fellowship Hall and on the second floor, leaving the main floor of the church available for meetings and other activities on those evenings.

Classes are free to those who register. Child care is a possibility, but no decisions have yet been made regarding that. Anyone interested in being a child care provider (\$8.00/hour), please contact Pastor Mary.



## We Care Program Generates Benefits

by Cathy Meyer

We are still receiving payments from Pick 'n' Save and if anyone is not registered, our Emmaus account number is 205100.

Shoppers only need to turn this number into the



service desk and all future purchases will automatically have a percentage credited to Emmaus.

# Emmaus to Host Solutions for Success Training

After nearly two years of organizational and background work, Racine Vocational Ministries opened its doors on August 12. Modeled after the Abundant Life Ministry vocational program of Milwaukee, RVM is a collaboration of Racine congregations including ELCA Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Assembly of God, Baptists and Racine Interfaith Coalition.

They offer employment and training services to program participants. RVM also establishes partnerships with local agencies and community groups, employers, and labor organizations.

After holding initial intake interviews with the participants, RVM then trains all participants through their four-day Solutions for Success program. Following several conversations with Jim Schatzman and Sherry Hartog of RVM, Pastor Mary recommended to the church council that Emmaus serve as the site for their January training.

The council approved the January 13-16 training, committing the use of the Sunset Room, kitchenette and Fireside Room to RVM. The rooms will be used from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

After participants have completed the Solutions for Success training, they will then be eligible for job placement. Following job

placement, on-going one-on-one job counseling is provided by RVM.

Racine Vocational Ministries is funded by the S.C. Johnson Fund, Racine Community Foundation, the ELCA Domestic Hunger Fund, Women of the ELCA, Racine County AFL-CIO, Racine Dominican Mission Fund, area congregations and contributions by individual donors.

For more information about RVM, call 633-8660.



## Volunteers Sought to Extend Hospitality

During the January 13-16 Solutions for Success training, volunteers are being sought for the following: to bake cookies or bars, to prepare sandwiches or a light lunch or to serve lunch to a group of 15-20 people on one of the days of the training.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Pastor Mary.

## MEMORIALS

*Non-designated memorials:*

In memory of Peter Connet: \$20.00  
In memory of Stanley Jensen: \$20.00

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Director: Carol Rudey

The center opens at 10:00 with coffee and snacks. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon and games at 1:00!

Programs: Jan. 7 Meet in Sunset Room  
Jan. 14 Meet in Fellowship Hall  
Jan. 21 Meet in Sunset Room  
Jan. 28 Meet in Sunset Room



### Birthdays This Month — 70 Years and Better

Jan. 7	Harold Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Jan. 11	Oscar Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Jan. 29	Jan Bertram	1830 Polaris Drive	53404
Jan. 30	Grace Unger	3100 Washington Rd., Keno.*	53144

\* Address change since last year

## Letters

### Esther Jensen Sends Thanks

To the members of Emmaus Lutheran:

Thank you very much for the poinsettia I received for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. I truly think it is beautiful,

an example of the "Master's" touch that we share with His creation.

Thanks again,  
—Esther Jensen



## Lutheran Brotherhood Matches Funds

by Cheryl Dexter,  
your Lutheran Brotherhood  
Communicator

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers involved in the æbleskiver brunch which raised \$468 for women's and youth programs and

the tree replacement fund. Lutheran Brotherhood matched an additional \$450 for a total of \$918. The \$450 in matching funds was applied to expenses for elevator repair.

For all those who supported the event, thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2003</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin 262-634-5515 emmaus@execpc.com</p>			<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY 9:00 am REST, to 6:00 pm <i>Office closed</i>	<b>2</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>5</b> THE 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: LBW</b> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>6</b> EPIPHANY 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>8</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>12</b> THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: WOV</b> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center in Fellowship Hall 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>15</b> Feb. <i>Visitor</i> deadline Annual report deadline	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Book club 2:30 pm EASY	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>18</b> THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
<i>Racine Vocational Workshop, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</i>						
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY; WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>20</b> REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>24</b> ST. TIMOTHY 7:00 pm REST	<b>25</b> THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
 <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> • JANUARY 18-26, 2003 •						
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY; ST. TITUS 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: WOV</b> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm English as Second Language class 6:30 pm REST Board meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>29</b> 5:30 pm English as Second Language class	<b>30</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm REST	Feb. 1 GROUND HOG EVE 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion

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

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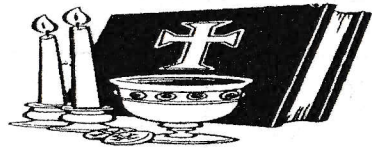
Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
Gap debit card	8%	\$20		
J. C. Penney gift card	5%	\$25, \$100		
K-Mart	3%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
The Limited	8%	\$25		
Old Navy debit card	8%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$10, \$20		
Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
Spiegel Catalog	9%	\$20		
Structure	10%	\$25		
T. J. Maxx, Marshalls	8%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		

Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast	4%	\$25		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH</b>				
Ace Hardware	7%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$20, \$25		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys				
Tots R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
Citgo	2.5%	\$50		
Exxon/Mobil driver cash card	2.5%	\$25, \$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$10		
Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
<b>RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$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	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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

September 24, 2002





## January Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Jan. 4 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Jan. 5 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Karen Sedgwick	TBA	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
Jan. 11 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Jan. 12 9:15 am		Sandi Zeleske	TBA	Marissa Connet Tanya Rasmussen
Jan. 18 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Jan. 19 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Lee Woodward	TBA	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
Jan. 25 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Jan. 26 9:15 am		Karen Christiansen	TBA	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
Feb. 1 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Feb. 2 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Mildred Schroth	Amy Larsen	TBA	TBA

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Jan. 5	Tosleks	Bonnie French		Caren Lamberton
Jan. 12			Pat Jensen	
Jan. 19	J&M Haanstad	Balthazars		Carol Eschmann
Jan. 26	D&J Orth	C. Weber		
Feb. 2		H. Wagner	Boots LeRoux	Gregg Albright

## Sundays Open to Sponsor Altar Flowers

There are still some Sundays open on this year's Altar Flower schedule. At press time, available Sundays were LIST?

Sign up on the sheet on the church bulletin board, or check with

the church office (634-5515).

Altar flowers are still \$15.00. During the week before the Sunday you've signed up for, the secretary will call you to ask how you want the altar flowers dedicated.

### WELCA Bulletins

## Cookies Brighten Holiday Season

by Denise Keller

Thank you to all who baked cookies for the WELCA Christmas Cookie Pack. Approximately 30 bags and two fruit baskets were delivered to the shut-ins.

Brownie/muffin mix sales were great. Thank you to all who purchased these nice little gifts. Proceeds to the Women's retreat and mission fund.

Did you pick up your thankoffering box from the narthex? Giving our Thankofferings (offering our thanks) is something we should do daily. But frequently we need a gentle reminder to do that.

Place the box near your kitchen sink, next to your laundry machine or maybe next to your bed. When you see the box, pause and say what you are thankful for. Place loose change that is found in the washing machine in the box. Each month in the *Visitor* there will be a "give thanks in all circumstances" idea.

*Give Thanks in All Circumstances*

5¢ if you have a January

Live  
God's  
Justice



birthday.

1¢ for each mirror you have — take time to reflect!

5¢ Be happy for yourself.

Who We Are

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is in its fifteenth year as the women's ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Together, our ministries change lives because lives have been changed by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Together, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Together, we continue to work for God's wholeness, by building and celebrating mission-focused relationships that are grounded in faith, local and global, empowering and interdependent. Together, we accomplish more than we can alone.

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Thanksgiving Eve attendance	2000: 86	2001: 54	2002: 60
Average weekend Attendance, Dec.:	2000: 143	2001: 146	2002: 159*
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:	2000: 140	2001: 111	2002: 138
Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:	2000: 114	2001: 135	2002: 110
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	2001: 171	2002: 130	

\*Through December 22, 2002.

## Financial Statistics

	Total for month	Year to date	Last year
General Fund receipts in November, '02	\$13,225.04	\$146,497.98	\$162,173.76
Building Fund receipts in November, '02	\$299.00	\$3,756.00	\$5,132.00
Unified receipts in November, '02	\$13,524.04	\$150,253.98	\$167,305.76
			Campaign to date
2001 Fund offerings received in November '02	\$25.00	\$93,475.12	
November mortgage payments:			
Principal		\$550.62	
Interest		\$415.38	
Total		\$966.00	
Principal balance as of December 12, 2002		\$60,235.44	

## Interim Coordinator of EASY

January to March, 2003

Hours: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays plus 4 hours of flexible time weekly (12 hours per week)

Rate of pay: \$15.00/hour

Responsibilities: Together with pastor and regular program volunteer, plan daily activities for the 15 children who participate in the program. This will include time for homework help, free play, directed lay, computer, crafts, hands-on science and cooking activities, and reading.

The coordinator will purchase (or recruit volunteers to do so) needed items for snacks, activities, and the smooth running of the program. S/he will plan a weekly schedule and communicate that with the pastor and volunteer. S/he will be on site and will work with the children in attendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays. S/he will supervise paid teenage interns and volunteer staff, will set the tone for acceptable behavior, and will communicate with parents as necessary. S/he will keep accurate records of expenses and attendance.

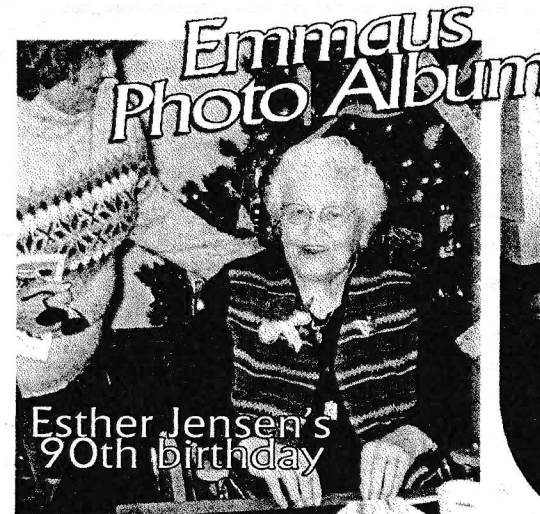
## Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt!

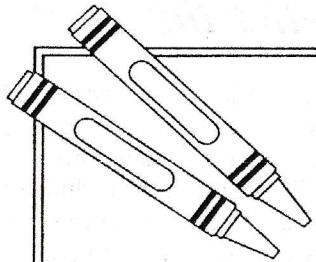
We thank the following members of Emmaus for adopting Sundays in December as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

Kathryn and Marty Aiken, in honor of Pastor Mary.

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.





# Just for KIDS

## "Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.

First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 (2+9+0=11) or 47 (4+7=11).

Names:	Abraham	Joseph	Adam	Moses	Isaac	Noah	Jesus	Sarah
Ages:	33	110	120	127	175	180	930	950

- I was God's first man. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 5:5) (12)
- I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 9:29) (14)
- God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 25:7) (13)
- I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 23:1) (10)
- My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 35:28) (9)
- My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 50:26) (2)
- When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy 34:7) (3)
- I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be \_\_\_\_\_ years old. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:7). (6)

Answers: 1. 930, Adam; 2. 950, Noah; 3. 175, Abraham; 4. 127, Sarah; 5. 180, Isaac; 6. 110, Joseph; 7. 120, Moses; 8. 33, Jesus

### Elsewhere In Our Community

## Norwegians Love That Lutefisk

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, will host a Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner Saturday, February 8. Dinner includes all side dishes, beverages and many cakes and wonderful ethnic pastries.

Servings are at 11:30 a.m.,

1:15 and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children (free to children able to fit in a high chair). Seniors get a \$1.50 discount at the 11:30 and 1:15 sittings.

Reservations are required; call Joanne Jacobson at 262 534-6867 or Donna Hanson at 262 534-3862.

## Cross Lutheran Hosts African American Celebration

"Remembering the Past... Shaping the Future" Sunday, February 9, 2003 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee, sponsored by the African American Lutheran Association of The Greater Milwaukee Synod.



dance, choirs, music and more. They will celebrate the rich history and cultural beauty of African Americans.

A freewill offering will be taken for the 2003 two-week Simba Circle Camp (for African American males ages 8-18).

Join them for an afternoon of poetry, liturgical dance, African

For more information Call Venice Williams at (414) 873-9550.

## Alliance for Mentally Ill Offers Support Groups

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Racine County, 818 Sixth Street, offers several support groups. All groups are free of charge.

The bipolar/depression support group for adults with diagnoses of major depression or bipolar disorder meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m.

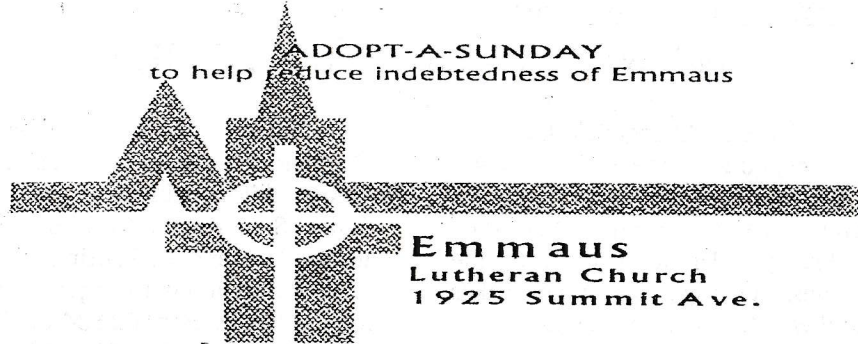
The family to family support group for family members of adults

with diagnoses of serious mental illness meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The Visions for Tomorrow support group for primary caregivers of children and adolescents with brain disorders meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Phone 637-0582 or e-mail ami@execpc.com

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Pastor Mary's Page

# Actions Speak Louder Than Words

"Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words." These words of St. Francis of Assisi were a gift to me in the form of a plaque on the day of my ordination. It's taken you, the members and friends of Emmaus, to live out those words and to teach me (and many others) just how powerful servant action in the name of Jesus Christ really is.

I still remember the conversations which took place nine years ago as the REST program was being conceived in Racine. When I came back to the Emmaus Council asking how Emmaus might like to support the homeless shelter, I expected a token monetary response. Instead, the leaders of Emmaus offered our church building, together with volunteer support for the program.

Strong lay leadership has been key since those early days when Sue Kiger stepped in to say "yes." Most recently, Pat Liesch has been the miracle worker — shopping, schlepping and hauling everything from mats to groceries, scheduling volunteers, cooking, serving, coordinating ... and the list goes on.

Just this past weekend, there were 55 people eating and sleeping at Emmaus. Unfortunately, the need for shelter for the homeless continues to grow.

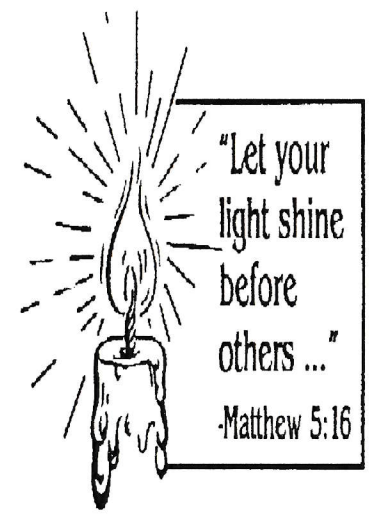
Responding to the growing need for leadership at the city-wide level, Pat is now the part-time program coordinator for the Racine REST program. These new responsibilities for Pat will mean that others will have to be trained to carry on with many of the logistics that will keep the program running smoothly each Friday from October through April at Emmaus.

How are you called to reflect Jesus' love in the year to come? I have no doubt that you will continue to teach me and amaze me as you respond in new

ways to God's call to serve. As we enter the new year, let us be attentive to what God has in store for our personal lives and for the ministry of Emmaus. And let us respond in the affirmative to letting our light shine in the name of Christ.

Your partner in service,

  
Pastor Mary



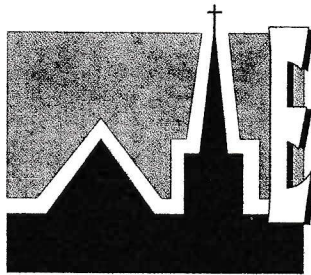
In the January

***Visitor:***

- ▶ Congregational Meeting  
Is February 2
- ▶ Pat Liesch Named REST  
Coordinator
- ▶ Sunday School Turns to  
the Walk on the Water
- ▶ English as Second  
Language Program
- ▶ Racine Vocational  
Workshop
- ▶ Position Open for EASY  
Interim Director
- ▶ Superbowl Sub  
Sandwich Sale
- ▶ "Let Your Light Shine!"

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## Annual Meeting Convenes February 2

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the congregation will begin 10:30 a.m. February 2 after the worship service. In addition to reports, election of church council members, and approval of the January-June budget.

2002 annual reports are available at church. Paul Berge would like to thank Ruben, Sonia,



Gretchen, Van, and their supervisor, Angie from Racine County Occupational Center (RCOC), who came in on January 24 to collate and assemble the annual report. They did a great job, putting together over one hundred 21-sheet reports.

Sunday School will not meet February 2.

♥ *Inside the February Visitor:* ♥

- ♥ Pizza Party February 9
- ♥ Hat & Mitten Collection
- ♥ Valerie Crehan Takes Helm at EASY
- ♥ "Wholeness & Healing" at WELCA Spring Retreat
- ♥ New Members Received
- ♥ Book Club Reads Ehrdrich

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funerals:

Maynard LeRoy Kolbo  
December 30, 2002

Maynard Kolbo, the father-in-law of Wendy Orth Kolbo, passed away December 27 at 72. Mr. Kolbo was a retired Marine Corporal (1948-'52) and warehouse operator for Massey Fergusson.

Linda Unger Christman  
January 7, 2003

Linda Christman, daughter of Grace Unger, passed away January 3 in Waterford at 54. She is survived by her children, Michele and William Jr.

## Martinsens Adopt Sunday

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

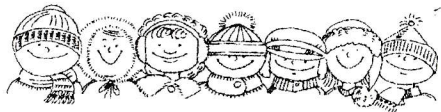
Jim and Nancy Martensen, in honor of their friends at Emmaus. Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to memorialize or honor a

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 Collects Winter Wear for Kids

by Cindi Larsen

With a cold winter still ahead, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves will be collected



for our Wadewitz and EASY students. There will be a

basket in the narthex for these items.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Feb. 6

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

pans are available in the kitchenette off the Sunset Room.

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

## We're Having a Pizza Party

by Denise Keller

Come one! Come all, to a Valentine's Pizza Party 11:30 a.m., February 9 in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy pizza, fellowship

and fun! Eat pizza, decorate your own cookie for dessert, and participate in fun activities. Cost: \$3.00 a person/ \$10.00 a family. Sign up in the narthex.

## Churches Offer Lenten Learning Opportunity

ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson has written an engaging book on the church: *Faithful Yet Changing*. Beginning February 23, Sunday afternoon classes will be offered at two locations. Participants may attend the classes to be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at either Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (322 Ohio Street) or St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (1015 Four Mile Road).

A cooperative venture of the Racine ELCA congregations, a different ELCA pastor will lead each session. Pastor Mary is scheduled to lead the March 30 session at St. Andrew. The topic for that study will be "A Connecting Church."

Bishop Hanson's book will be made available, and one chapter will be highlighted each week. The format for the hour sessions will be: 20 minutes presentation by the leader of the day, 30 minutes discussion and 10 minutes for closing worship and prayer.

All ELCA members and their friends are encouraged to participate

in as many study sessions as possible. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church as we gather with clergy and members from all of Racine's ELCA churches.

Bishop Hanson has agreed to attend a session (date yet to be determined at press time).

### Schedule:

- Feb. 23: A Witnessing Church
- Mar. 2: A Worshiping Church
- Mar. 9: An Engaging Church
- Mar. 16: An Equipping Church
- Mar. 23: An Inviting Church
- Mar. 30: A Connecting Church
- Apr. 6: A Changing Church
- Apr. 13: A Praying Church

## Memorials:

Designated for upstairs kitchen renovation:

In memory of Linda Christman, \$10.00

In memory of Richard Vojtko, \$25.00

# Valerie Crehan Takes Outreach Ministry Reins

by Valerie Crehan

I would like to thank Pastor Mary Janz and the Emmaus congregation for giving me this opportunity to work for your youth outreach program, E.A.S.Y.

I graduated from Valparaiso University in 1976 with a B.S. in education. I have been married for 20 years to my husband, Brian Crehan, and we have three children. Meghan, 18, is currently at UW-Madison; Will, 17, is a junior at St.Catherine's High



Valerie Crehan

School; and Caroline, 11, is in sixth grade at St. John's Lutheran.

For the last eight years, I have been teaching part-time and substitute teaching in grades 1-6. I look forward to working with the dedicated staff here at Emmaus and participating in this congregation outreach

into the community.

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 Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.  
 Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School Feb. 2).  
 Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
 The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the March VISITOR is February 15.

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## Sunday School News

# Sunday School Resumes February 9

by Denise Keller

This month, we will have no Sunday School on February 2 due to the congregational annual meeting. Sunday School will resume on February 9 with a two-week rotation on The Heifer Project.

Heifer Project is the organization Sunday School offerings have been benefitting. The Sunday School kids will learn more about this organization and how it helps people around the world.

On February 23, the Sunday School kids will sing at the 9:15 a.m. service and will begin a four-week rotation on Jesus calling his disciples.

### Will It Float?

In January, the Sunday School kids learned a story from the New Testament: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33). The children learned to believe in Jesus and trust him even when you cannot understand everything.

While viewing a video on Jesus' miracles, they saw how Jesus could help us when we are afraid.

We had a science workshop this rotation which helped the kids learn what can float. For example, we used an egg to be Peter (the disciple who walked out to meet Jesus) and salt to represent the trust

we have in Jesus. When you place the egg in a cup of water, the egg sinks. When you place the egg in salt water, it floats.

For art, we painted rocks as a reminder of which disciple walked on water with Jesus (Peter means Rock). We also had drama and games to reinforce the story.

### Join Us!

Sunday School is open for all children pre-school age and up. Pre-school through grades five meet upstairs. Sixth and seventh graders meet with Mr. Albright. Grades 8-12 meet in the Fireside Room with Ms. Yust.

Sunday School begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:30. Snack time is 10:15 to 10:30.

Sunday School is still in need of volunteers for workshop leaders. If you are interested in helping out, please see or call Denise Keller, 619-9911.

## February Youth Birthdays

2/3	Krystle Mayer	15
2/4	Cora Balthazar	9
2/5	Jordan Gallagher	4
2/9	Laura Zeleski	7
2/9	April Falaschi	16
2/18	Justin Pipol	14
2/27	Amanda Bloom	17
2/27	Alex Maryland	8



# "Wholeness and Healing" Are Focus of Spring Retreat

by Denise Keller

You're invited to the Women's Retreat Friday and Saturday, March 21-22! Joannie Williams, R.N. will lead "Wholeness and Healing" at the Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street.

Arrive between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday night, closing with evening prayer between 9:00 and 9:30. If you can only make it Saturday, arrive by 7:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:00.

Saturday's sessions will close with a communion service in the afternoon. We should be on our way about 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for just Saturday or \$48 for the overnight. Both arrangements include two meals. Make checks out to Emmaus WELCA. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

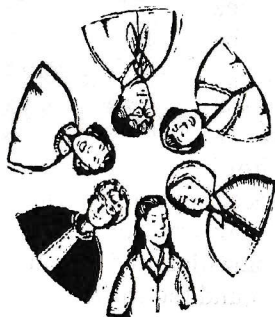
See you there!

## Valentine's Bake Sale

The women's Valentine's Bake

Sale is February 15-16. Bakers are needed to donate delicious treats.

75% of proceeds from sales will go toward the remodeling of the upstairs kitchen. 25% of proceeds will go toward Women's Mission.



The Emmaus WELCA pamphlet for 2003 will be available later this month.

The next board meeting is February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

## Give Thanks In All Circumstances

5¢ if you have a February birthday.

1¢ for every valentine card or wish you received.

5¢ if you have an e-mail address.

## Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should soon receive 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 do not receive your envelopes in the next few weeks.

## What Is WELCA's Mission?

Each month we will have the Who-What-Where-When-How-Why of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In the January Visitor there was the *Who We Are: Since 1987: The Women's ministry organization of the ELCA.*

What our mission is is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Over the centuries, women's missionary societies led the way in mission before women were allowed to serve in non-traditional roles. In the twentieth century, many of these women took the lead in opening the full ministry of Christ's church to women as well as men.

In 1990, Women of the ELCA helped lead the entire ELCA in

responding to women and children in poverty.

In 1996, we started connecting our global mission education to the ELCA Companion Synod Program. By 2004, we'll have global ministry advocates connecting all synodical women's organizations to their companion synods.



In 1999-2002, the theme "Live God's Justice" brought new focus and commitment to Women of the ELCA ministries through emphases on anti-racism, spirituality, worship, and stewardship.

In 2002-2005, under the theme "Listen, God Is Calling," we'll be emphasizing ministry with families, leadership, spirituality, and stewardship.

## March Altar Guild Schedule Has Been Mailed

An Altar Guild schedule has been sent out for the month of March, but only to the people scheduled during the month. All

Guild members will receive a complete schedule next month that begins in April.

## Thanks for Christmas Help

by Marsha Connet

Many, many thanks to the volunteers who helped remove and store the Christmas decorations. Without your help it would be a

very difficult task!

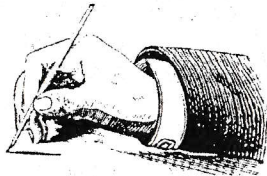
Thanks to Rich and Kathy Christensen, Shirley Velzka, and Lyle and Marge Zielke.

Letters

# Wadewitz Sends Thanks

Dear Pastor Mary and Emmaus Congregation,

I am sending you this letter on behalf of the students of Wadewitz School. Your thoughtfulness in remembering our children this holiday season meant more than you will ever know.



Mr. Garchek and I delivered the presents on the Friday before Christmas and the joy on the families' faces brought tears to my eyes.

Emmaus does so much for our children at Wadewitz! The mentors give the children they work with the one-on-one attention they probably don't get anywhere else. They are made to feel like they're special and their feelings count.

I wanted you to know how much we appreciate all you do for our school. God bless all of you and may your New Year be filled with

lots of happiness.

—Linda Jaskulske  
Home School Worker

## Thanks from Vocational Ministry

To Emmaus Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the board, staff and participants who took part in the January Solutions class, I would like to thank you for your warm hospitality. We enjoyed working in the comfort of the Sunset Room, and really enjoyed the very delicious snacks and lunches! A special word of thanks to each of the bakers and cooks.

It is the hope of Racine Vocational Ministry to find ten churches in Racine County to volunteer to sponsor a Solutions class once per year.

Thank you again for everything you do.

God Bless you,  
—Sherry Hartog, Program Director  
Racine Vocational Ministry, Inc.

## Thanks for Giving Tree Gifts

by Cindi Larsen

"Let your light shine..." Your generosity and caring this past holiday season were readily evident in the gifts and donations that were

given.  
Thank you for your generosity.



The Giving Tree

# Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Director: Carol Rudey

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m. The Center will be closed any time that weather conditions close the public schools.



## February Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

- |         |                 |   |       |
|---------|-----------------|---|-------|
| Feb. 2  | Hedy Wagner     | 4508 N. Green Bay Road                  | 53404 |
| Feb. 5  | Mary Buelow     | 3300 Wright Avenue                      | 53405 |
| Feb. 10 | Alfred Thomsen  | 3296 Backridge, Woodlawn, TN            | 37191 |
| Feb. 14 | Bernice Holding | 3709 Candle Court #6                    | 53402 |
| Feb. 20 | John Demant     | 14321 56 <sup>th</sup> Road, Sturtevant | 53177 |

## Emmaus Welcomes Five New Members

Emmaus welcomed five new members into our family on Sunday, January 26:

Elizabeth and Christopher Buelow, 2212 Summit Avenue, Racine, 53404. Chris is a confirmation student.

Hans "Ernie" and Bernice

Munch, 3900 N. Main Street #305, Racine, 53402. The Munches recently moved to the Atrium.





Nicole Peterson, 1909 Rapids Drive, Racine, 53404. Nicole is the mother of Ariyah, who was just baptized here in December.

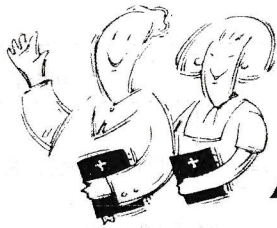
## EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, December:	2000: 143	2001: 146	2002: 154
Average weekly attendance, January:	2001: 180	2002: 130	2003: 141
Average weekly attendance, February:	2001: 140	2002: 121	

Campaign to date

2001 Fund offerings received in December	\$3,417.00	\$97,847.12
Mortgage payments: Principal	\$555.67	
Interest	\$410.33	
Total	\$966.00	
Principal balance as of December 12, 2002		\$60,235.44

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 Phone 262 634-5515</p>	<p><i>February, 2003</i></p> 					<p><b>1</b> 9:00 am Special REST meeting 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>2</b> PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service:</b> LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, with coffee &amp; fellowship <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> 11:00 am Staff meeting 6:00 pm English as 2<sup>ND</sup> Language 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music cmte.</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1:00 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm English as 2<sup>ND</sup> Language 6:30 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
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## February Worship Assistants



Altar Guild

Readers

Ushers

Acolytes

Feb. 1 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Feb. 2 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Mildred Schroth	Amy Larsen	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
Feb. 8 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Feb. 9 9:15 am		Nathan Albright	Team 4 John Cook	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
Feb. 15 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen or Pat Jensen			
Feb. 16 9:15 am	Beverly Hansen Judy Berndt	Brenda Gieszler	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Tanya Rasmussen Marissa Connet
Feb. 22 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Feb. 23 9:15 am		John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
Mar. 1 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Mar. 2 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Tedine Roos	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman

Altar Flowers

Fellowship

Candle Care

Communion Asst.

Feb. 2	Tosleks	Field, Bagley		Gregg Albright
Feb. 9	<i>available</i>	Berndt	Boots LeRoux	
Feb. 16	Gerry Dykstra	L&C Larsen		Nancy Brown
Feb. 23	Kreimers	Balthazars		
Mar. 2	Christensen, Weber	<i>available</i>		Cheryl Dexter

### Many children throughout the world need families!

These are the faces of a few of the thousands of children waiting for homes. Lutheran Social Services needs over 200 families for children of all ages and needs from Mongolia, Russia and the Philippines who are waiting to be adopted.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about international adoption, please call Lutheran Social Services today at 1-888-746-2850 and help us give a child the life and love they were meant to have.

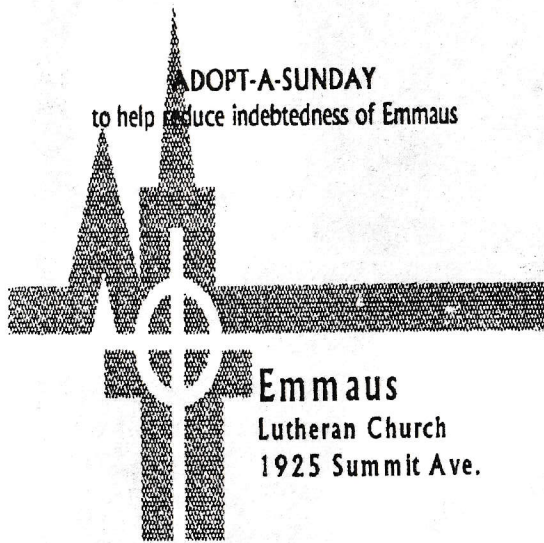


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[www.lsswis.org](http://www.lsswis.org)

# Book Club to Discuss Ehrdrich Novel

The Emmaus Book Club will discuss *Last Report of the Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Ehrdrich at its February 20 meeting. You are welcome to join; come to the Fireside Room at 1:00 on the third Thursday of each month.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

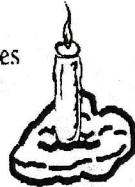
## Let Your Light



Make a heart-shaped candleholder for a special person.

### You will need:

- ♥ wax paper to work on
- ♥ air-dry clay
- ♥ candle (6" or votive)
- ♥ paint
- ♥ paintbrushes
- ♥ glitter
- ♥ glue



### How to make it:

- ♥ Use the wax paper as a working surface.
- ♥ Mold a 3" ball of clay into the shape of a heart. (Make sure it will lie flat on the table.)
- ♥ Press the base of the candle into the center of the heart.
- ♥ Let the clay dry.
- ♥ Paint the heart and decorate with glitter.



Give your valentine to someone you love.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please don't light the candle unless there is an adult with you to help.

## The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.

To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.

A place to live   
1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark   
6 7 8 9 10

Companion   
11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting   
17 18 19 20

Male adult   
21 22 23

“ 8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5  
17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4  
13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4  
13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16  
8 2 16 13 23 1 7 21 ”

Answers: house; light; friend; wave; man; "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."

## Pastor Rossing Announces Retirement

Rev. Lyle Rossing, pastor at Emmaus from 1982 to 1993, has announced that he will retire from active pastoral ministry at the end of September, 2003.

Pastor Rossing has been Senior Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hibbing, Minnesota, since 1993, a congregation celebrating its centennial this year. Rev. Rossing turned 65 in January.

Born in Duluth and raised in South Dakota, Rev. Rossing was graduated from



Rev. Lyle Rossing

from Minnesota

the Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul in 1964. He was ordained in 1966 and continued post-graduate study at Erlangen University in Germany, Princeton, and Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary. He married Betty Hanson in 1964; they have two sons, Ted and Chris.

The Rossings moved into their lake home in Cohasset, Minnesota last June.

## Pastor Mary Will Be on Vacation

Pastor Mary will be on vacation February 5 through 19. Pastor

Sharon will be on call while Pastor Mary is in Spain.

### REST Volunteers for February

—Items of the month: paper products- like foam plates, plastic silverware, soda cups, coffee cups, small foam plates, small foam bowls, etc.—

	5 - 8 pm	6 - 9 pm	7:30 - 11 pm	11pm - 5am	5 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 7	Atonement Lutheran Church				
Feb. 14	Tosleks	Lamberton, Zielke, Boots		Chris & Nate Lamberton, Roos	Becks, Nuechterlein, Lippmann
Feb. 21	Atonement Lutheran Church				
Feb. 28	Cook/Smith Denise Keller	BSA Troop 146		Knuteson, Roos	

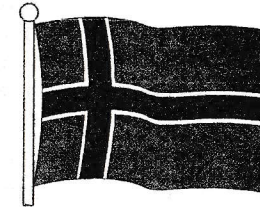
## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Norwegian Group to Dance at Gifford

by Betty Barth

The Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers will perform at Gifford School in Franksville, Sunday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. Norwegian bakery will also be for sale.

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



hotel room.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Milwaukee area is at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Brookfield beginning at 8:00 p.m.

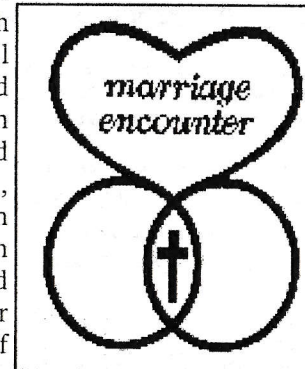
February 14 (Valentines Day) and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday the 16th. No one is turned away for financial reasons. If you would like to register or need more information, please call Bill and Zoe Eckblad in Pleasant Prairie at 262-942-9633.

## Call for Marriage Encounter

Give your spouse the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Get away from your daily pressures and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other and with God. No matter how good a marriage is, it can be improved.

Through practical exercises and presentations in a relaxed atmosphere, you'll learn communication techniques and gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your

spouse. There are no group discussions and you share only with your spouse in the privacy of your



## African American History Celebrated

"Remembering the Past...Shaping the Future" Sunday, February 9, 2003 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee sponsored by the African American Lutheran Association of The Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Come for an afternoon of poetry, liturgical dance, African dance, choirs, music and more. Participants will celebrate the rich history and cultural beauty of African Americans.

A freewill offering will be taken for the 2003 Two-week Simba Circle Camp (for African American males ages 8-18).

## Would I Lye to You?

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, will host a Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner Saturday, February 8. Dinner includes all side dishes, beverages and many cakes and wonderful ethnic pastries.

Servings are at 11:30 a.m., 1:15

and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.50 for children (free to children able to fit in a high chair). Seniors get a \$1.50 discount at the 11:30 and 1:15 sittings.

Reservations are required; call Joanne Jacobson at 262 534-6867 or Donna Hanson at 262 534-3862.

## Messiah Hosts Spaghetti Dinner

Messiah Lutheran Church, 3015 Pritchard Drive (on Durand Avenue one block west of Ohio) will host a Valentines' Day Spaghetti Dinner" on Saturday, February 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

\$6.50 for adults and \$2.50 for

children age 12 and under includes wine (presumably for the adults—we're guessing this isn't communion), salad, pasta with or without meatballs, bread and homemade dessert.



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## Pastor Mary's Column

# Are You Bilingual?

Recent headlines in our newspaper acknowledged that the Hispanic population has now surpassed that of the African American population in our country. I think Wadewitz School and the neighborhood surrounding our church is a microcosm of what is happening nationwide.

And, not unlike the days of my Scandinavian ancestors, the children are often learning English much more quickly than their parents. I see that in the little girl I mentor each week. As her language skills grow by leaps and bounds, her mother is left to depend on her children to be her interpreters and translators. And, unfortunately, they sometimes pick and choose what they are going to share with their mother!

We know there is a need among the adults of our neighborhood to learn English, and we also know that it might be a bit frightening or intimidating to figure out how to even begin. I think back 36 years ago to my first experience outside the country. I had had the advantage of four years of high school Spanish and four years of college Spanish. Yet, when I got off that plane in Madrid, knowing I was there to study, I was nearly paralyzed. Whom could I trust?

How could I express my needs when I realized the Spanish I had learned hadn't prepared me for everyday living? (Somehow the terms I learned in Spanish literature weren't very practical when I wanted to know if the water was okay to drink or when I needed directions to get to a certain place!) It was scary at first, but that anxiety faded as I got to know some Spaniards who were there to help me learn. I made some whoppers of mistakes with the language, but those

Spaniards patiently encouraged me and showed me and taught me not to take myself quite so seriously.

After lengthy conversations with folks from the Racine Literacy Council and Gateway Technical College, we are about to try our hand at reaching out to our neighbors with assistance in learning English. Laura Knudson, an extremely capable instructor who just returned to Racine after living and teaching in Uruguay for sixteen years, will be the instructor for our Monday and Wednesday evening English classes for adults.

Will those who so desperately want to learn English dare to venture out to an unknown place and register for four hours of weekly English classes? Are we yet at a point where enough trust has been

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# La Columna del Pastor Mary

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established with our Spanish-speaking neighbors that they will feel comfortable coming to Emmaus to study English? The next days will tell whether our word-of-mouth publicity has been adequate.

Meanwhile, we will continue to speak the language of love, the language Christ has mandated that we learn, as we reach out to those around us. And we are reminded that to remain fluent in that language of love, we need to practice it every single day.

In a few days, I'm off to Spain to visit long-time friends and to reconnect with that place that taught me how hospitality plays a

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huge part in becoming fluent and bilingual. Granted, my Castillian Spanish is now quite rusty after not having used it much over the past dozen years. But I am convinced that hospitality and trust and friendship will make me feel right at home in spite of my searching for the correct word in Spanish.

May our ability to speak the language of love bring that same sense of hospitality to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters right here in Racine.

*¡Que Dios les bendiga!*

*Pastor Mary*

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# Emmaus Visitor

March, 2003

## Lenten Worship Schedule

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Worship services with imposition of ashes  
and the sacrament of Holy Communion  
12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesdays beginning March 11

Tuesday afternoon worship services  
at 12:15 p.m.  
Come early for lunch at 11:30

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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Ashlynn May Meteyard  
February 22, 2003

Ashlynn is the infant daughter of Kevin Meteyard and Terri Schweitzer. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Bill Meteyard and the great-granddaughter of Helen and Floyd Mickelson. Her sponsors are Kevin Schweitzer and Amy Meteyard.

### Funeral:

Harley Patrick Slater  
February 7, 2003

Harley succumbed to a heart attack on February 3. He has been our groundskeeper and custodian for the past three years. He is survived by two sons: Greg of Dublin, Ohio, and Jeff of Lake-in-the-Hills, Illinois.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Al and Jan Svendsen, who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 27!

Congratulations and best wishes to Laura Eschmann and Mark Smith as they embark upon their marriage at the beginning of this month.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. ASH WEDNESDAY services will be at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. March 5 Lenten MIDWEEK SERVICES begin March 11/12 at 12:15 p.m. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Our Lenten March to Calvary Begins

Ash Wednesday worship services begin at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. March 5. Services will include imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Midweek worship services are at 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, March 11-April 11.

Join the Senior Fellowship Center for lunch at 11:30 a.m.; please look for the lilac sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office

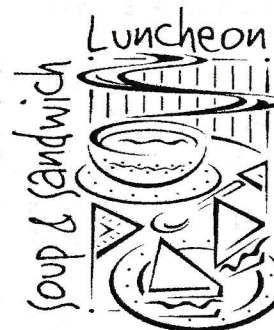
by Monday so that our chefs have a head count.



## Join the Seniors for Lenten Lunches

by Carol Rudey

Starting Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Lunch will be served in the Sunset Room at 11:30 before the Tuesday Lenten service. We invite the congregation to join the Senior Center in a soup



and sandwich lunch. We will have a sign up in the narthex but if you forget to sign up, join us anyway!

We ask for a \$2 donation to help defray the cost of lunch. If you can help make soup or a dessert, please contact Carol Rudey at 632-0643.

## Discussion Groups Study Bishop's Book

Join Lutherans from Racine's fifteen ELCA congregations for a series of one-hour sessions discussions Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson's 80-page book, *Faithful Yet Changing: The Church in Challenging Times*. The book is available from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church for a free-will offering.

Attend at either one of two locations to get to know your fellow Racine ELCA Lutherans: Resurrection Lutheran Church, 322

Ohio Street; or St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road. Both sessions meet 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons.

This series began February 23 and continues through April 13. Pastor Mary will lead the March 30 session at St. Andrew, discussing "A Connecting Church."

As a culmination of this series, Bishop Hanson will come to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual meeting

## Congregation Elects New Council

Members attending the annual meeting of the congregation February 2 approved a budget for 2003 and elected this year's church council. The members of the church council are:

President: Cathy Knuteson  
Vice President: Brenda Gieszler  
Secretary: Cathy Meyer  
Treasurer: Caren Lamberton  
Financial Secretary: Michele Kreimer

Congregational Life: The Orth family

Youth: Gregg Albright  
Social Concerns: Loren & Cindi Larsen

Women of the ELCA: Denise Keller  
Worship & Music: Kathy Christensen  
Building & Grounds: Bill Irvine

Vacancies remain for the positions of Outreach, Stewardship and Parish Education.

## Bethania Hosts Cluster Meeting

by Rev. Karen Kastler

I am writing to inform you of the Racine Mission Cluster Annual Meeting which is being held at Bethania Lutheran Church, 4120

Wright Avenue, on Tuesday evening, March 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Come worship and hear from our new meal site directors about exciting new programs that are being planned.

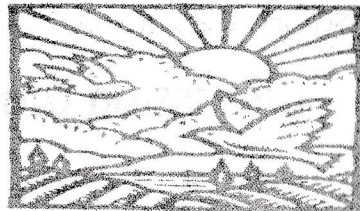
## MEMORIALS

Designated for upstairs kitchen renovation:

In memory of Harley Slater: \$25.00

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Harley Slater: \$65.00



## 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).

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.

Youth News

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

Confirmation students will worship together at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, as the congregation observes Ash

Wednesday. Regular classes will resume Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

## 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat Slated for March 15-16

The annual mid-winter confirmation retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be held this year at Emmaus. Activities, classes and worship will be a part of the overnight experience which begins at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15 and runs until noon on Sunday,

March 16. Baptism and prayer will be the topics studied during the time together.

Items needed: \$5.00, a Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, personal items, flashlight, warm clothes (for possible outdoor activities).

## Fiesta Mexicana Set for May 4

Mark your calendars now for fiesta time in May! Emmaus youth will once again serve Mexican fare in a festive atmosphere.



from around the nation.

Plan to attend the Fiesta Mexicana on May 4; have fun, eat well, and support our youth all at the same time!

Do you have a new item to donate to the raffle or silent auction? Do you know a business that might be willing to donate a service or an item to be used as a raffle prize? All proceeds from the dinner, silent auction and raffle will go toward our youth travel fund.

A group of eleven youth, under the leadership of Gregg Albright and Carol Yust, will travel to Atlanta in July to attend the Atlanta Gathering of ELCA youth

## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Erin Sommer	March 3	16
Daniel Rieves	March 4	8
Anna Butler	March 9	3
Greg Gottfredsen	March 17	13
Alex Rangel	March 21	12
Kyle Mickelson	March 24	16
Andrew Jaskulske	March 25	8
Isaac Bustamante	March 27	12
Dylan Scoon	March 28	16

## A Deep Dish of Fun Was Had By All

by Denise Keller

Ten families enjoyed fun activities, fellowship and a pizza



lunch at the February 9 Valentine's Pizza Party. We look forward to doing it again.

## Synod Youth Look Forward to Atlanta

by Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Twenty-six youth and adult advisors are looking forward to July, 2003 for this is when they will travel to Atlanta as part of a delegation from the Greater Milwaukee Synod that are intentionally focusing on three issues that are part of the Core Values of our Synod: Anti-racism, Leadership Development of Youth and Companion Synod Relations. These youth come from 6 congregations in the synod, as well as 6 youth from our partner synods: 4 youth from El Salvador and 2 from Meru Diocese in Tanzania.

In addition to the work that the youth are doing to raise funds for the trip, they need support from those outside of their own congregations and the Partnership Committees of the Synod. Thus, we come to you who make up our synod. If you would like to be a partner in prayer and finance as we undertake this venture we'd like to hear from you.

The youth will also be attending an Anti-racism Training Event in May to prepare them for being in this global community. The

expense of attending the anti-racism training, MYLE and Gathering including transportation comes to about \$650 per person. Additional costs are being incurred for our international partners (Airfare from

El Salvador about \$600 and from Meru about \$1800) as we must cover the costs of their travel to the United States and visas to enter our country. Can you sponsor a young person for this exciting experience?

Together we can accomplish great things. May the Spirit of the Lord be in your discernment regarding this partnership project. Thank you for considering the youth who have committed to this partnership.

Please contact Pr, Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld, Good Shepherd - Waukesha, 262-547-2420 or Pr. Fred Thomas-Breitfeld, Jackson Park - Milwaukee, 414-545-2420 with any questions or commitment to supporting this project.



## Sunday School Bulletins

# Whom Would Jesus Call?

by Denise Keller

Our next rotation is "Jesus Calls His Disciples." This rotation began on February 23. During this rotation, the children will learn about the twelve disciples and that Jesus called ordinary people to follow him. We can follow Jesus today. We are his disciples, too!

## Heifer International

The Sunday school kids spent two weeks learning about the Heifer Project International in February. The Heifer Project is the organization Sunday School offerings have been benefitting.

Since November, we have collected enough offering to purchase gifts of bees, rabbits and two flocks of chicks. The kids requested that we should try to purchase a different animal. The Sunday School has decided on goats.

A gift of a goat for a family is \$120.00. The fourth grade class is making a campaign poster and have set a goal of three goats, which would help three families somewhere around the world.

Can you help? See their poster in the narthex. During these two weeks, we have also learned about sharing.

## Love God — Love Others!

We had special story tellers who read books that were written about the Heifer Project: *Beatrice's*

*Goat and Faith the Cow.* The first book is about a little girl's family who receives a gift of a goat and is then able to make enough income to send her to school. The second book is about the first cow and how the Heifer Project began. We saw a video explaining the project and we made butter.

On March 23, the Sunday School kids will sing at the 9:15 a.m. service. Please come to the Sunset Room at 9:00 a.m. that morning to practice.

## Register Kids for Unified Kindergarten

Unified Schools ask parents of children eligible for kindergarten in September of 2003 to register them on Wednesday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the school your child will attend in the fall. To ask which school your child will attend, please call 631-7063.

Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2003. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate or baptismal papers, social security card, and immunization records with you. You do not need to bring your child.

ED. NOTE: Emmaus does not keep copies of baptismal certificates, but can provide a photocopy of the page on which your child's baptism was recorded in the church register.

## What Does Ubuntu Have to Do with Me?

by Phala Pesano, Greater Milwaukee Synod TAG Coordinator

According to Martin Luther in the Small Catechism, baptism "brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems us from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.."

When someone is baptized, they are brought into God's huge and amazingly diverse family. When you were baptized (or if you choose to be baptized if you are not already) words like this were said, "by water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Christ and Christ's people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God." I wasn't baptized to live alone. Neither are you. Our baptisms call us to live with Christ and Christ's people.

So What?

At this moment you're reading the paper or writing e-mails. At other moments you may be doing your homework, or doing the dishes, or doing your hair. You may be talking to friends; discussing something with your youth group, eating pizza, or going to class. I'm probably doing some of those same things. But overall you're doing the same thing we're all doing — life.

And, no, you're not in the middle of a prison sentence. You can do life many different ways. You can be selfish. You can decide to not share with others the gifts God has

given you. You could decide to not allow others to share their gifts with you.

You can try to be an island — no one gets anything from you and no one gives anything to you. Or you could hoard things and gifts and people and energy. You can take everything that other people try to give you and never really care about trying to be a good steward of what God has gifted you with.

You could decide to not care about others. "So what my classmate is in pain over their parent's divorce?" "I don't care if people in Africa are starving. What have they ever done for me?" "I'm not going to visit my friend if they don't come to see me first."

That's one way to "do life." God will love you just the same if you live this way, but, God's calling you to something better. God's calling you to "do life" with compassion and freedom. God's calling you to "do life" in community, with others - the people who may be different, or strange, or weird, or older, or younger, or far away, or nearby.

No one's expected to understand everything. I've said alone. Hey, I don't understand it all and I wrote it. And that's exactly the point. We are created by God to understand everything through someone else. Through the love of Christ and while living in community with others and all of creation, we can understand all this a bit better.

So, Do Life! Ubuntu!

## Letter

### Field Family Expresses Gratitude

Dear "Praying for a Miracle,"

Although you did not leave us your name, you will know this note is for you. "Thank you" seems

inadequate, but we want you to know how grateful we are.

Our deepest thanks,  
Gary and Julie Field

## Help Sought for Church-wide Assembly

Reserve some time on your calendars for August 10 - 17, 2003. That's when the 2003 ELCA Church-wide Assembly will meet at the Midwest Express Center. More than 1,000 voting members and 2,000 visitors will gather to worship and do the business of the ELCA.

And we have the opportunity to be part of it! The Greater Milwaukee Synod will host the Assembly, and we will have more than 600 service opportunities for volunteers at this event. Volunteers are invited to attend Assembly events when not serving, will get an Assembly Volunteer shirt to wear while serving, and can have a good time in the process—all while

providing an important service to the national church. There will be many opportunities for each of us to serve: ushers, pages, greeters, ticket takers, loaders, packers, altar guild, etc.

For additional information, you may visit the Church-wide Assembly web site: <http://www.elca.org>

Please consider being an important part of this exciting event. Contact Lyn South by phone: 414-962-9190 (day), 414-489-9099 (evenings), e-mail: [rsouth@wi.rr.com](mailto:rsouth@wi.rr.com) or Susan Cyr by phone: 414-423-1726 (evenings), e-mail: [susancyr@execpc.com](mailto:susancyr@execpc.com)



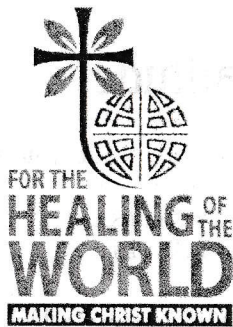
## Siebert Foundation Awards Outreach Grant

On behalf of the Racine ELCA congregations, Pastor Mary submitted a grant proposal to the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. The grant request earmarked outreach in Racine as a priority.

Notification has been received that the Siebert Foundation will grant the entire \$30,000 requested. Of that

amount, \$5,000 will go to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer to further their outreach ministry.

The remaining \$25,000 will be used by Emmaus to pay for staff support in the areas of EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), Kids Hope USA (mentoring program) and the summer Neighborhood Camp.



2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly  
Milwaukee, August 10-17, 2003

Volunteer Committee

**First Call for Volunteers**

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity to serve as a volunteer at the 2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee at

the Midwest Airlines Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Avenue, August 10-17, please complete this form and return it to the address below. Once the particular needs of the Assembly are known, we will provide you with task descriptions and ask you to select specific tasks and times to serve.

(Please print.)

Congregation: **Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church** City: **Racine** 14778

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (262) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in helping in the following areas:

- Hospitality     Worship     Facilities     Registration

I would be available for:

- 1-2 days     3-5 days     the whole week

Send this form by **April 1, 2003** to: Susan Cyr  
5840 South 42<sup>ND</sup> Street, Greenfield WI 53221  
414 423-1726  
susancyr@execpc.com

**Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center**

Center Director: Carol Rudey  
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m. Beginning March 11, lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. The Center will be closed any time that weather conditions close the public schools.



**Emergency Envelopes**




The Senior Center has purchased emergency envelopes that contain medical and personal information that can be made available to emergency medical staff, the rescue squad, or the fire department if someone becomes injured or sick in their own home. The information is filled out on both sides of the envelope and then attached by a magnet to the refrigerator. Local police and fire departments are being made aware of this program and are being trained to look for this information so that the victim can be treated immediately or in route to the hospital. This program is sponsored by the Racine Area Retired Teachers Association. The envelopes (with a magnet inside) are available in the narthex of the church. We are asking for \$1 to help cover the cost of the program.

**Come Visit Japan**

On Tuesday, March 4, Al Beck will present a travelogue on Japan to the Senior Center. Everyone is invited to attend! Come join us for lunch afterwards.

**March Birthdays — 70 Years and Better**

Mar. 1	Jan Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405
Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	240 88 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sturtevant	53177
Mar. 6	Bill Allen	4314 Taylor Avenue	53403
Mar. 7	Eileen Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
Mar. 9	Carolyn Weitzel	1519 60 <sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha	53140
Mar. 14	Selma Sorensen	3910 River Drive	53405
Mar. 16	Ginny Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Mar. 21	Lillian Henrickson	5819 16 <sup>th</sup> Street # 149	53406

<b>Sunday</b> <b>March, 2003</b>	<b>Monday</b> Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church	<b>Tuesday</b> 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, Wisconsin	<b>Wednesday</b> Phone 262 634-5515 emmaus@execpc.com	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>1</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>2</b> TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: LBW</b> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm <i>Faithful Yet Changing</i> study at St. Andrew's/Resurrection	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:00 pm English as 2 <sup>ND</sup> Language 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.	<b>4</b> SHROVE TUESDAY 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Mission Cluster annual mtg. at Bethania	<b>5</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 12:15 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm English as 2 <sup>ND</sup> Language 7:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm REST 	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
<i>Sunday School Conference in Illinois, Mar. 7-8</i>						
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<b>16</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: Chicago Folk</b> Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm <i>Faithful Yet Changing</i> study	<b>17</b> ST. PATRICK'S DAY 6:00 pm English as 2 <sup>ND</sup> Language 	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Seniors 11:30 am Soup & sandwiches 12:15 pm <b>Worship service</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm English as 2 <sup>ND</sup> Language 6:30 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class	<b>20</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Book club 2:30 pm EASY	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
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**Emmaus** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scrip** Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

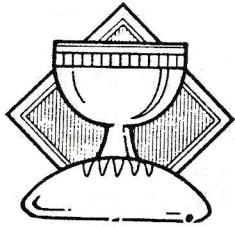
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<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
Gap debit card	8%	\$20		
J. C. Penney gift card	5%	\$25, \$100		
K-Mart	3%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
The Limited	8%	\$25		
Old Navy debit card	8%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$10, \$20		
Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
Spiegel Catalog	9%	\$20		
Structure	10%	\$25		
T. J. Maxx, Marshalls	8%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		



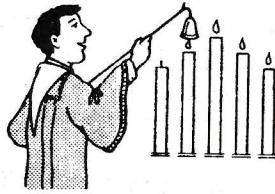
Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast	4%	\$25		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH</b>				
Ace Hardware	7%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$20, \$25		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys				
Tots R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
Citgo	2.5%	\$50		
Exxon/Mobil driver cash card	2.5%	\$25, \$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$10		
Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
<b>RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$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	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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

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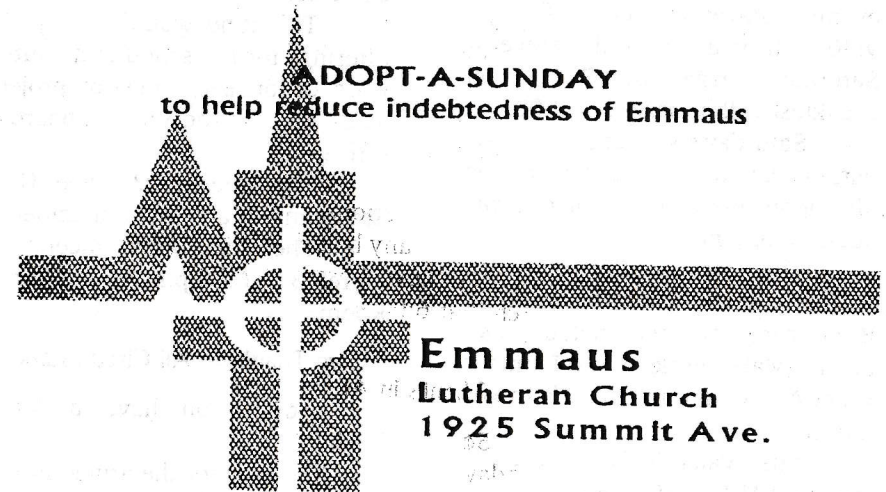


# March Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Mar. 1 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Mar. 2 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Tedine Roos	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
Mar. 5 12:15 / 7	Pat Jensen		Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
Mar. 8 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Mar. 9 9:15 am		Al Svendsen	Team 4 John Cook	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
Mar. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barbara Larsen			
Mar. 16 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Lyle Christensen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Tanya Rasmussen Marissa Connet
Mar. 22 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Mar. 23 9:15 am		Randy Sanders	Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
Mar. 29 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Evelyn Larsen			
Mar. 30 9:15 am		Kylee Albright	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
Apr. 5 5:00 pm	TBA			
Apr. 6 9:15 am	TBA	Lorrie Peterson	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Mar. 2	Christensen, Weber	Nancy Smith	Cheryl Dexter	Joy Lippmann
Mar. 5				Kylee Albright
Mar. 9	J&M Haanstad	Please		Chris Lamberton
Mar. 16	H. Slater	sign		
Mar. 23	J. Lippmann	up		
Mar. 30	A&J Svendsen	/		
Apr. 6	I&J&A Larsen	/	Evelyn Larsen	Karen Sedgwick



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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 'Wholeness and Healing' Are Focus of Spring Retreat

by Denise Keller

You're invited to the Women's Retreat Friday and Saturday, March 21-22! Joannie Warren, R.N. will lead "Wholeness and Healing" at the Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street.

Arrive between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday night, closing with evening prayer between 9:00 and 9:30. If you can only make it Saturday, arrive by 7:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:00.

Saturday's sessions will close with a communion service in the afternoon. We should be on our way about 3:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for just Saturday or \$48 for the overnight. Both arrangements include two meals. Make checks out to Emmaus WELCA. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

The Valentine's Bake Sale raised \$121.55. \$91.16 goes to the upstairs kitchen remodeling and \$40.49 to Women's Misison Fund. Thank you to all who baked, purchased and sold the delicious treats.

Pick up your Emmaus WELCA pamphlet for 2003 in the narthex.

## Dreams Fund

Last year we experienced the generosity of our WELCA members as we asked for gifts to be sent to the Triennial Convention. The Dreams

Fund would provide an opportunity for all women of Emmaus to give any amount for special events in their lives or to honor someone.

These events might include birthdays, answered prayers, secret pals, or any other reason. Women would not need to participate in circle activities to be included.

This fund would be kept for offerings for the synod and church-wide, or for special mission projects as defined by the WELCA board in office.

Any questions? See Carol Eschmann or any board member.

The next board meeting is March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

## Give Thanks in All Circumstances

5¢ if you have a March birthday.

5¢ Pray for the armed forces.

5¢ if you live in the same town you were born in.

## Give Your Kids a Cookbook

An Emmaus cookbook would be an ideal gift. Even for kids, graduating from high school and college, going out on their own for the first time. Please keep our cookbooks in mind. They're now only \$5.00 each.

# What Is WELCA's Mission?

Each month we will have the Who, What, Where, When, How and Why of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This month the question is, "Where do we minister?"



The answer is right where we live throughout the ELCA, across the nation, and around the world.

Women of the ELCA combines grace-powered grass-roots energy and initiative with the power of church-wide sisterhood through:

- Local women's ministry units established ELCA

congregations, in new ministries under development, and on college campuses.

- Synodical women's organizations in every one of the ELCA's 64 geographic synods
- Ecumenical partnerships with Church Women United, the National Council of Churches, and the growing number of denominations in full communion with the ELCA
- Global linkages with the ELCA Division for Global Mission and Companion Synod Program, Lutheran World Federation, and World Council of Churches.

# North Cape Bids Farewell at Spring Brunch

The Women's spring lunch of the Racine Cluster will be held Saturday, April 5, at North Cape Lutheran Church. The church is on Highway 45, one-half mile north of Highway K intersection. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., brunch is served at 9, and communion service concludes by 12 noon.

The guest speakers, Burt and Audrey Blomgren, Master Gardeners, will share many tips in gardening skills. Whether you have hanging baskets, a window box, rings of blossoms around the base of trees, or a lush garden plot in your yard, you're sure

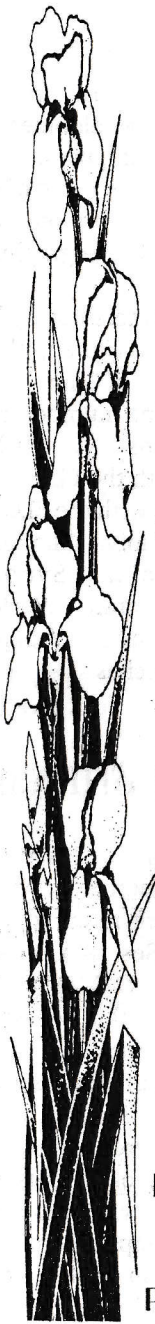


to enjoy this program. Have a question? Ask the experts.

Reservations are required by Monday March 31. See sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$4.00.

At this cluster brunch we will say farewell to our WELCA sisters at North Cape. Their church is now a member of a cluster group they fondly call "the Clump." We in the

Racine Cluster have so appreciated their warm hospitality over the years. We've enjoyed their friendship and shall miss their enthusiasm. Godspeed to their future endeavors.



# Spring Brunch

**WELCA Racine Mission Cluster**  
Saturday morning, April 5, 2003  
8:30 (registration) to 12:00 noon

**North Cape  
Lutheran Church**  
2644 Highway 45, north of "K"  
(Handicap accessible)



Master Gardeners Burt and Audrey Blomgren:  
**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2:

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... a time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted"

Cost \$4.00

Each church must call in its paid reservation count by  
March 31

Phone 835-2271 Barbara Welch (answering machine)

## Meteyards Adopt Sunday

Our thanks to Bill and Linda Meteyard for adopting Sunday, February 23 in honor of their

granddaughter, Ashlynn Meteyard. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

### EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	2001: 180	2002: 133	2003: 141
Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	2001: 140	2002: 121	2003: 127
Average weekly attendance, March:	2001: 162	2002: 171	

### Financial Figures



	Total for month	Year to date
Genl. Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$11,310.83	\$11,310.83
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$236.00	\$236.00
Unified receipts for Jan. ....	\$11,546.83	\$11,546.83

	Campaign to date	
2001 Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$345.00	\$103,693.12
Mortgage payments 2003:		
Feb. principal .....	\$559.49	
Feb. interest .....	\$406.51	
Total .....	\$966.00	
Principal balance as of Feb. 12, 2003 .....	\$59,129.15	

## REST Seeks Men's Hygiene Items in March

Items of the month for REST in March are razors, toothbrushes and men's underwear. Donations may be left in a basket in the narthex.

There has been a sharp rise in the number of people



staying at REST sites this year. Emmaus has served as an overflow site on several occasions.

The REST program continues to run through the end of April.

## Book Club Plans to Discuss Another Book

Emmaus' book club will meet in the Fireside Room on Thursday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m. All who are interested, come and join us and

lend your suggestions to help make this club stimulating, interesting and fun. For more information, talk to Marge Jensen (634-8754).

## Crehan Accepts Directorship of Neighborhood Camps

Valerie Crehan, interim director of the EASY program, has agreed to be the overall coordinator for the 2003 ELCA Neighborhood Camps in Racine.

Her duties will include curriculum development, arrangements for resource persons and supplies, planning field trips, scheduling interviews and training for the staff, as well as a number of other logistical arrangements.

The camps will be held in four or five ELCA churches in June and July. Funding is currently being sought for the operation of the camps, which will be supported by grants and individual

contributions. Grant requests have been made of the ELCA Division for Outreach and Wheat Ridge Ministries.

Further work will be done in the coming months to prepare additional proposals for grants and funding from other sources.

Each church participating in the Neighborhood Camp program will have an on-site coordinator, three teen interns and several volunteers for their individual programs. Nancy Smith has accepted the position as the site coordinator for the Emmaus summer program.

## Emmaus Raises \$133 for 'Souper Bowl'

Emmaus' "noisy offering" on Souper Bowl Sunday, January 26, raised \$133.67 for the REST homeless shelter.

As of February 24, 12,396 congregations and organizations had reported raising a total of \$3,500,329.

Souper Bowl of Caring began when the Rev. Brad Smith, Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C., made reference to the National Football League's Super Bowl Sunday as "Souper Bowl" Sunday in a prayer. The senior youth fellowship of the congregation took the pun in earnest, and a

national effort to fight hunger was born. Smith now serves full-time as executive director of Souper Bowl of Caring.



The partnership has grown from 22 churches in 1990 to more than 12,000 congregations in Canada and in every U.S. state. The effort generated more than \$3.6 million in

2001, including about \$500,000 raised by Lutheran congregations for local and national hunger organizations and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We have a wide variety to choose from this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on the form below and return it to the church office *with payment* by Sunday, April 6.

Quantity	Description	Cost
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" azalea	\$12.00
_____	7" chrysanthemums	\$7.50
_____	7" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$12.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$8.50
_____	7" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$8.00
Total enclosed:		_____

Your name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Given in  memory  honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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



Counters mark if  paid

Office mark:  Bulletin  Order list

## Elsewhere In Our Area

### Redeemer Preschool Holds Open House

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

Registrations for the 2002-03 school year will also be taken.

LCR's preschool program promotes the development of children's socialization skills, 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 the Preschool office at 633-4300.

### Hospice Alliance Offers Respite Training

Hospice Alliance, which has served Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties since 1982, is offering classes for individuals interested in becoming volunteers for the Hospice home care program. Training consists of eight sessions, with topics covering insights into the needs of families facing terminal illness as well as self-exploration of class participants.

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

volunteers gain satisfaction and enrichment in their own lives. Services might also include assistance with chores or transportation, nursing home visits, and bereavement calls.



Evening training sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning March 4.

Classes will be held at the Hospice Office, 600 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenosha. Individual training can also be arranged. Call Judy at 652-4400 or 1-800-830-8344. Pre-registration is necessary.

### Stoughton High Group Dances at Gifford

The Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers will perform at Gifford School Sunday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00; see Betty Barth (639-7894).

### David Sherer Comes to Milwaukee

David Sherer will present an Agape Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3213 W Lapham St Milwaukee Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Tracie Zoll (414) 305-3423.

## Pastor Mary's Column

### Remembering Harley

While not everyone at Emmaus knew Harley (he was around the church early mornings, Saturday evenings and whenever there was a "handyman" needed, not to mention the times of snow removal and mowing), those of us who knew and loved him comment often how much he is missed.

The faces of the little children would light up when Harley entered the YWCA Day Care; he knew the kids by name, and they were quick to ask for Harley. Harley's own grandchildren were also his treasure. His eyes would twinkle as he told about his latest visits with them.

Harley, often a "big kid at heart," loved to joke and tease and have a good time with so many of us. Among those touched by Harley's good nature were family, friends, neighbors, waitresses at his favorite restaurants and those of us who worked with him. His big heart and warm smile so often made our day a bit brighter.

Whether it was changing a light bulb or fixing a toilet or cleaning up someone else's mess, Harley approached all that he did

around the church with an attitude that was upbeat and generous. Having come to view Emmaus as his second home, Harley took great care and pride in all that he did. (The Lawn last summer was proof of that!)

I miss Harley (and Dee) in their regular places at Saturday worship. I miss knowing that Harley will be there to check one last time to see that the church doors are locked securely. I miss Harley's joking around.

At the same time, I thank God for putting Harley into our lives to share so freely the gifts that he had. And, as I give God thanks for the new life that Harley and Dee savor and for the promise that they now know in the resurrection, I realize that the rest of us still have God's work to do here on earth.

So, as we walk together in this journey of faith, let us give thanks for all of God's saints who walk with us. May we strive for glimpses of peace, justice and God's kingdom in the world as we enter the season of Lent and anticipate the new life that follows.

Shalom,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary

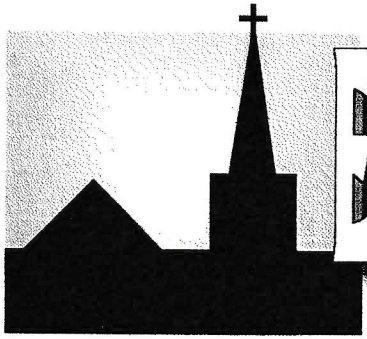


**In the March  
Visitor:**

- ♣ Discussions of Bishop Hanson's Book Continue
- ♣ Annual Meeting Election Results
- ♣ 8th-9th Grade Class Schedule
- ♣ 6th-7th Grade Retreat March 15-16
- ♣ Looking Forward to Atlanta
- ♣ Sign Up for Women's Retreat March 21-22
- ♣ Crehan to Coordinate Neighborhood Camps
- ♣ Souper Bowl Report

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# Emmaus Visitor

April, 2003

Holy Week at Emmaus

## Passion Sunday

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation"  
Music by Sunday School children and  
Adult Choir. 9:15 a.m.

## Mauudy Thursday

7:00 p.m.: Reflection of Jesus' last Passover Meal  
with Holy Communion and  
the stripping of the altar; music by Adult Choir.

## Good Friday

12:15 p.m.: Service of word and song  
reflecting on the crucifixion  
7:00 p.m.: Service of darkness and shadows  
with readings from the time of crucifixion.  
Music by the Adult Choir

## Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m.: Festival Service  
with music by Brass Nickel.  
Pastor Sharon preaching.  
9:30 a.m.: Festival service  
with music by Brass Nickel.  
Pastor Mary preaching.  
*Holy Communion at both services;  
Breakfast served in Fireside and  
Sunset Rooms between worship services*



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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funeral:

Dorothy G. Niva  
March 29, 2003

Dorothy retired as office support person of the YWCA Teen Parenting Day Care Center which meets in our nursery. She was a member of the Senior Fellowship Center and Prayer Chain. She is survived by two sons, Mike and K.C.

### Milestones

Congratulations to Al and Jan Svendsen on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary March 27!

We extend our sympathy to Marty and Kathryn Aiken on the death of Marty's mother, Betty Jean Aiken, in Tennessee in March.

We learned late of the death of Bertha Chadwick, the mother of Marie Andersen on January 30. Mrs. Chadwick was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. We extend our condolences and prayers to Marie and her family.

Please also remember Karen Nelson and her family in your prayers, as she mourns the death of her mother, Henrietta McDonald.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Easter services on April 20 are at 7:00 and 9:30 am. There will not be a Saturday worship service April 19.

Midweek Lenten services are Tuesday, April 1 and 8 at 12:15 p.m. HOLY WEEK services are April 17 at 7:00 and April 18 at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School April 20).

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed at noon April 18.

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Council President: Cathy Knuteson  
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
Kids Hope USA Dir.: Marty Aiken  
Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Marsha Connet, Suzanne Landis  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Matt Liesch & Pete Nelson

## Special Congregational Meeting Votes On Mortgage Plan

The church council called a special meeting of the congregation for 10:20 a.m., Sunday, March 30, to consider a proposal to restructure Emmaus' mortgage loan. The council endorsed a proposal to take advantage of lower interest rates.

In 1985, Emmaus took out a \$300,000 mortgage through Lutheran Brotherhood to build the addition, which includes the Sunset Room, church offices, the nursery, and areas used by our Sunday School as a Temple Room, arts and crafts room, computer lab, and audio-video room.

Since 2000, Emmaus has been paying \$966.00 per month at an interest rate of 8½%. As of February

12, the balance of the loan, now held by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, stood at \$59,129.15.

The council has recommended approving a new ten-year mortgage at more than two points below the current interest rate. Pending congregation approval, Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans would then lock in the lowest possible rate at the time of written request.

Assuming that payments would continue at the \$966.00 per month level, the mortgage could then be completely paid within six years. Final details of the meeting and terms of the mortgage will be included in the May Visitor.



## Midweek Lenten Services Continue

Join us for Tuesday worship services April 1 and 8 at 12:15 p.m. This brief worship service can serve as a centering break in your day as we prepare to observe our Lord's passion and resurrection.

Whatever your age, you are

invited to come for soup and sandwiches with the Senior Fellowship Center at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex every Sunday to help us anticipate how much to prepare.

## Join Us for Easter Breakfast

A breakfast of fruit pastries, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms between worship services on Easter

Sunday, April 20. A free-will offering will be taken to support our youth going to the Atlanta Gathering this summer.

# Easter Rotation Highlights Resurrection Story

by Denise Keller

Sunday School kids began the Easter story rotation on March 23. The children are learning the story of Easter through art, music, video and cooking this year.

We will highlight Palm Sunday, Passover meal, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' betrayal, the crucifixion and the resurrection.

On April 13, Palm Sunday, the Sunday School children will sing at the 9:15 a.m. service. Please come to the Sunset Room at 9:00 a.m. that morning to practice.

There will be no Sunday School on April 20, Easter Sunday. Classes will resume on April 27.

## Heifer International

Since November, we have collected enough offering to purchase gifts of bees, rabbits and two flocks of chicks. The kids requested that we should try to



purchase a different animal. The Sunday School has decided on goats.

A gift of a goat for a family is \$120.00. The fourth grade class created a campaign poster, which is hanging in the narthex. The class has raised \$212.36 toward their goal of \$360.00, which would help three families somewhere around the world.

## Youth April Birthdays

- Apr. 1 Christian Krug, 1
- Apr. 1 Destiny Rodriguez, 18
- Apr. 4 Sarah Albright, 3
- Apr. 6 Nick Zvyagin, 4
- Apr. 7 Jennifer Haman, 9
- Apr. 8 Jessica Bose, 14
- Apr. 9 Diane Lasko, 3
- Apr. 9 Hannah Pearce, 11
- Apr. 12 Brian Field, 13
- Apr. 14 Natalie Longrie, 8
- Apr. 15 Kelsey Albright, 14
- Apr. 18 Michaela Keller, 5

## Four Attend Rotation Workshop

by Denise Keller

Four people from Emmaus attended the Children's Ministry of America (CMA) Sunday School Rotation Workshop in Oakbrook, Illinois, on March 7 and 8.

They learned many new ideas and concepts during the workshops. It was a fun, knowledge-filled, inspirational and motivational two days!

We can't wait to incorporate these new ideas into Sunday School!

# 25 Attend Women's Retreat

by Denise Keller

Twenty-five women attended the annual Women's Retreat held at the Siena Center on March 21-22. The retreat, "Wholeness and Healing," was led by Joannie Williams, R.N., parish nurse. It was a fun-filled time of fellowship and reflection and enjoyed by all.

## Dreams Fund

Last year we experienced the generosity of our WELCA members as we asked for gifts to be sent to the Triennial Convention. The Dreams Fund would provide an opportunity for all women of Emmaus to give any amount for special events in their lives or to honor someone.

These events might include birthdays, answered prayers, secret pals, or any other reason. Women would not need to participate in circle activities to be included.

This fund would be kept for offerings for the synod and church-wide, or for special mission projects as defined by the WELCA board in office.

Any questions? See Carol Eschmann or any board member.

## Spring Brunch

North Cape Lutheran will host the Racine Cluster women's spring lunch Saturday, April 5. The church is on Highway 45, one-half mile north of Highway K. Registration is

at 8:30 a.m., brunch is served at 9, and a communion service concludes by 12 noon.

The guest speakers, Burt and Audrey Blomgren, Master Gardeners, will share many tips in gardening skills. Whether you have hanging baskets, a window box, rings of blossoms around the base of trees, or a lush garden plot in your yard, you're

sure to enjoy this program.

Reservations are required by Monday March 31. See sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$4.00.

The next WELCA board meeting is April 7 at 6:00 in the Sunset room.

## All the News Fit to Misprint

No April fooling: this stuff has appeared in church bulletins or been announced at services:

"The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict."

"Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I Will Not Pass This Way Again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."

"For those of you who have children and do not know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."



## When Do We Minister?

Each month we will have the Who What, Where, When, How, and Why of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.



This month, the question is "When do we minister?" We minister 24/7/365. Because the Holy Spirit is constantly working in us, the work of Women of the ELCA goes on around the clock and throughout the year through

- Women's Bible study, support, and service groups that meet

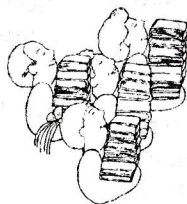
throughout the week, in homes, churches, and workplaces

- Ministry in our homes and congregations, forming faith in every generation
- Ministries in daily life beyond our homes — sharing our faith with co-workers, fellow travelers on planes and trains, and others with whom we volunteer
- Women of the ELCA grants to ministries in countries throughout the world.

## Book Club to Discuss *Bel Canto*

Because of Maundy Thursday, the next meeting of the Emmaus Book Club will be moved back one week to 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 24.

Our book for April is



*Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. This book was a winner of the Orange Prize of the National Book Critics Circle.

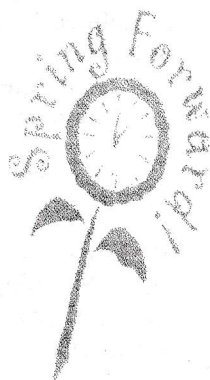
The club welcomes new members! For information, talk to Marge Jensen, 634-8754.

## Daylight Savings Time Begins April 6

Do you ever complain that there are never enough hours in a day to get everything done? Then brace yourself. Sunday, April 6, there will actually be one less hour to get things done than any other day on the calendar.

That's right: if you were planning to finish calculating your taxes sometime between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. April 6, you'd better think again. There isn't going to be

any time between 2:00 and 3:00 that morning. You might as well just go to bed at some more reasonable hour and set your clock ahead one hour when you do.



## Help Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary

We are looking for a woman to be a Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Representative. There are five meetings a year. If you are

interested, please contact Denise Keller (619-9911) for more information.

## Community Meal Program Begins 23rd Year of Service

This month, the Community Meal Program begins its twenty-third year 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 3 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 right.

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
- 1½ lbs. french cut green beans (frozen)
- 2 cans of cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup
- 1½ lbs. tater tots

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

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

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.



Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We have a wide variety to choose from this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on the form below and return it to the church office *with payment* by Sunday, April 6.

Quantity	Description	Cost
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" azalea	\$12.00
_____	7" chrysanthemums	\$7.50
_____	7" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$12.00
_____	7" regal geranium	\$8.50
_____	7" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$8.00
Total enclosed:		_____

Your name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Given in  memory  honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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



Counters mark if  paid

Office mark:  Bulletin  Order list

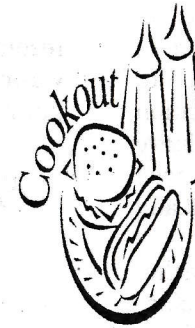
## REST Season Ends with Cookout

by Pat Liesch

The items for the REST basket for April are toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors and deodorant. Thanks.

### End of the REST season

Come and help us celebrate the end of our Emmaus REST season with our annual cook out and pot luck dinner on Friday, April 25. Whether you volunteered your time, talents or thoughts, please come and join us!



The festivities start around 6:00 p.m. with our Sam's ladies, Kathy and Brigetta, doing the grilling. Perhaps we can even persuade Pastor Mary to lend a hand! We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and brats to serve. Please bring a big dish to pass. Atonement Lutheran and Second Presbyterian Church will also be invited, as will the REST board.

Please RSVP to the office, or Pat at 835-1363 or 638-1441. Hope to see you there!

## Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps Anticipate Growth

Last summer, four ELCA congregations of Racine joined in a joint pilot program known as Neighborhood Camps. Emmaus, Our Savior's, Redeemer and Zion each hosted a summer day camp of two to six weeks, depending on the site.

The camps were free of charge to 6-to-12-year-olds and were fully funded by grants and contributions from individuals and congregations.

As plans get underway for this summer's Neighborhood Camps, Bethania, Emmanuel are joining the original four congregations; Holy Communion and Good Shepherd have also expressed interest. Each participating site will have a coordinator and three paid teen

interns, complemented by a number of volunteers.

Application forms for the teen intern positions are now available in the church office. All applicants must be at least 16 years of age and should bring energy, enthusiasm, a collaborative spirit and a love of kids as some of their strongest assets.

Applications are due in the office of Valerie Crehan by May 5.

Interviews will be held in May and announcement of selected candidates will be made by the end of the month.



## Landis Steps In As Adult Choir Guest Director

Due to several conflicts in Adult Choir director Marsha Connet's personal calendar, she has asked to step down from her position temporarily. In order best to achieve continuity, a guest director has been named to lead the choir in April and May.

Suzanne Landis, music teacher at Wadewitz School, will replace Marsha for the remainder of the spring. Suzanne is an ordained United Methodist minister on leave from call. She brings a love for worship and for sacred music to this short-term commitment.

We thank Cathy Meyer for recommending Suzanne, and we warmly welcome her to Emmaus during the coming weeks.

### *Applications Being Accepted for Custodian*

Emmaus is accepting applications for the position of church maintenance and groundskeeper. Application forms are available from the church office.

## Emmaus Neighborhood Carnival Planned

Mark your calendar for a day of fun on the field Sunday, August 4. Preliminary conversations are taking place about plans for a summer neighborhood carnival, and rumors have it that Pastor Mary and Pastor Sharon will be fair game for the dunking tank.



Are you, your friends, or your family willing to run one of the games or activities? Contact the church office and let us know you are available to help!

## Emmaus Awarded Bonus from National Scrip Center

by Cathy Meyer

Emmaus was recently notified that our church is one of the winner's of the National Scrip Center's Holiday Bonus Program. We earned \$500, being one of the top 100 non-profit customers that increased holiday sales the most over the same time period last year.

Thanks to all of you who have

participated in the Scrip program! With the additional \$500, we are much closer to paying for the replacement of the building fascia.

Scrip certificates may be purchased after the Saturday and Sunday services. Our most popular store certificates are available on the spot, while others can be ordered a week in advance. Once again, thanks for your continued support!

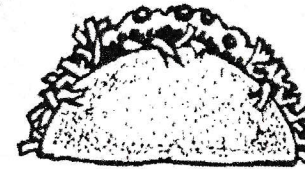
## Fiesta Mexicana Set for May 4

Tickets are now on sale for the annual fund raiser with a flair. Sunday, May 4 will once again bring to Emmaus the Mexican fare of tacos, enchiladas and more prepared by Carol Yust and Co.

Headed by Gregg Albright and Carol Yust, the youth of Emmaus are now busy selling tickets for the meal and the raffle. They are also seeking gift items and services to be used for the silent auction and the raffle.

Tickets for the meal are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 years old and younger. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. on May 4.

There will be games for the kids (no piñata this year though — safer activities are being planned) and on-going raffles and auctions throughout the two-hour event.



# FIESTA

Proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the summer youth gathering in Atlanta and for other youth travel. A percentage will also be contributed to the summer Neighborhood Camp.

Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans will provide matching funds for a portion of the proceeds.

Support our youth and join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!

## Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center



# APRIL

Tuesdays, 10:00a.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. Lunch is served at 11:30 April 1 and 8, at noon April 15, 22 & 29. Stay for cards and games in the afternoon!

### April Birthdays:

April 14	Mavis Agerholm	2332 Arlington Avenue	53403
April 19	Lloyd LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
April 21	Celia Weber	1718 High St	53404
April 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Ave. # 204	53402
April 26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane #5	35402

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**Emmaus** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
Gap debit card	8%	\$20		
J. C. Penney gift card	5%	\$25, \$100		
K-Mart	3%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
The Limited	8%	\$25		
Old Navy debit card	8%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$10, \$20		
Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
Spiegel Catalog	9%	\$20		
Structure	10%	\$25		
T. J. Maxx, Marshalls	8%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		

Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast	4%	\$25		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH</b>				
Ace Hardware	7%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$20, \$25		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys				
Tots R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
Citgo	2.5%	\$50		
Exxon/Mobil driver cash card	2.5%	\$25, \$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$10		
Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
<b>RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$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	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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

September 24, 2002



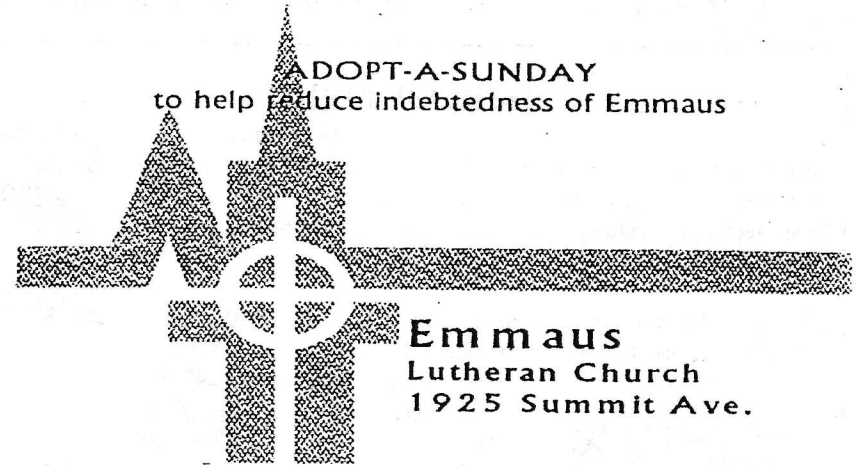


# April Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 5 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Apr. 6 9:15 am	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Lorrie Peterson	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
Apr. 12 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Apr. 13 9:15 am		Bev Hansen	Team 4 John Cook	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
Apr. 17 7:00 pm	Pat Jensen		Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Tanya Rasmussen Marissa Connet
Apr. 18 12:15 pm				
Apr. 18 7:00 pm			Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
Apr. 20 7:00 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	TBA	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman Kelsey Albright Marissa Connet
Apr. 20 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Jackie Orth	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard Hailey Sommer Tanya Rasmussen
Apr. 26 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Apr. 27 9:15 am		Julie Field	Team 4 John Cook	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
May 3 5:00 pm	TBA			
May 4 9:15 am	TBA	Kelsey Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nathan Lamberton

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Apr. 6	J&A Larsen	Cathy Knuteson		Karen Sedgwick
Apr. 13	B&D Keller	Amy Larsen		
Apr. 17				Kathy Christensen
Apr. 20	Easter flower garden		Evelyn Larsen	7:00: J. Sedgwick, C. Larsen, S. Velzka. 9:15: J. Lippmann, P. Jensen, R. Jensen.
Apr. 27	A&D Rode	Balthazar girls		
May 4	B&D Keller	available	Evelyn Larsen	Amy Larsen



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Harley Slater: \$50.00

### Designated for Building and Grounds:

In memory of Harley Slater: \$100.00

### Designated for Kitchen Renovation:

In memory of Betty Jean Aiken: \$50.00

## Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings in February, 2003	12,219.10	\$23,529.93
Building Fund offerings in February, 2003	325.00	\$848.00
Unified receipts for February, 2003	\$12,544.10	\$24,377.93

		Campaign to date
2001 Fund offerings in February, 2003	\$129.00	\$103,822.12
3/1/2003 mortgage payment:		
Principal	\$563.33	
Interest	\$402.67	
Extra principal	\$2,500.00	
Total	\$3,466.00	
Principal balance as of 2/12/2003		\$59,129.15



## Attendance Statistics

Ash Wednesday attendance:	2001: 114	2002: 77	2003: 51
Midweek worship attendance average:	2001: 18	2002: 19	2003: 20*
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance February:	2001: 140	2002: 121	2003: 127
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance March:	2001: 162	2002: 171	2003: 121*
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	2001: 177	2002: 144	

\*Calculated through March 25, 2003



# Spring Brunch

WELCA Racine Mission Cluster  
Saturday morning, April 5, 2003  
8:30 (registration) to 12:00 noon



North Cape  
Lutheran Church  
2644 Highway 45, north of "K"  
(Handicap accessible)

Master Gardeners Burt and Audrey Blomgren:  
**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2:  
"To everything there is a season,  
a time for every purpose under heaven...  
a time to plant  
and a time to pluck what is planted"

Cost \$4.00

Each church must call in its  
paid reservation count by **March 31**  
835-2271 Barbara Welch (answering machine)

## Lutheran Social Services Makes Wish List

Did you know that for as little as \$25 you could make a huge difference? A gift of \$25 will give a family caregiver a day or respite as their loved one is in adult day services. You may think donating money for a day at the local zoo is insignificant, but to a troubled youth in a group home, this outing provides lasting memories. A contribution toward a new bed would give a woman in transitional living a place to call home. These are just a few examples of the many ways your donation could directly affect those we serve.

Please read and consider the "wish list" below. Our needs are great and here is your opportunity to reach out and directly affect people who are hurting. Listed are items desired in several of our programs throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Your donation can go toward the region or need of your choice. A gift in any amount will make a big difference.

We value your partnership and thank you on behalf of the many individuals who will be touched by your caring. By working together, we can continue to help people improve the quality of their lives.

\$25-100: Portable mixers, iron and ironing boards, basic tool sets, rice cookers, microwaves, baking utensils, coupons and gift certificates for outings, two days of caregiver

respite, baby toys, VCR, lamps, desk chairs, holiday decorations, fishing equipment, towels and linens.

\$101-150: Computer printers, infant car seats, strollers, wagons, cribs, vacuum cleaners, DVD player, television sets, gas or charcoal grills, picnic tables, and outdoor recreational items—volleyball net, basketballs, footballs, bicycles, camping equipment.

\$151-200: Patio furniture, tables, rocking chairs, ping-pong tables, ceiling fans, yearly membership to zoos and museums for group home outings.

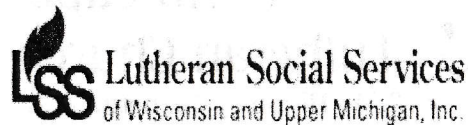
\$201-250: Freezer chest, bed frames, program specific education videos, books and pamphlets.

\$251-300: Video cameras, dressers, mattresses, computer upgrades, dining room tables and chairs.

\$301-400: Couches, kitchen floors, carpeting and snow blowers.

\$400 and up: Remodeling projects, 15-passenger van, computers, stoves and dryers.

Please make your check payable to Lutheran Social Services and make note of the need you would like your donation to go toward. In the event that the donations received exceed the amount requested, your donation will be put toward the greatest need. Thank you again for your help!



## Fire Guts Bay Pointe Project

by Rev. Heather Bumstead, Dir. of Pastoral Care, Lincoln Lutheran of Racine

On the night of Shrove Tuesday, March 4, Bay Pointe at the Atrium, the assisted living apartments being built by Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, burnt to the ground. Thankfully, they were not yet finished and, therefore, not occupied. Residents at the adjacent Atrium were evacuated to avoid the smoke, but there was *no* loss of life. One firefighter was injured after falling on the ice which, ironically, attends any fire-fighting effort in this weather.



We at Lincoln (and elder-care ministry associated with the ELCA and our Synod) are incredibly thankful that the human toll was so slight. We, however, are also feeling the shock and grief of seeing something for which we've worked and planned literally go up in smoke. We had more than enough ashes on this Ash Wednesday.

We remain confident in God's helping presence, whatever the future holds. I ask for the support of your prayers: in thanksgiving for the firefighters and for the fact no lives were lost, and for guidance and support of those who are dealing with the aftermath of this loss.

Thank you for your prayers.

## We Pray for Our Members in the Service

The Greater Milwaukee Synod has posted a web page to share the names of Lutherans from this area who are serving in the U.S. military. These names are listed at <http://www.milwaukeesynod.milprayer.htm> so that we may all pray for



our service men and women overseas.

If there are members of the Emmaus congregation who are not included on this list, or whose rank should be updated, please contact the church office at 634-5515.

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

O Lord, let me be an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Letters

## Homeless Coalition Lauds REST Congregations

March 20, 2003

Dear Pastor Janz and congregation members:

The Homeless Assistance Coalition of Racine County is a coordinating group of service programs and caring individuals that are committed to addressing the critical problem of homelessness in our community. At regular monthly meetings, we share program information, promote the availability of affordable housing, evaluate the effectiveness of services and assess the number of individuals (youth, families and adults) who are homeless in our county. We also acknowledge the fact that Racine has an outstanding history of responding to the special needs of the homeless in recent years.

Of special note is the "Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce" (R.E.S.T.). For ten years, pastors and church members such as you have provided a safe, warm and nourishing program for homeless persons. From October through April of each year, a select number of churches have opened their doors to sometimes more than sixty persons who have no place to call their home. You have provided thousands of hours of volunteer time to assure that not a single person spends the winter nights on the street risking serious injury or death from the winter cold and snow. That is faith and community in action.

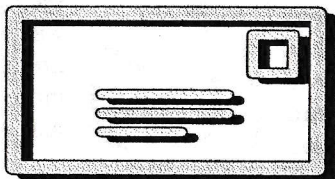
As we work toward better solutions to our homeless concerns, the members of our Coalition have unanimously recommended at our March 7 meeting that a letter of appreciation be sent to each of the congregations that make up the R.E.S.T. nightly shelter program. We are grateful for your unselfish caring and pledge our continued efforts toward a more permanent solution to the situation of each homeless individual.

Please accept our deepest thanks for your service over the years.

Sincerely,

*Residents and Representatives of the following:*

*Family Service of Racine; Legal Action of Wisconsin; Vets Place—So Center, DVI Ltd.; The Health Care Network, Inc.; Bethany Apartments; City Development Office—Racine; Project New Life; Racine Unified School District; Homeward Bound of Racine County; Safe Haven of Racine; Safe Start of Racine County; Children's Service Society of WI; Salvation Army of Racine; All Saints Behavioral Health; Alliance for the Mentally Ill—Racine Co.; Racine Vocational Ministry; Ms. Bette Lasch; Racine County United Way; Transitional Living Services Inc. (Racine); Racine Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.*



## Bishop: 'We Are a People of Hope'

March 22, 2003

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As we prepare for worship tomorrow morning, in many ways it feels as though there is a pall cast over our preparations. The specter of bombs being dropped, of tanks rumbling, and the overall anxiety which accompanies such actions weighs heavily upon each of us, and certainly will be upon those who will gather tomorrow. It feels as though our joy is veiled by this pall, which dampens our mood and threatens to immerse us in despair.

Let us, however, not lose sight of the fact that we are people of hope, those striving for moral and peaceful solutions to the ills of our world. Indeed, we are people of the resurrection, and as such we recognize through eyes of faith that the pall cast over our times is in reality the garment of our baptism. As such it cloaks us in the promises of a God of grace and forgiveness, and it calls us more deeply into the identity that claims us through this sacrament. This identity we affirm in the words of our Affirmation of Baptism service:

"Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to strive for justice and peace in all

the earth?"

"I do and I ask God to help and guide me."

These baptismal tenets are carried out in community, the central expression of this sacrament, and as such they accompany the prayers we extend out today and tomorrow. These prayers embrace the wide spectrum of God's people, those from our congregations serving in the armed forces as well as those whom Jesus instructed us in particular to pray for, our "enemies." They encompass the families of those serving our country, and they encompass those in families in Iraq, and all who are impacted directly or indirectly by the "collateral" damage of warfare...and who is exempt from that category?

We also must recognize the importance, particularly in this season of Lent, for repentance. Each war, each act of violence toward another, whether "justifiable" or not, must be accompanied by a deep and abiding repentance.

Finally, let us enter together into the "shock and awe" not of firepower and destruction, not of human constructs and endeavors, but rather of the holy meal we share as the family of God tomorrow. It is this awesome gift and the grace it bestows that orients our lives toward true community, and to the one who alone creates the peace that passes our human understanding. Join me in praying for that peace.

—Paul Stumme-Diers Bishop,  
Greater Milwaukee Synod

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Concert Celebrates Redemption

The Choral Arts Society and the Kiwanis Chamber Singers under the direction of James Schatzman and the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church Choir with their director, Joshua



James Schatzman

Brown, will present a joint choral concert, with Amy Haines as soloist and organ and a chamber instrumental accompaniment.

The "Love and Redemption" Concert will be April 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road.

The concert will feature John Rutter's *Requiem* and Claude-Michail Schoenberg's *Les Miserables*. These lyric masterpieces will combine to make an unforgettable evening that will celebrate redemption and the triumph of the human spirit.

Tickets are available at the Choral Arts Society Office, 345 S. Main Street, or at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church or from choir members. Advance sale price is \$12. At the door tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and \$5 students.

For further information, call 634-3250.

### Lutheran A Cappella Choir Presents Concerts

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will present its annual

Spring Concert on Sunday, April 27, 2003, 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa. Tickets are \$10.00; seniors and students: \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Group rates are available.

Call (262) 521-4545 or visit [www.lutheranacappella.org](http://www.lutheranacappella.org).

### Lutheran High to Hold Rummage Sale

Lutheran High School, 251 Luedtke Avenue, will have its annual rummage sale on Saturday, May 3.

### 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, May 10.

They will have outside crafters in addition to their own, as well as a doll house display.

They will hold an all-you-can-eat salad buffet between 11:00 and 1:00 for \$7.50 per person (\$4.50 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 NCLC office at 835-2206.

## Pastor Mary's Page

### Beyond the Darkness...

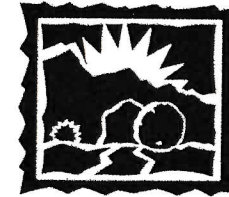
While at a recent gathering, I was speaking with a community leader regarding the current state of affairs of Racine and of the world. He shook his head, saying, "It's tough, Mary. We're struggling to find money for important programs and to accomplish what needs to be done in our community. In this strapped economy and with the country at war, there seems to be a paralysis."

He went on to say that with all the chaos and confusion and darkness in the world, there seems to be a temptation to walk away from the problems at hand. Too often we are convinced that the future is nothing but grim. But then, this man, who is also an active Christian, quickly added, "But, if *we* can't speak a word of hope, who will?"

Yes, we have had the stark reminder during this season of Lent of darkness and brokenness and violence. We are faced every single day with the reality of our broken humanity. It is evidenced in the war, and I have also witnessed families torn apart for a myriad of other reasons.

I have had a knot in my stomach as I have been a part of a group where conversation ends abruptly and when one or more people leave hurt and angry. Parts of our world are nearly overwhelmed with AIDS, poverty, hunger and disease.

It is indeed a dark world, and it is into this world that the Son of God came to teach and heal and love and speak the truth. The powers of darkness eventually felt so threatened that they chose to snuff out the One who was a glimmer of hope for the weak and vulnerable and needy.



On Good Friday, we experience that darkness in the Tenebrae worship service. In the service, the candles are extinguished one by one. We hear the haunting words of "Were You There When They Crucified Our Lord?" The images, the final words of Jesus on the cross and the darkness seem to shout out that the darkness and violence have won after all.

But our God of light and life won't let darkness and death and violence win. Something brand new happens when we return to the dark tomb on Easter morning. The darkness has been overcome!

And so, during this Lenten season — of the church year, of our lives and of the world — we tremble as we walk through the darkness. We walk with hope. And we pray that the Resurrection light and life come quickly, knowing that in Christ there is no darkness at all.

Blessings in your journey beyond the darkness—

*Pastor Mary*

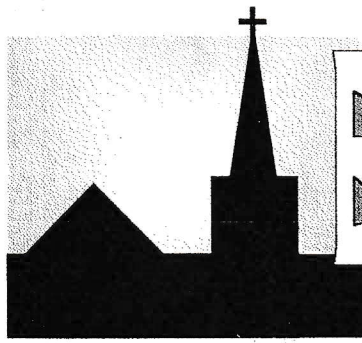
## ***In the April Visitor:***

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Mortgage***
- † ***Sunday School Rotation  
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- † ***25 Attend Women's Retreat***
- † ***Community Meal Recipe***
- † ***Easter Flower Order Form***
- † ***REST Cookout & Pot Luck***
- † ***Neighborhood Camps  
Expand***
- † ***Adult Choir Guest Director  
Named***
- † ***Bishop Stumme-Diers: We  
Are People of Hope***

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# Emmaus Visitor

May, 2003

## Fiesta Mexicana!

Sunday, May 4

4:30pm to 6:30pm

Adults \$6.00

Kids under 12 \$3.00



Silent Auction!

Raffle Prizes!

\$1.00 Margaritas

(non-alcoholic)

### In this issue:

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World"

Children's Library

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## PASTORAL ACT

### Baptism

McKenzie Elizabeth Fiegel  
April 6, 2002

McKenzie is the daughter of Amanda Fiegel and Joshua Burns. Her sponsors are Miguel Villareal and Danielle White.

## Congratulations!

We congratulate Milt and Marlyn Christensen as they celebrate fifty years of marriage on April 30.

Art and Nancy Smith proudly announce the birth of their grandson, Hayden Charles Jones, to Abby and Ken Jones in Rochester,

Congratulations  
on Your  
New Baby!



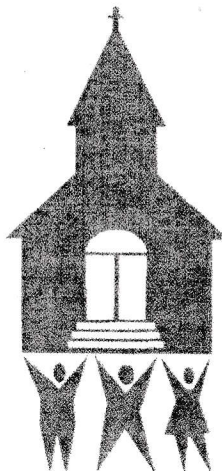
Minnesota on April 15. Hayden weighed in at 7½ pounds.

We send our congratulations also to Don and Shirley Velzka on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Elisa Corrine Douglas, on April 24. Elisa is the granddaughter of Shawn and Dave Douglas.

## Congregational Meeting Approves Mortgage Plan

Emmaus members at a special congregational meeting on March 30 approved a proposal to restructure Emmaus' mortgage loan. The church council made the proposal to take advantage of low interest rates.

Emmaus has been paying down the mortgage on the 1985 church addition at an interest rate of 8½% since 2000. The new fixed-rate ten-year mortgage has an interest rate of 5½%. If we continue to make monthly



payments in the amount of \$944, the loan will be repaid in 5½ years.

The restructured loan has been negotiated with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The original amount of the loan was \$300,000 in 1985. As of April 14, the balance of our loan stood at \$54,924.91.

## Church Council to Reflect on Member Care

Do you miss seeing and greeting a particular individual or family at Saturday or Sunday worship? If so, have you given them a call or dropped them a note to let them know they are missed?

Are you aware of a family of Emmaus who is going through rough times due to an illness of a family member or the loss of income or the loss of a loved one? If so, have you called or written with a word of encouragement or stopped by with a meal?

Do you know someone who no longer drives, but would still like to attend worship or a circle meeting or Senior Center? If so, have you called and offered that person a ride?

Do you know someone who is battling cancer or depression or chronic pain? If so, are you praying for them — and letting them know they are being lifted up in prayer?

As Christians who are members of the Emmaus faith community, we have been given both a privilege and a responsibility. As the priesthood of believers, we are all called to be the vessels that carry God's love and compassion to one another.

A special meeting of the Emmaus church council will be held Tuesday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. At

that meeting, the council will focus on how the members and clergy of Emmaus can better affirm those areas where mutual members care is happening and how we can all be more intentional about expanding mutual accountability to one another.

Do you have ideas or concerns that should be addressed at the May council meeting? Please consider attending the May 20 meeting and being a part of building Emmaus into an even more caring community.

If you would like to attend the meeting but need a ride or child care, please contact the church office by May 13.

If you can't attend, but would be willing to be a part of the Member Care team, please contact the church office or a council member.

The format for the meeting will be:

- 6:00 Short business meeting
- 6:30 Devotions followed by brainstorming and discussion on member care (non-council members may prefer to come at 6:30 rather than 6:00)
- 8:30 Meeting adjourns

Members of the church council are Cathy Knuteson, Brenda Gieszler, Cathy Meyer, Caren Lamberton, Michele Kreimer, the Orth family, Bill Irvine, Cindi and Loren Larsen, Kathy Christensen, Denise Keller and Gregg Albright.

**New privacy laws affect member care — see story on page 17**



## Goodies Needed for Wadewitz Staff Appreciation

Bakery items are needed for the Wadewitz staff appreciation luncheon on May 7. We're looking for cookies, bars, brownies and the

like. Please see Pastor Mary or Marty Aiken or drop baked goods at the church on May 6.

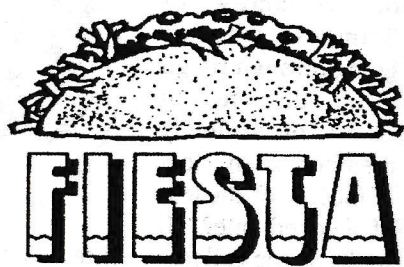
## Get Tickets for Fiesta Mexicana

Fiesta Mexicana tickets will be on sale May 3 and 4 before and after the worship service. Sunday, May 4 will once again bring to Emmaus the Mexican fare of tacos, enchiladas and more prepared by Carol Yust, Lisa Ziehlke, and Co.

Headed by Gregg Albright and Carol Yust, the youth of Emmaus are now selling tickets for the meal and the raffle and have solicited gift items and services to be used for the silent auction and the raffle.

Tickets for the meal are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 years old and younger. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. on May 4, and tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be games for the kids (no piñata this year though — safer activities are being planned)



and on-going raffles and auctions throughout the two-hour event.

Proceeds from the event will be earmarked for the summer youth gathering in Atlanta and for other youth travel. 25% will also be contributed to the summer Neighborhood Camp.

Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans will provide matching funds for a portion of the proceeds.

Support our youth and join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship!

## Spruce Up for Spring May 10

This year's spring clean-up is slated for May 10. Please come between 10:00 a.m. and noon in

your old dungarees with your yard tools (especially rakes).



## Vacation Bible School Slated for Late July

"God's Awesome World" is the theme of the week-long Vacation Bible School day camp for 6-12-year-olds. Dates have been set for July 21-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This week will coincide with the last week of Neighborhood Camp, which is also open to all the kids of Emmaus.

Pre-School Vacation Bible School will be held *one week later*,

the week of July 28 to August 1. Daily sessions for the pre-schoolers, led by Nancy Smith, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.



## VBS Planning

Volunteers are being sought to help with everything from snacks to crafts to activities and play time. Call or e-mail (emmaus@execpc.com) the church office to offer an hour, a day or a week of your time.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Visitation Pastor: Sharon Georgi 6711 Jacobsen Lane 886-3960

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E-mail: Church — emmaus@execpc.com  
Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

Council President: Cathy Knuteson  
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
Kids Hope USA Dir.: Marty Aiken  
Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dirs.: Marsha Connet, Suzanne Landis  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Matt Liesch, Kerry Hunter, and Jeff White

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. through May 18.

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

The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The office requests that articles for the June VISITOR be turned in by May 15.

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# Eight Sites Host Neighborhood Camps

Building on last summer's pilot program of Neighborhood Camp at four churches (Emmaus, Our Savior's, Redeemer and Zion), four additional congregations will host camps in 2003. Bethania, Emmanuel, Holy Communion and Good Shepherd will also open their doors to 6-to-12-year-olds for this summer's day camp experience.

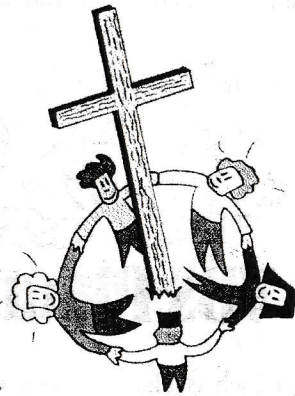
The ambitious financial goal for the eight churches sponsoring camp this summer is \$50,000. Thanks to funding from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation and other pledge and commitments, over 30% of that goal has already been reached.

Two additional grant requests are still pending, and on April 8 came word of a new challenge. An anonymous donor has come forward with a matching challenge for the month of May. *Any and all contributions made in May through any of the ELCA churches will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000!*

In addition, 25% of the proceeds of the Fiesta Mexicana goes to Neighborhood Camp, as will \$500 in matching funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Under the leadership of Neighborhood Camp Coordinator Valerie Crehan, a planning team representing the eight participating ELCA congregations is busy working

on publicity, staffing and curriculum. Each site will have its own staff, including a site coordinator, three teen interns, resource persons and other volunteers. (Applications for Teen Intern positions are due May 5).



ELCA NEIGHBORHOOD CAMP

Nancy Smith will serve as coordinator for Emmaus. Dates of the Emmaus camp

will be June 23 to July 25.

ELCA members and friends are encouraged to support this ministry through gifts of time, prayer and money. To make a difference in the life of a child, contact the church office or call Valerie at 634-5515.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry for and with children.

## Youth Birthdays in May

- May 2 Lauren Longrie, 6
- May 4 Erin Keller, 3
- May 10 Celina Rodriguez, 8
- May 14 Joe Devine, 16
- May 18 Alyssa Yorgan, 18
- May 19 Justin Haman, 13
- May 24 Ashley Villalobos, 4
- May 24 Amy Lawler, 18
- May 29 Courtney Jansen, 13

## Count on my/our support in the following:

(We understand that all contributions made in May will be matched dollar for dollar by an individual donor up to \$5,000)

### Financial:

- 1 week staff at one site (includes site coordinator, 3 teen interns and one resource person) \$725 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 week's food at one site 200 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 day's food at one site 50 \_\_\_\_\_
- Bus for weekly field trip 100 \_\_\_\_\_
- Campership for 1 child/week 80 \_\_\_\_\_
- Cash donation: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



### Donations of Goods/Supplies:

- Sports equipment (games) \_\_\_\_\_
- Snacks for 30-35 persons \_\_\_\_\_
- Dessert/treats for 30 persons \_\_\_\_\_
- Food for one breakfast or lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- Juice/milk/chocolate milk \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper products (plates, cups, paper towels) \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation of Time:

- Volunteer helper \_\_\_\_\_
- Playground \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_
- Arts/crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Shopping \_\_\_\_\_
- Registration/paperwork \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Support:

Daily prayer for this outreach ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

# Children Learn About 'Our Father's World'

by Denise Keller

The Sunday School has begun a three-week rotation on "Our Father's World" through May 11. In these three weeks, the Sunday School kids will learn what a wonderful and awesome gift that God has given to us.

The gift of everything on earth from plant, to water, in the animals, and in mankind. They will learn how it is our responsibility to take very good care of His gift, and not let sin take over our thoughts with greed and destruction.

We will use the Dr. Seuss story, *The Lorax*. *The Lorax* shares a story about a man who saw the beauty of the earth, and also saw an ability to create something out of the truffula trees that could be enjoyed by many people, and would also make him a very wealthy man.

In this book, we see the beauty in the creation, and how man and animal benefit from this beauty. We see how the earth took care of man and animal, and they took care of the earth. That is, until greed and sin came into the picture.

## Easter Rotation

The Sunday School kids completed the Easter Story Rotation on April 13. We spent four weeks

learning the Easter Story through art and music, video and cooking.

Before each workshop began, Pastor Mary told the children a different part of the Easter story. We began with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, greeted with "Hosanna" and with palms.

We then moved to the Last Supper with the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus. The story moves on to the Garden of Gethsemane, where the disciples fall asleep and when Judas, who received thirty pieces of silver, betrays Jesus with a kiss.

This leads to Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and burial. The end of the

story comes with the stone rolled away and the empty tomb as we hear the good news of the Resurrection.

Thank you to Mr. Albright and the Middle School kids for their portrayal of Jesus and his disciples during the reenactment of the story.

During the art/music workshop, the kids made crosses with purple, black and white cloths to be placed on the cross for Lent, Good Friday, and Easter. Karla read the Easter story as the kids played instruments.

In the Video room, the kids viewed *The Story of Easter* while

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# Sunday School News

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munching on popcorn. In the cooking workshop, we made Resurrection rolls. These were rolls that were hollow in the middle when they finished baking. While the rolls were in the oven for three days (ten minutes elapsed time), the kids played games learning the different symbols of Easter.

On Palm Sunday, we had an Easter Egg Hunt. Each egg had a symbol that will help the kids retell

the story that is the most important one of the Christian church.

## Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is May 18.

Thank you to the congregation of Emmaus. By your generous donations we have collected enough money to purchase three goats for three families somewhere around the world through Heifer International.

## There's Work to Be Done in Children's Library

Cleaning, sorting, labeling, and organizing are some of the tasks needing attention in the kids' library.

Some wonderful new books have been donated by Carol Rudey and Nancy Smith, and donations of next-to-new or new children's books are welcome in the coming weeks.

Donations may be dropped off in the children's library.

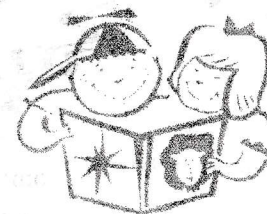
"Quiet Time" is a daily part of Neighborhood Camp and includes

time for reading or playing quiet games. We hope to better utilize our library space this summer.

Can you build shelves? Sort and stamp books? Provide some homey, comfortable decorating touches to the library?

Let's see how much can be accomplished between

mid-May and mid-June! Call the church office (634-5515) if you can lend a hand!



## Thanks to New Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Reps

Ruth Copeland and Pat Sovelenko have volunteered to be Emmaus' new representatives to the Lincoln Lutheran



Auxiliary. Thank you, Ruth and Pat!

Thanks also to Audrey Rasmussen and Ginny Haugsby for their years of service as Emmaus' representatives to the Auxiliary.

## Five Attend Spring Brunch

by Denise Keller

Five women from our congregation held at North Cape Lutheran on Saturday, April 5. The guest speakers, Burt and Audrey Blomgren, Master Gardeners, shared many tips in gardening skills.

They demonstrated both indoor and outdoor plantings and answered questions. And if you were a lucky one, like Bea Holding and Celia Weber, you received a plant to take home. They both had coffee cups with smiley face stickers on the bottom.

### How Do We Minister?

Each month, we will have the Who, What, Where, When, How, and Why of the Women of the ELCA.

This month, the question is "How do we minister?" We minister through women's ministry resources available to every ELCA congregation. Through second and third mile giving: self, time, and possessions. Through the annual Gift to the Church.

- Ready to use resources (many available for shipping cost only!)
- Advice and counsel on women's ministry program and organizing.

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- Events that equip women to lead and serve in Jesus' name.
- Faith and action-focused publications such as *Lutheran Women Today* and *Women of the ELCA Interchange*.
- Scholarships, grants and a whole lot more!

Women of the ELCA is not subsidized by the ELCA. By constitutional mandate, we are a separately incorporated, self-supporting, full partner with the ELCA.

Women's ministry offerings, bequests, special gifts, and interest on endowments and investment

combine to fully fund the annual operating budget (\$3.6 million) of the Women of the ELCA, the churchwide program unit for women's ministry.

Women of the ELCA's annual Gift to the Church—more than \$12 million since 1988—supports a variety of ELCA church wide ministries.

### Board Reminder

The next WELCA board meeting is May 5 at 6:00 in the Sunset Room.

## EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

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

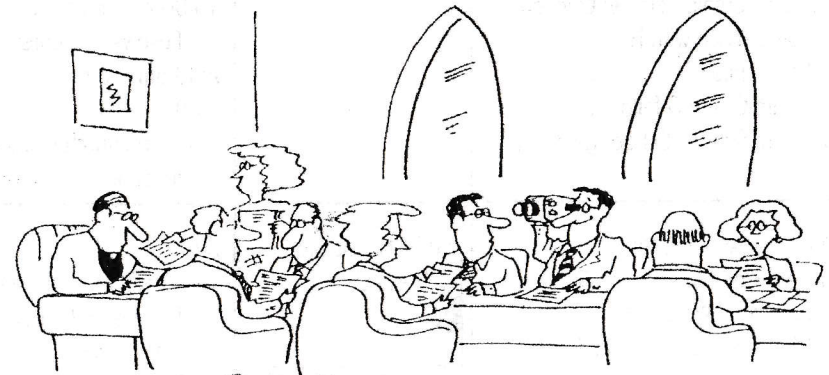
Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Director: Carol Rudey







### BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May 1	Ruth Hlavka	1237 Isabelle Avenue	53402
May 1	Arlene Nielsen	200 S. 7 <sup>th</sup> , #112 Waterford	53185
May 3	Alfred Sorensen	3910 River Drive	53405
May 8	LeRoy Protheroe	2015 Prospect 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 #5	53406
May 13	Bernice Munch	3900 N. Main Street #305	53402
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 Dr #201	53406
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5	53406
May 29	Hans Jepsen	1342 Harrington Drive	53405



"Your first church board meeting?"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May, 2003</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1925 Summit Avenue. 634-5515. e-mail <a href="mailto:emmaus@execpc.com">emmaus@execpc.com</a></p>				<b>1</b> NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>4</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana	<b>5</b> CINCO DE MAYO 6:00 pm WELCA Board mtg. 6:00 pm English as Second Language 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Villa St. Anna service 10:30 am Lunch for Wadweitz staff 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Spring Clean-up, to noon 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>11</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHERS' DAY 8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>15</b> <i>Clergy retreat at DeKoven Center</i> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline; June <i>Visitor</i> deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> ARMED FORCES DAY; SYTTENDE MAI 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>18</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School (last day)	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>20</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm Church council meeting	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>25</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>26</b> MEMORIAL DAY <i>Office closed</i>   <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <i>Pastor Mary out of town</i>	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm ESL class	<b>29</b> THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY (final day)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> THE VISITATION 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>				
GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
Gap debit card	8%	\$20		
J. C. Penney gift card	5%	\$25, \$100		
K-Mart	3%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
The Limited	8%	\$25		
Old Navy debit card	8%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$10, \$20		
Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
Spiegel Catalog	9%	\$20		
Structure	10%	\$25		
T. J. Maxx, Marshalls	8%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		

Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast	4%	\$25		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH</b>				
Ace Hardware	7%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$20, \$25		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys				
Tots R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
Citgo	2.5%	\$50		
Exxon/Mobil driver cash card	2.5%	\$25, \$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$10		
Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
<b>RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$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	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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

September 24, 2002



## May Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
May 3 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
May 4 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kelsey Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
May 10 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
May 11 9:15 am		Mildred Schroth	Team 1 Harold Miller	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
May 17 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
May 18 9:15 am	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	David Christensen	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
May 24 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
May 25 9:15 am		Celia Bagley	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Tanya Rasmussen Marissa Connet
May 31 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
June 1 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Brenda Gieszler	Team 4 John Cook	

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
May 4	B&D Keller, E. Lakvold	Bonnie French		Amy Larsen
May 11	M. Connet, D&S Velzka	Bonnie French		
May 18	L&C Larsen	Zielke, Scoon, Thomas	Evelyn Larsen	Gregg Albright
May 25	C&C Lamberton	<i>Please sign up</i>		
June 1	H. Slater	<i>Please sign up</i>	Pat LeRoux- Sodke	Nancy Brown

## Book Club Meeting Times Changed

The Emmaus Book Club has changed its meeting time to 10:00 a.m. on the third Thurs-



day of the month. The book club will meet on May 15 before taking a break for the summer.

## New Privacy Laws Affect Member Care

If you have been to your doctor, dentist, pharmacist, or the hospital since the middle of April, you know that a new federal privacy law means that you have some extra papers to sign. Health agencies are now required to take extra steps to safeguard the privacy of your medical information, and to get patients' consent on how that information can be used.

One effect of the new law is that hospitals no longer automatically inform churches of each of their members who have been admitted for care. The patient (or someone acting on the patient's behalf) must actively consent to the release of this information.

### Emmaus Prayer Chain

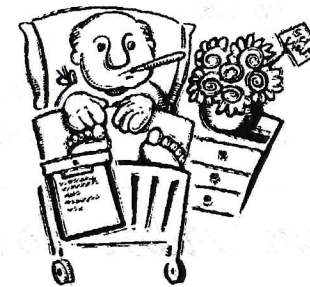
In the interest of informed consent, here is what we do when the volunteers at All Saints call to tell us we have a member in the hospital. Our secretary, Paul Berge, is usually the person to take the call.

The volunteer tells him the name and room number of the patient. Paul passes this information on to Pastor Mary and Pastor Sharon.

Once one of the pastors has had a chance to visit with the patient, she and the patient agree on how much information needs to be included on the prayer chain, if any. We currently have eighteen Emmaus members who make up the prayer chain; the chain receives a list of prayer concerns once a week.

As an example, members of the prayer chain might be told that Fred Bunsen is in St. Mary's recovering from a sprained toe. If Fred does not want his name included on the prayer chain, the chain members are not told his name. If Fred does not want to be included on the prayer chain at all, we respect his wishes.

Since health officials will err on the side of not releasing any information at all, we encourage family members to let the church office know whenever there is a need for pastoral hospital visits. If a family member is admitted to the hospital on a weekend, please call the pastors at home.







## Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

*Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 8. These geraniums from Milaegers will be blooming in 4 1/2" pots and can be purchased for \$4.00 each or \$44.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 9:15 service on June 8.*

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

### Geranium Order Form

Name .....

Address .....

Phone ..... Number of geraniums .....

I will take my geranium(s) home after the Sunday worship service

I would like to donate plants to be planted on church grounds

*Please have your order in to the church office by June 1.*

Office use:  Pmt.  Order list

## REST Comes to a Close for the Summer

by Pat Liesch

The Emmaus REST program has completed another successful year in serving the homeless. We couldn't have done it without YOU! All of your assistance was greatly appreciated by the REST staff and the guests. Next year, Chris Lamberton has volunteered to take over the main duties of the registration area, and we are still

looking for someone to organize and supervise the food area. How about it? If interested, please call Pat, 835-1363 or 638-1441, or Pastor Mary. Thanks again for all of your help!

Over the summer, please don't forget the Brother buckets in the narthex for your loose change, and the REST basket for supplies of white socks, underwear, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes and razors. Thanks!

### MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

#### Designated memorials:

For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Dorothy Niva, \$10.00

For upstairs kitchen renovation, in memory of Betty Jean Aiken, \$50.00

#### Designated honoraria:

For upstairs kitchen renovation, in honor of Al & Jan Svendsen, \$125.00

### Financial Figures

General Fund offerings in March, 2003 .... \$17,992.32 . YTD \$41,522.25  
 Building Fund offerings in March, 2003 ..... \$164.00 .. YTD \$1,012.00  
 Unified receipts for March, 2003 ..... \$18,156.32 . YTD \$42,534.25

2001 Fund offerings in March, 2003 ..... \$25.00 ..... CAMPAIGN TD \$103,847.12

April 1, '03 mortgage payment: Principal ..... \$567.21

Interest ..... \$398.79

Total ..... \$966.00

Principal balance as of 4/14/03 . \$54,924.91



### Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance March:	2001: 162	2002: 171	2003: 123
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	2001: 177	2002: 144	2003: 178
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2001: 140	2002: 165	
Average midweek Lenten services	2001: 18	2002: 19	2003: 16
Maundy Thursday attendance:	2001: 60	2002: 52	2003: 49
Good Friday attendance:	2001: 129	2002: 125	2003: 119
Easter Sunday attendance:	2001: 356	2002: 279	2003: 289

## Two Part-Time Staff Hired

During the two months since the death of Harley Slater, Matt Liesch has been doing all he can to provide for the custodial needs of the church, with help from Nathan Albright. Matt's hours, however, have been limited due to a very ambitious class schedule at Parkside.

Soon Matt will be able to pass on his responsibilities for the summer to Kerry Hunter and Jeff White. Matt will be employed by a landscaping firm in northern Wisconsin during the summer months and plans to return to Emmaus on a part-time basis in the fall.

Kerry, who has previous experience working for a cleaning company, is working approximately fifteen hours per week. In addition to his regular responsibilities of

inside janitorial work, he will be doing some deep cleaning — room by room of the church — with a goal of having that completed by summer's end.

Jeff, a retired Air Force aircraft mechanic, is currently employed by the Milwaukee post office as a maintenance person. He brings a knowledge of boilers and an ability to assist with mechanical "handyman" tasks when needed. He will be responsible for the outside work and will pitch in with inside cleaning when needed.

Jeff's work will be done late afternoons and evenings, and on his days off.

Please welcome these new staff members when you see them as they help keep our building and grounds in tip-top shape!



## Synod Bishop to Hold Listening Sessions on Budget

by Ben McDonald Coltvet  
Communications Director  
Greater Milwaukee Synod - ELCA

Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers has mailed a synod financial report to pastors, congregational presidents and treasurers. This summary, along with the budget proposed for 2004-2005, will be central topics of conversation at four "listening posts" to be held throughout the synod next month.

Please mark your calendar so you can attend one of the following listening post sessions:

- Wed., May 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Messiah, Racine
- Sat., May 10, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Our Savior's, Milwaukee
- Mon., May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Faith, Cedarburg
- Tues., May 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee.

## Cluster Council Revamps Dues

The Racine Mission Cluster assembly met March 4 at Bethania Lutheran Church and approved a Cluster Council budget for 2003. Expenses for the cluster meal site, summer youth camp, Epiphany music festival, postage and speakers are anticipated to amount to \$6,530.00.

The assembly also approved a revised formula for calculating dues paid by member congregations to the

cluster treasury. The previous formula was calculated at 45¢ per baptized member; the budget for 2004 will instead be based upon .2% of regular giving. Using 2001 data, Treasurer Steve Anderson has calculated that amount at \$6,451.13 for the cluster (\$308.10 for Emmaus).



## Synod Assembly to Meet in Pewaukee

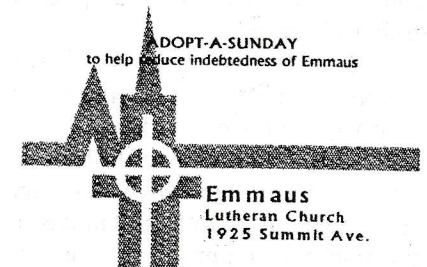
The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly will meet June 13-14 in the Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Pewaukee.

The 2003 Greater Milwaukee Synod's assembly theme is: "Ubuntu — Do Life!" with emphasis on youth and how we as a synod include youth in our ministry efforts. The synod assembly is the annual gathering of the synod's highest decision-making body.

"Ubuntu — Do Life!" is drawn from this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering theme. Ubuntu (pronounced "oom BOON too") is drawn from a South African theology that says: "I am because we are; we are because Christ is." Our synod

assembly will celebrate youth ministry and look at ways to deepen our ministry with and among youth.

You are invited to join voting members at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly on Friday and Saturday (June 13-14) for shared conversation, learning, worship. See the synod in action!



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 Laity Movement Disbands

CHICAGO (ELCA) April 17 — Lutheran Laity Movement for Stewardship (LLM), a self-supporting membership organization within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will cease operations immediately and officially dissolve May 31. LLM, based at the ELCA churchwide offices here, has been an advocate and leader in stewardship ministry for nearly a century. It is currently best known for providing professionally led capital stewardship campaigns in congregations.

The LLM board of directors took the action March 31, when it met by conference call. Reasons for LLM's closure include declining membership in the organization, increasing operational costs and fewer congregational fund-raising campaigns since the terrorist attacks on the United States of Sept. 11, 2001, said Joyce B. Cain, LLM executive director.

In 1997, the Rev. H. George Anderson, then ELCA presiding bishop, wrote: "When the organization was founded in 1907, it was called the 'Laymen's Missionary Movement.' It invited individuals to contribute a minimum of \$100 per year toward the eradication of deficits in the benevolence programs of the church. It never tried to become a men's brotherhood or social organization, but focused on improving the giving methods of congregations. The narrower focus

became clear when its name was changed to 'Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship.'

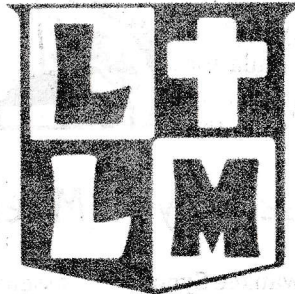
"The LLM reached its greatest strength and influence during the 1950's, when it was given responsibility for supporting and managing the stewardship programs of the United Lutheran Church in America," Anderson said.

LLM became part of the ELCA through the former Lutheran Church in America, one of the ELCA predecessor church bodies.

Presently, the organization has about 1,500 members who contribute financial gifts ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 annually.

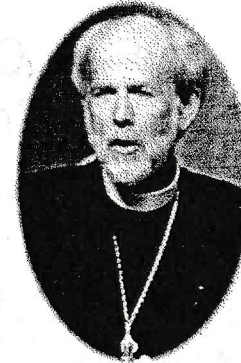
The Rev. Mark R. Moller-Gunderson, Director of Congregational Ministries executive director and coordinator for mission support, said he is "personally saddened" that LLM must cease operations. In an April 7 letter to members, he praised the "dedicated and highly skilled" staff, and noted the organization raised "millions of dollars, and thousands of lives were touched by this unique ministry."

"My life as a steward leader was shaped early in my ministry by an LLM practicum," he wrote. "I thank God for the energy, passion and vision of the original LLM founders that was carried on through successive generations."



## ELCA Presiding Bishop Gives Thanks For Apparent End to War

CHICAGO (ELCA), April 17 — The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said in an April 16 statement that he is thankful the most intense phase of the military conflict in Iraq has ceased. Hanson said he is grateful for sacrifices made in the war with Iraq, remains concerned about support for all affected by the war and is committed to moral deliberation "about pressing issues of our country."



Bishop Mark Hanson

Hanson, who leads the 5.1 million member ELCA based here, has been an outspoken opponent of the war since the possibility was first mentioned by Bush Administration officials in the summer of 2002.

"We now have a renewed opportunity and responsibility to consider the questions of war, peace and human community to which this moment in history calls us," he said.

Hanson called Saddam Hussein's regime "brutal" and expressed thanks that several "dangers" related to the war did not happen, such as "massive refugee displacement, use of chemical,

biological or nuclear weapons or wide destabilization in the region."

He noted the sacrifices of military personnel and civilians in the conflict. "With grateful hearts we honor the sacrifice made by those service personnel who have been injured or died in this war, and mourn the loss of all innocent persons," he said. "Our heartfelt prayers go out for all soldiers and their families who, in service to their country, have sacrificed so much in this military conflict."

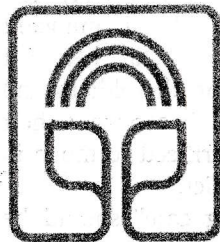
"Continuing care" should be offered to military personnel as they return home, Hanson said, noting that they carry "in their minds, hearts and bodies the effects of war and violence."

## Bishop Hanson's Racine Visit Canceled

The office of Bishop Mark Hanson announced with regret that Bishop Hanson will not be able to come to Racine on May 8 as previously announced. Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was to have attended a discussion of his book, *Faithful Yet Changing: The Church in Challenging Times*, at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

# Bible Study Explores Issues of Gays, Lesbians in Church

Pastor Paul Nuechterlein will offer a Bible study on issues relating to the place of gay and lesbian people in the church. It is open to all interested persons on four consecutive Thursday evenings, May 8-29, 7:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (2219 Washington Avenue, at Taylor).



A main goal of this study is to recognize that there are differing views on this controversial topic. After presenting the biblical interpretation against gay and lesbian lifestyles in the church, two alternative interpretations will be offered that take into account a new perspective of an evangelical anthropology (that is, a view of who we are as human beings anchored in the cross).

The topics on the four evenings are:

- May 8 The Ins and Outs of Reading the Bible Together
- May 15 The Biblical Interpretation against Gay Lifestyles in the Church
- May 22 Alternative Interpretation I: Romans 1 and the

Anthropology of Idolatry  
Alternative Interpretation II: Genesis 1 and the Anthropology of Mythology

## Holy Cross Hosts Concert

The trio "praYse," a music ministry of Brookfield Lutheran church, Brookfield Wisconsin, will perform at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3350 Lathrop Avenue, on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Kris Puis, Jenny Moeller, and Sally Kahlfeldt have sung together have shared God's Word through music at Brookfield Lutheran



Church's worship services as well as special events at other churches, local fund raisers, seniors' groups, and county fairs.

A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact John Elsenbroich at 554-7010.

# Feed My Lambs

"Let the little children come to me." And Mariana came...

Last summer, Mariana (her name has been changed to protect her anonymity) arrived at camp early each morning — some days up to an hour and a half early.

Rain or shine she sat in front of the church and waited for the arrival of the staff. Mariana's clothes were disheveled. The shoes she wore — her only pair — were too big and her long dark hair was always falling in her face.



But how her eyes lit up when the door was unlocked for the start of a new day. When I invited the kids into the sanctuary for daily "God Time," Mariana frequently volunteered a prayer of thanks for the church.

Mariana was eight years old. She lived with her mom, two step-siblings, and a stepfather in a run-down home. There was no hot water. Her stepfather had been abusive. More than once her family had taken refuge in the local women's shelter.

For six weeks Mariana came ... she came to Neighborhood Camp and she experienced a safe and nurturing environment.

And other children came ... last summer, Emmaus and three other ELCA Lutheran churches in

Racine opened their doors to the children of their respective neighborhoods. The children came to play, to learn and to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Some of the children had their only meals of the day when they were served breakfast, lunch and a snack daily. For a number of children, it was their first experience in a church. Some have come back for Sunday School and others to our after school

program (EASY). Several have been asking, "When does camp start this year?"

And so once again we take a tremendous leap of faith as we plan for Neighborhood Camp 2003. While we don't know yet where all the funding will come from (not all the grants requested materialized as hoped for), we do know that we have been called once again to share the stories and love of Jesus to hungry kids.

They are kids who are hungry for love, hungry for spiritual and physical food, hungry for attention and hungry for affirmation.

It is my prayer that all who read this might ask themselves how they can be a part of supporting this

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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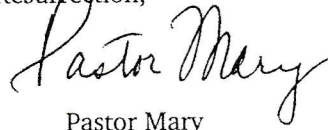
important ministry. Will you pray for our children and the staff? Are you able to make a financial donation Can you spare a few hours of your time in June or July to help out?

Consider the possibilities and prayerfully ask God how you are

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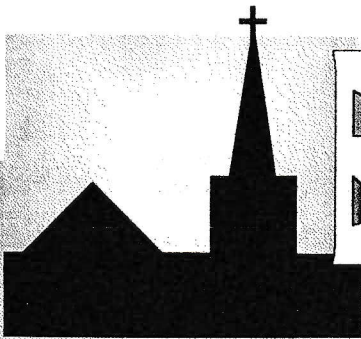
being called to help feed the hungry children of our community.

In the promise of the Resurrection,



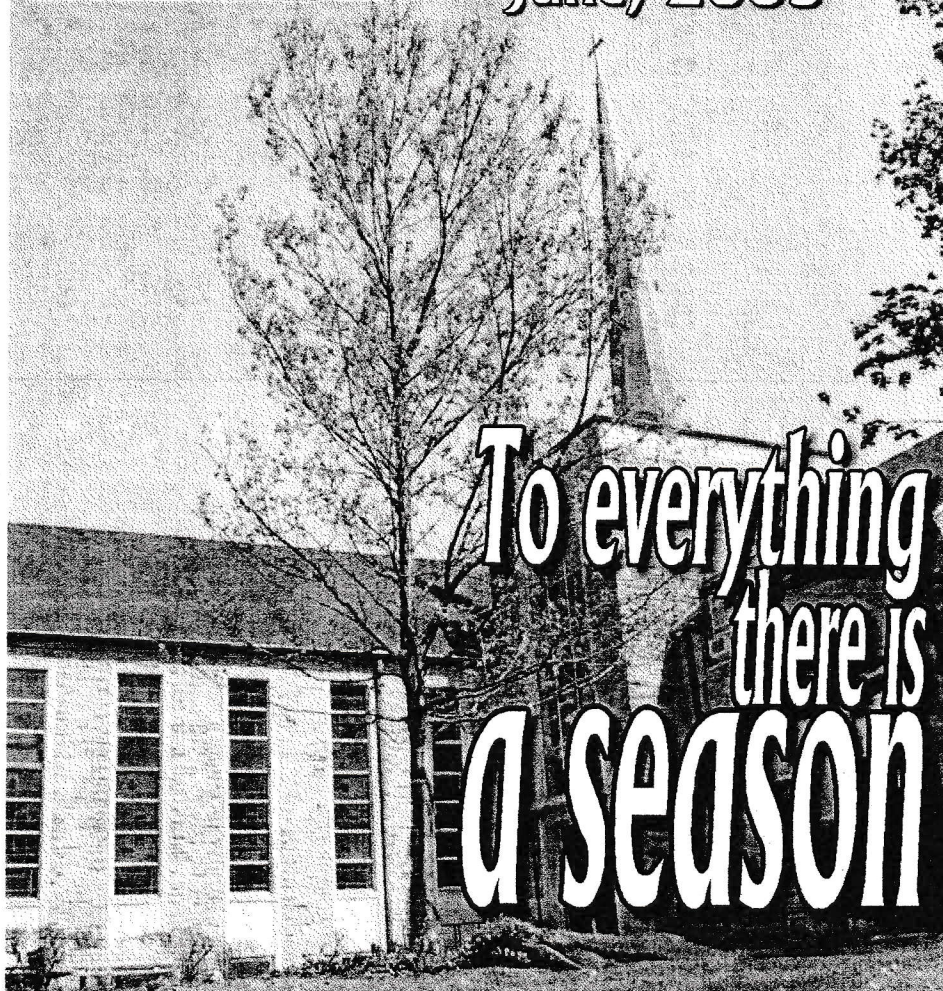
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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms:

Tyler William Sweeney  
May 11, 2003

Tyler was born January 11 to Crystal Janusz and William Travis Sweeney of Oak Creek. His mother is a niece of Cindi Larsen. Tyler's sponsors are Jonathon Janusz, Toni Dvorak and Joelene Sweeney.

Luther Jean Egerson III  
May 18, 2003

L.J. is the 4-year-old son of Sarah Dexter and the grandson of Cheryl Dexter. His sponsor is Audrey Villalobos.

### Funeral:

Tyler William Sweeney  
May 15, 2003

Tragically, Tyler was discovered dead in his crib on May 12, apparently a victim of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Crystal and William and their families in their grief.

## *Expressions of Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to Jeff Clinton and family as they mourn the passing of Jeff's parents. Harry Clinton died on May 4, followed by Constance Clinton on May 21. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Elmer Poulsen, who passed away May 14 at the age of 104. Elmer, a member of St. Edward's, is the brother of Julia Durand.



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

(as of May 23, 2003)

### Designated memorials:

For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Karen Hansen & Ella Allen . \$100.00  
For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Earl & Frances Woodward . . . \$20.00  
For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Harry A. Clinton . . . . . \$50.00

### Designated honoraria:

For Neighborhood Camp, in honor of Milt & Marlyn Christensen . . . . \$25.00  
For kitchenette renovation, In honor of Beverly Johnson . . . . . \$130.00  
For Neighborhood Camp, in thanksgiving for the Bill Irvine family . . . \$50.00

### Non-designated honoraria:

In honor of L.J. Egerson's baptism . . . . . \$100.00

## Neighborhood Camp Offers Summer Learning and Fun

Children of Emmaus and those from our neighborhood have the opportunity to register for one or more weeks of Neighborhood Camp this Summer. Rather than the traditional one-week Vacation Bible School, five sessions of four days each will be offered for 6- to 12-year-olds.

Beginning June 23, the day camp will run from Monday through Thursday each week, ending July 24. The day camp will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a breakfast snack, and there will be scheduled activities (including lunch and an afternoon snack) before campers head home at 2:30 p.m.

Nancy Smith will coordinate activities, assisted by three paid teen interns and several volunteers. Pastor Mary will lead the daily "God Time" (worship and Bible stories for the kids.)

Other daily activities include recreation and games, quiet play, reading, and hands-on arts and crafts relating to the weekly theme.

Chartered buses will transport the campers to and from their



Thursday field trips.

Members of the Orth family will prepare lunches for four of the five weeks. (Note: we can still use kitchen help the week of June 30.)

## ELCA Neighborhood Camp — Emmaus Site

**Who:** Kids from 6-12 years of age  
**When:** Weekly, from June 23 to July 25  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Free (donations to help defray cost of \$80/child, per week are welcome, as are donations of time, treats, etc.)

**Schedule:**  
Week of June 23 — "God's Awesome World"  
Week of June 30 — "On the Move"  
Week of July 7 — "Make a Joyful Noise"  
Week of July 14 — "Gifts, Gifts, and More Gifts"  
Week of July 21 — "Tell Me a Story"

## *ELCA Cluster Supports Neighborhood Camp*

The Racine ELCA Mission Cluster decided at its May meeting to contribute \$400 to the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp program.

The other major ministry of the cluster is the support of the Sunday evening Community Meal site at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

## Emmaus Offers Vacation Bible Pre-School in Late July

Pre-School Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 28 to August 1. Daily sessions for the pre-schoolers, led by Nancy Smith, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

We are seeking volunteers to help with



everything from snacks to crafts to activities and play time. Call or e-mail the church office (emmaus@execpc.com) or leave a note in Nancy's mail slot (fourth column from the left, second slot down) to offer an hour, a day, or a week of your time.

## Volunteers Needed to Enhance Neighborhood Camp

Can you greet a child and make him or her feel at ease? Do you like to shop or run errands? Do you enjoy crafts? Do you have fun playing volleyball, croquet or other outside games/sports? Can you read a story to children? Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you like to cook or bake? Do you have the love of Jesus to share with a child?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, then maybe

you'd like to carve out a bit of time (or a lot of time ... if that works for you) to be a part of a positive summer experience with kids.

Let Pastor Mary, Valerie Crehan, or Nancy Smith know where your interest lies, and there will be a place for you this summer.

We thank in advance the large number of volunteers who have already said "yes! I want to make a difference to kids this summer!"

## Matching Funds Deadline for Neighborhood Camp Extended

A challenge gift of \$5,000 matching funds for Neighborhood Camp is being made available until June 15. Every dollar given to the summer Neighborhood Camp will be

matched by this challenge donation.

As of this writing, approximately \$3,000 has been given. A full list of donors will appear in next month's *Visitor*.

## We're Scavenging for Camp Items

Take a few minutes to look in the attic or search the basement. What about those closets and drawers? Please check the nooks and crannies for the following items:



- Magazines with pictures (*Parents* magazine and *National Geographic* are great)
- Non-seasonal gift bags
- Old jeans

- Board games
  - Playing cards
  - Cardboard egg cartons
  - Rick Rack Trim
  - Cotton fabric — calicos, prints and plaids
  - Paper grocery bags
  - Baby food jars
  - Aluminum pie plates
  - Newspapers
- A Neighborhood Camp donation box is located in the narthex.

## Every Cookbook Must Go!

Do you know of any events coming up in the summer where cookbooks could be sold? If so,

please contact the church office or Kathy Christensen (886-2151) and let us know.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Kerry Hunter, Matt Liesch, Jeff White

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening 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 *VISITOR* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the July-August *VISITOR* is June 15.

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## Mass on the Grass Returns August 3

Strait and Narrow, the bluegrass band which led our worship service on January 26, will return to lead an outdoor worship service at Emmaus on Sunday, August 3.

Following the worship service, there will



Outdoor Worship

be a Neighborhood carnival! Join us for Fun on the Field after Mass on the Grass in August.

Are you willing to be a part of the planning team? Contact the church office for more details.

## Special Donation Made to Children's Library

A donation of over \$2,000 worth of shelving and other library materials has been made to the Emmaus children's library. The made-to-order shelving should be delivered within a month, and some of the cataloguing supplies have already arrived.

Carol Rudey has been working hard at entering names, titles and other pertinent information on a computer database. The goal is to

have the entire inventory of the library computerized.

Volunteers are now needed to attach clear book covers to the books as well as to attach pockets for library cards. Others will be needed to do some painting and assembly of shelves.

Can you offer two or three hours of your time? See Pastor Mary or Nancy Smith.

## Library Undergoes Face Lift

Books are wings. To encourage reading for our younger members, as well as those attending the after-school program and Neighborhood Camp, the library will be getting a new look.

A fresh coat of paint, new shelving and improved lighting top the list, all to take place prior to June 23, the opening of Camp.



Many new books have been added to the collection — more would be welcome. Books are for pre-schoolers through elementary — picture books, religious books, general reading. Books may be hardback or paperback.

A book is a present you can open again and again.

Wanted: Painters — call Nancy Smith (633-3059). New and used books in good condition (basket in narthex.)

## Youth News

### Congratulations to 2003 Graduates!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2003!

Nicole Larsen is graduating from Horlick High School. She won a scholarship from the Miss Racine pageant and plans to attend UW-Milwaukee, majoring in Criminal Psychology.

P.J. Liesch is graduating from Case with honors. He intends to enroll at UW-Parkside.

Willie Maryland is graduating from the REAL School.

Heather Miller is graduating from Case High School. She will attend UW-Parkside in the fall, majoring in Psychology. She's working this summer at Angelcare Pet Resort and Angelcare Animal Hospital.

Chris Sedgwick is graduating from Horlick High School with honors. He lettered in both volleyball and music. Chris plans to attend UW-Parkside in the fall, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Erin Svoboda is graduating from Case High School. She will attend UW-La Crosse in the fall and plans to major in Occupational Therapy.

Eric Larsen was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Annapolis. Midshipman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Larsen was presented with the Karel Montor Leadership Award at a

recent U.S. Naval Institute ceremony.

David Rudey was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in English from UW Oshkosh. He plans to go on for a Masters degree, although he is still deciding on a school.

Ryan Sedgwick graduates with honors from Northwestern University on June 21, receiving a Bachelor of Music degree in French Horn Performance and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Ryan has been chosen to play in the American Institute of Musical Studies orchestra in Austria this summer. This fall, he will pursue his Masters degree in music at UW-Madison.

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



## Youth Birthdays

June 6	Collin Babington, 6
June 7	Nathan Lamberton, 14
June 9	Zachary Smith, 5
June 10	Mason Bagley, 9
June 14	Jessica Fiebig, 15
June 16	Ciara Williams, 6
June 18	Shai'ela Mosley, 10
June 22	Alex Wilson, 4
June 23	Ken Krug II, 3
June 23	AnnMarie Liesch, 16
June 30	Ariyah Brooks, 1

## *Fiesta Mexicana Raises Over \$4300*

A big thank you goes to Carol Yust, Lisa Ziehlke, and their crew for the most successful Fiesta Mexicana ever!

Fun was had by all as they complemented the wonderful Mexican fare with conversation, drawings for dozens of great prizes and piñatas filled with treats and goodies.

### WELCA Bulletins

## Thanks for Help Cleaning Kitchen

by Denise Keller

Thanks to everyone who helped clean the Emmaus kitchens. They really needed some extra special care.

### Board Reminder

There will be no meetings in June or July.

### Synodical Women's Organization

The sixteenth Annual Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held on October 10-11, 2003 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street.

The Women of the ELCA SWO would like each church to send a delegate and visitors. The delegate registration is August 15 and the visitors are to register by September 3. Watch for more details in the narthex and bulletins.

Money from the sale of food and raffle tickets, together with Thrivent matching funds of \$1,000 and a special gift netted a total profit exceeding \$4,300. The funds go to support youth travel and the summer Neighborhood Camp.

¡Gracias! to all who supported what has become a very popular annual fund raiser at Emmaus.

Scholarships are available.

### Why We Do What We Do

Each month this year in the *Visitor*, we have published the Who, What, Where, When, and the How of the Women of the ELCA. This month we present the Why we do what we do.

We do what we do because we're called, in Holy Baptism, to bear Christ's grace and love to a world that so longs to receive it! We already have so much for which to give thanks, beginning with the grace of God made known to us in Jesus Christ. We are not yet what and where we dream to be.

Meanwhile, until every ELCA woman finds a place of welcome and growth through life-changing experience in Women of the ELCA, your bold witness will continue to make a difference!



### News of Our Members

## Jill Lynch Competes in Field Events

Brown University sophomore Jill Lynch finished second in the shot put at the Heptagonal Outdoor Games on May 4. She had a throw

of 46'4". She placed tenth in the discus. She also won the shot put with a 44'0½" throw at the Brown Springtime Invitational.

## Kellers, Rodes Relay for Life

The Art and Diane Rode and Brian and Denise Keller families will join the WE Energies Team in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Case High School racetrack on June 13 and 14.

Relay for Life is an annual event team effort to raise funds for cancer research and patient services. The Racine teams will join with teams in cities across the world, taking turns over the course of eighteen hours of walking.

The Kellers and Rodes are collecting donations through Sunday, June 8 to raise as much as possible for cancer research. Please make checks payable to the

American Cancer Society.

You may also purchase luminarias in honor of anyone who has battled cancer. The luminarias line the track throughout the night, and cost \$5.00. There will be a luminaria ceremony June 13 at 10:00 p.m.

The Kellers and Rodes ask for your prayers for all who battle cancer at this

time, those who are survivors, and their families, as well as for all the teams who will participate in this year's Relay for Life. You can contact the Rodes at 639-8079, or the Kellers at 619-9911.



### Sunday School News

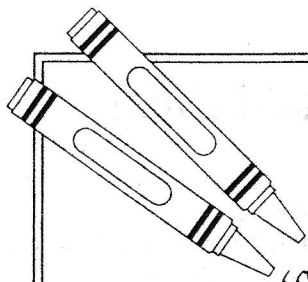
## Thank You and Have a Fun Summer

by Denise Keller

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with Sunday School this past year. It was fun-filled and went by so fast!



We hope that every family has an enjoyable summer! See you September 7 for Rally Day — watch for more information for ways everyone can help out!



# Just for KIDS

Old Testament Prophets

## "Who Am I?"

Some Old Testament books are named after prophets. Discover the names of the prophets below. Use the clues to write the names on the lines. Arrange the circled letters on the bottom blanks to describe what a prophet is.

1. I was called to preach to the people of Ninevah, but I ran from God instead. *My book is number 32 in the Bible.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. *My book is number 37.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. *My book is number 28.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. *It is book 23.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. I had dreams and visions. *My book is 27.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

6. I was often in danger because of my predictions. I angered officials. *My book is 24.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. *My book is 30.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

8. *My book is 26 and contains descriptions of strange visions.*

I am \_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Prophets are \_\_\_\_\_ .

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel; Messengers.

## Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay after noon lunch for cards and games.  
Director: Carol Rudey, 632-0643


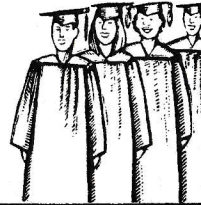




### Birthdays this month:

June 1	Marcie Runge	3140 Wood Road, #15	53406-5384
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404-2227
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406-1946
June 12	Lyle Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405-4984
June 15	Bob LeClair	3568 Douglas Avenue	53402-3265
June 16	Doris Jensen	8600 Corporate Drive #37	53406-3777
June 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53402-3678
June 22	June Johns	5527 Marboro Drive	53406-4527
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405-2024



"Hey! This is Monopoly money!"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:15 am Worship service; LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:15 am Blood pressure checks	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	<b>5</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Kreimer-Cacciotti rehearsal	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm Kreimer-Cacciotti wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>8</b> PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:15 am Worship service; Bluegrass service with Strait and Narrow 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>11</b> ST. BARNABAS	<b>12</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> FLAG DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary in Illinois for Children's Spirituality Conference</i>				<i>Greater MKE Synod Assembly in Pewaukee</i>		
<b>15</b> TRINITY SUNDAY; FATHERS' DAY 9:15 am Worship service; Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship July-August <i>Visitor</i> deadline Matching funds deadline for Neighborhood Camp gifts 	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Jan Sukus' Father's Day, June 15	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
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Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
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Structure	10%	\$25		
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<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
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Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
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Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
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Kaybee Toys				
Tots R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
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Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
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Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$5		
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Denny's	8%	\$5		
Domino's Pizza	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
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September 24, 2002

## June Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
May 31	Pat Jensen			
June 1 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Kelsey Albright	Team 4 John Cook	Adult Choir
June 7 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
June 8 9:15 am		Eric Larsen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Bluegrass band
June 14 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
June 15 9:15 am	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	Carol Yust	Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field
June 21 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
June 22 9:15 am		Sandy Strini	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Gary Wee
June 28 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
June 29 5:00 pm		Ruth Hlavka	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Dave Schulz
July 5 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
July 6 9:15 am	Pat Jensen Grace Falaschi	Kathy Christensen	Team 4 John Cook	TBA

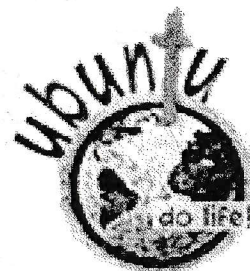
	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
June 1	Harley Slater	Nancy Smith		Nancy Brown
June 8	V & B Johnson	L & C Larsen		
June 15	Gerry Dykstra	Judy Berndt	Pat LeRoux- Sodke	Caren Lamberton
June 22	J & J Orth	Kellers, Rodes		
June 29	A & D Rode	Celia Bagley		

## Synod Assembly

### Pastor Mary, Daisy to Highlight Neighborhood Camp at Assembly

Cathy Knuteson, Pastor Mary and Pastor Sharon will attend the annual Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod June 13 and 14. The theme of this year's assembly is "Ubuntu—Do Life!"

The assembly will meet at the Country Inn Hotel in Pewaukee. Scheduled events this year are a keynote address by Milwaukee's Roman Catholic Archbishop Timothy Dolan at the dinner Friday evening,



a forum on youth ministry, and reports by Rev. Bill Kees on ELCA churchwide ministries and Rev. Gary Liedtke on the ELCA Sexual Study Task Force. Pastor Mary and Daisy the Clown have been asked to lead Racine folks in a "Ministry Minute" highlighting Neighborhood Camp in Racine.

For more information, visit the synod web site, <http://www.milwaueesynod.org>.

### Emmaus Applies for Thrivent Funds

Matching funds totaling \$1,000 have been applied for through the Thrivent congregational matching funds program. The Fiesta Mexicana was the fund raiser that made the request possible. Of the total amount, \$500 is designated for

youth travel and \$500 for Neighborhood Camp.

Other Thrivent funds being applied for are from the Care in Community and the Lutheran Partners grant.

### Emmaus to Serve Community Meal June 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, June 5. 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 for Anniversary Plant

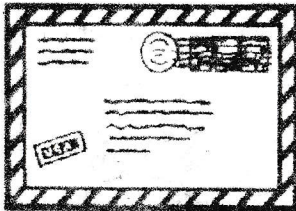
Pastor Mary and congregation:

We thank you for your prayers and beautiful plant for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sincerely,

Milt & Marlyn

Christensen



proposal, Racine Neighborhood Camp, was chosen to be funded. A grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 was approved by the committee.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave Daubert,

Executive for

Renewal of Congregations

## Congratulations on Grant

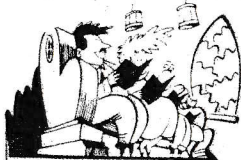
Dear Rev. Janz,

The In the City for Good Fund Team met to review the grant proposals received for the current year of funding. There were 123 requests totaling over 2.1 million dollars.

We congratulate you that your

## Aikens Adopt Sunday for Debt Retirement

We extend our earnest thanks to the following for adopting Sundays this spring as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program.



### Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	2001: 177	2002: 144	2003: 178
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2001: 140	2002: 165	2003: 138
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance June:	2001: 126	2002: 111	
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance July:	2001: 132	2002: 120	

## Thanks to Wadewitz Tutors

Tutors:

Thank you for the lovely luncheon you gave us. What did we do without you — our kids love you!

You're great!

— Betty Hartman

Marty & Kathryn Aiken, in memory of Betty Jean "Mama" Aiken.

Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lutherans Assess Damage After May Tornadoes

CHICAGO (ELCA), May 7 — Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), are assessing damage in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee after storms and tornadoes brought death and destruction May 4.

"The hardest-hit states are Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee," said the Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, director for Lutheran Disaster Response.

Some of the worst damage is along the Kansas-Missouri state line and in south Pierce City, Missouri. Major damage occurred in Cherokee County and Crawford County, Kansas, and Lawrence County, Tennessee. A network of Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators began assessing the damage and determining appropriate responses for the church "from the beginning,"

Furst reported. Interfaith efforts have also begun.

Staff of Lutheran Disaster Response is working with staff of affected ELCA synods and LCMS districts, as they rally congregations to provide support for recovery efforts, said Furst.

"It is certain that major cleanup will be needed, as well as spiritual and emotional care for the children and adults whose lives have been affected by this destructive weather. Emergency disaster grants will be provided as specific needs are assessed," he said.

ELCA Domestic Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 71764

Chicago, Illinois 60694-1764

Credit card gift line: 1-800-638-3522

Credit card gifts via Internet:  
<http://www.elca.org/disaster>



## New Tree Planted

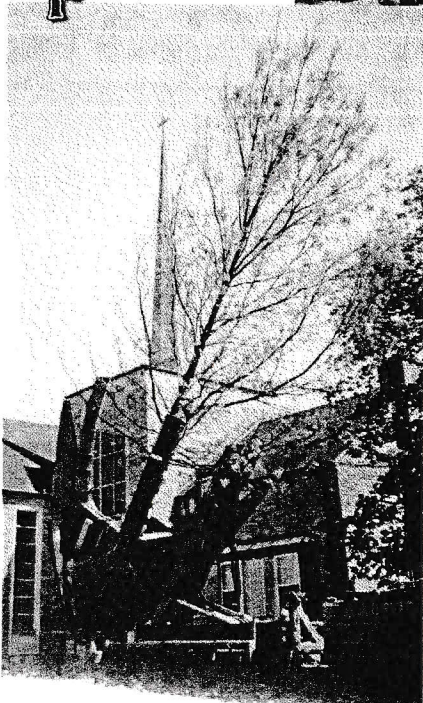
The long-awaited oak tree was planted May 23, replacing the diseased elm that had been removed

last summer. Gifts for the tree made its purchase possible.

Trees on the Move was contracted to plant the new tree on the front lawn. The photo montage below can give you some idea of the huge equipment needed to dig the hole and then plant the tree.



A time  
to  
plant...



## Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp



This past summer, four Racine Lutheran churches (Emmaus, Our Savior's, Redeemer and Zion) collaborated in offering a pilot summer day camp for neighborhood children. The program was received enthusiastically by staff, campers and their families. This summer Bethania, Emmanuel, Good Shepherd, and Holy Communion will also participate in this outreach ministry. Each site will provide a safe and nurturing place for children, ages 6-12, to play, to learn and to experience the love of Jesus Christ. There will also be a week of leadership training for teen staff interns.

The camp sessions will be held in June/July and last from two to five weeks depending upon the site. The sites will choose from the following themes:

- On the Move: Exploring the world of motion
- Tell Me A Story: Experiencing the worlds of reality and make-believe through storytellers, drama and puppetry
- Make a Joyful Noise: Celebrating God's world through song and instruments
- Gifts, Gifts, Gifts: Serving and sharing with others
- God's Awesome World: Exploring and caring for God's creation

The camp will be free of cost to the participants. In addition to in-kind donations, approximately \$50,000 is needed for the running of the eight camp sites. This summer program will be funded by grants, and individual/group donations. Donations may be made payable to a participating church or to **Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund** and designated for Neighborhood Camp.

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." — Mark 10:14 RSV*

## Count on my/our support in the following:

(We understand that all contributions made in May will be matched dollar for dollar by an individual donor up to \$5,000)

### Financial:

1 week staff at one site (includes site coordinator, 3 teen interns and one resource person) \$725. \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 week's food at one site 200. \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 day's food at one site 50. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bus for weekly field trip 100. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Campership for 1 child/week 80. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cash donation: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



### Donations of Goods/Supplies:

Sports equipment (games) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snacks for 30-35 persons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dessert/treats for 30 persons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food for one breakfast or lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Juice/milk/chocolate milk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paper products (plates, cups, paper towels) \_\_\_\_\_

### Donation of Time:

Volunteer helper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Playground \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arts/crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Shopping \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration/paperwork \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Support:

Daily prayer for this outreach ministry \_\_\_\_\_

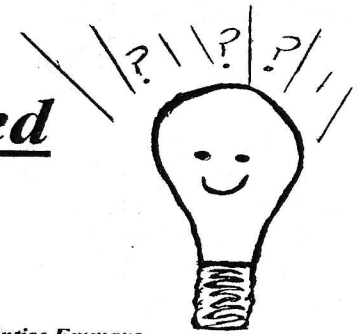
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Church \_\_\_\_\_

## Help Wanted



**We need your help Emmaus !!!**

*We are looking for suggestions for social fun for the entire Emmaus family. Please circle if you would be interested in our planning of any of these events. Any suggestions you may have would be appreciated. Also, please drop this form in the suggestion box in the narthex. Thanks for your help!*

*-The Orth Family*

*Fish Fry*

*Fish Boil*

*Bingo Night*

*Food Fair*

*Brewers Game / Tailgate Party*

Your Suggestion(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks Again !!!**

### Elsewhere in Our Area

## Beer Barons' Homes Open for Tour

Milwaukee's Historic Concordia Neighborhood Tour of Homes is June 14, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The "Living the High Life: Beer Barons of Milwaukee" tour starts at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee.

Tickets are \$10 in advance (call 414-931-7597 for tickets) or \$12 at the door.

The annual HCNI Home Tour has been an important part of the

neighborhood for fifteen years. The main objectives are to showcase the neighborhood and its people, the homes and history, the businesses, the churches!

Our Savior's will be the headquarters for the tour; the site for purchase of tickets, the keynote speaker (John Eastberg, Director of Development Pabst Mansion), silent auction and cake and pie social. In addition, the sanctuary will be open for tours.

## Hope for the Fewchr

Recently, I was reading a back issue of *Faith@Work*, a quarterly publication about ministry in daily life. A short letter written by a child to a teacher was quoted, using the original spelling and punctuation:

Dear Teacher,

Today, Mommy cried. Mommy asked me Jody do you really know why you are going to school. I said I don't know why? She said it is caus we are going to be bilding a fewchr. I said what is a fewchr wats one look like? Mommy said I don't kno Jody, no one can really see all your fewchr jest you. Don't worry caus youl see you see. Tats when she cried and sed oh Jody I love you so.

Mommy says every one need to work realy hard for us kids to made our fewchrz the nicest ones the world can offer.

Teacher can we start today to bild a fewchr? Can you try espeshly hard to make it a nice prity one jest for Mommy & me? I love you teacher.

Love,  
Jody  
xxooxx

As the new oak tree was planted in front of the church this

past week, I thought, "I'll never see this tree at its full maturity, but I will have the privilege of watching a portion of its early growth."

The tending and nurturing and care that happens today does influence the future. Every gardener knows that. As seeds are planted, fertilized and watered now, it is all done with a vision of the life that will burst forth and show growth in the weeks and months — and even years — to come.

As each baby or child is baptized, a promise is made before the Word is spoken and the water is poured over the head of the child. Parents and sponsors promise to nurture and care for the baptized one as s/he is raised in the faith. As a congregation, we also make a promise to be partners in that process.

It is a time of hope and expectation and celebration. So it was for little Tyler and for L.J. this past month as we celebrated their Baptisms. Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and being welcomed into God's family as the unconditional love of God was poured upon them was one of those moments of mystery and awe.

Tragically, the future of little Tyler, just four months old, was abruptly cut short here on earth.

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Tyler died of SIDS the day following his Baptism. He was buried later that same week. His mom and dad had been eager to fulfill the promises made that Sunday morning, and we grieve with them, knowing that their future won't include nurturing and caring for their dear son, Tyler.

Right now the promise of eternal life for Tyler is blurred by the tears of grief of his parents and loved ones. As a congregation, we now have a new task before us. How can we show support and love and care to Crystal and Bill and all those who mourn?

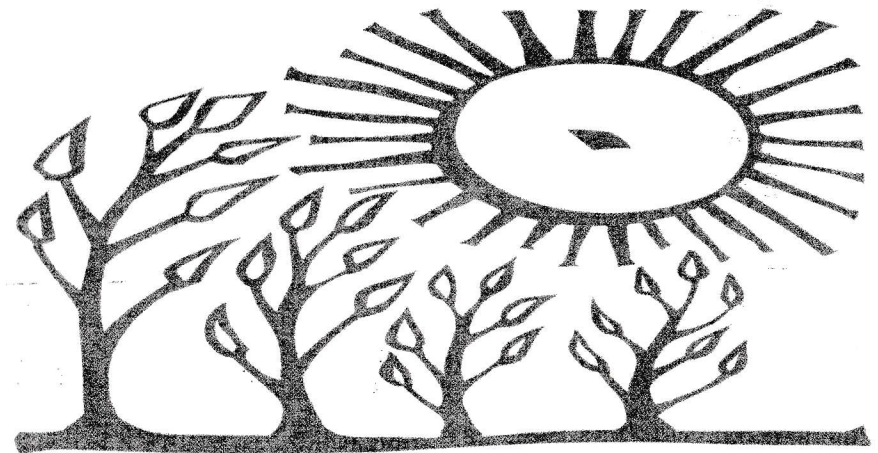
Reaching out with the love of Jesus Christ is what we are called to

do — whether it be to grieving parents or to children from our church or our neighborhood. We are called to extend Christian love to those who are ill or recovering or lonely or homebound.

As Resurrection people, let it be said that the Emmaus community brings hope for the future by sharing Jesus' message of life and love today and every day. So, plant some seeds. Water them. Take care of them. Pay attention to them. And then entrust their future to God.

In the hope of the Resurrection,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary



### Look for Summer Edition Next Month

Next month's *Emmaus Visitor* will be our combined July-August issue. The church office asks that articles publicizing July and August

(and early September) events be submitted to the church office by June 15. Thank you.

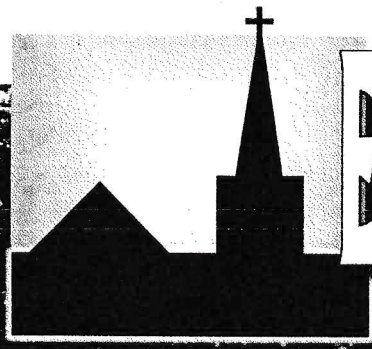
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- ✧ **iGracias! for Fiesta  
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## Neighborhood Camp



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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Wedding:

Tiffany Kreimer  
Alan Cacciotti  
June 7, 2003

Tiffany is the daughter of Michele and Dennis Kreimer. Tiffany works at the Bank of Elmwood. "A.J." is an apprentice electrician. The couple live in Racine.

### Funerals:

Alfred Sorensen  
June 2, 2003

Al Sorensen passed away on May 30. He is the husband of Sally Sorensen and the brother of Norm Sorensen and June Johns.

James Larsen  
June 10, 2003

Jim Larsen passed away on June 6 at age 61. He is the husband of Joan (LaBlanc) Larsen and the brother of Amy Larsen. He was a financial analyst for Southern Wisconsin Center.

## Synod Assembly Draws Theme from ELCA Youth Gathering

PEWAUKEE (milwaukeesynod.org) — The 2003 Greater Milwaukee Synod's assembly theme was: "Ubuntu – Do Life!" with emphasis on youth and how the synod includes youth in its ministry efforts. The assembly brought together 390 voting members and 50 guests June 13-14 at the Country Inn & Convention Center in Waukesha.

The voting members passed two resolutions, the first expressing support for "Treatment Instead of Prison" legislation. The second resolution urged greater efforts to promote outreach and appreciation of racial and cultural diversity in each of the synod's congregations.

Voting members elected seven synod council members and a new synod secretary, Sally Newman. The synod council members were elected

to four-year terms. The synod assembly is the annual gathering of the synod's highest decision-making body.

"Ubuntu – Do Life!" was drawn from the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering theme. Ubuntu (pronounced "oom BOON too") is a term drawn from South African theology that refers to community: "I am because we are; we are because Christ is."

On Friday night, the assembly was opened by a keynote address by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Dolan reflected on the assembly theme by saying that Ubuntu is a word like "alleluia" or "hosanna" that "packs a punch of revelation in one word. Ubuntu calls us prefer 'being' to

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## "Mass on the Grass" Set for August 3

Sunday, August 3 is the date set for the third annual "Mass on the Grass." The worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with music by the Strait & Narrow bluegrass group.

Those who would like may bring their own chairs. Ample seating will be provided for those who would rather use chairs from the



Come to worship and stay to enjoy the Neighborhood Carnival!

church.

Holy Communion will be part of the morning worship service. Invite your friends!

## Carnival Seeks Bakers and Barkers

The carnival is coming! The carnival is coming ... to our backyard!

Sunday, August 3 will be a time of fun, games and food on the field. Held from 11:30 to 3:30, the carnival is an opportunity to have an inexpensive afternoon of fun.

Following the morning's "Mass on the Grass," the carnival will once again provide folks the opportunity to dunk Pastor Mary. Rumor has it that Pastor Sharon will also have a place at the dunk tank.

Help is needed in the following areas. Please see how you can help, and give the church office a call today to volunteer.



- Phone calls/scheduling
- Ordering prizes
- Shopping for supplies
- Baking cakes for the cake walk
- Distribution of flyers in the neighborhood
- Table/equipment set-up/tear-down
- Running a game (two-hour shift, or alternate with family members and friends for the four hours)
- Grilling hot dogs

Join the fun! Be part of the Emmaus Neighborhood Carnival on August 3!

## Get Your "Sounds of Joy"

Joyce Kaiser's CD of piano music, "Sounds of Joy," is still available for \$10.00 a copy. Check in the narthex after worship, or talk to Paul Berge during the week.

## Landis Will Lead Adult Choir

Suzanne Landis has accepted the position of director of the Emmaus Adult Choir. Landis, a music teacher at Wadewitz School and an ordained United Methodist minister (on leave from call), had stepped in as guest director during the spring.

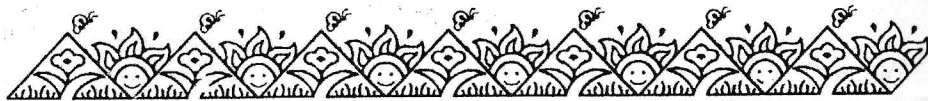


The congregation and the choir join in giving their thanks to Marsha Connet for her years of service as director of the choir, beginning in February of 1993.

## Johnsons Adopt Sunday

Our thanks to Vic and Bev Johnson, for adopting Sunday, June 8 in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.



### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodians: Kerry Hunter, Jeff White & Matt Liesch

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

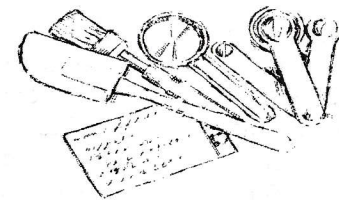
The fascia has been replaced both on the church building and on the garage near the alley. Of the \$1,425.00 total amount, \$1,225 was funded by the proceeds of the Scrip

program, with an additional \$200 in designated memorial funds.

Thank you to all who support the Scrip program, making the completion of this project possible.

## Kitchen Renovation Is Next Scrip Goal

Gift cards and gift certificates to major retail businesses are made available weekly through the Scrip program. For each card and certificate sold, Emmaus receives 3-15%, depending on the business.



Everything from Barnes & Noble to Piggly Wiggly to Speedway to the Olive Garden is offered. If there is a particular gift card you'd like ordered, please let Cathy Meyer (Saturdays) or Cindi Larsen (Sundays) know before or after the worship service.

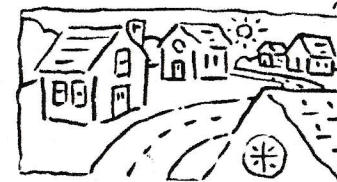
A new stove and updated cabinets and storage are priorities as plans are being made to eventually renovate the small kitchen between the Fireside and Sunset Rooms. Designated gifts have already been made to the proposed project, and the church council voted at its June meeting to make the kitchen renovation the next recipient of Scrip earnings.

Cash donations or designated memorials to the kitchen project are also welcomed.

## Camp Gifts Honor and Memorialize

A number of gifts for Neighborhood Camp have been given in honor of individuals, as memorials or in thanksgiving. These include: Gifts in memory of: Elmer Poulsen, Tyler Sweeney, Ella Allen, Karen Hansen, Bradford James Martinsen, Shairyl

Pearce, Connie and Harry Clinton, Joe Hlavka, Sue Cornwell, Earl & Frances Woodward.



Gifts in honor of: Nancy Smith, Pastor Mary, Bill Irvine family, "Daisy," Michael Bidwell, Eric Larsen's graduation from USNA, Milt & Marilyn Christensen.

In gratitude for: Emmaus church family, All God's blessings, Good health.

# Neighborhood Camp Replaces VBS for 6-12 Year Olds

Questions have been asked regarding the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School for elementary children. Families may choose one or more of the weeks of Neighborhood Camp, the day camp which takes the place of our traditional Bible School.

We just completed the first week, "God's Awesome World." The coming weeks available for 6 to 12 year olds are the following:

- June 30: "On the Move"
- July 7: "Make a Joyful Noise"
- July 14: "Tell Me a Story"
- July 21: "Gifts! Gifts! Gifts!"



The format for each week includes camp being held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The program is free of charge, with snacks and lunch provided daily.

Each Thursday, the children are transported by a chartered school bus on a field trip to a place relating to the week's theme.

Come and join the fun and laughter and learning — the kids are great, and they are having a great time together!

## Pre-School VBS Offered Week of July 28

All 3 to 5 year olds are invited to participate in five full mornings of Vacation Bible School. Beginning July 28, Nancy Smith will lead our pre-schoolers from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

The children will participate in

creative play, arts and crafts, and music as they learn a new Bible story each day.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Sign up your child, grandchild or neighbor for this fun-filled week for pre-schoolers!

## Emmaus to Receive Thrivent Support

The seven host churches for this summer's Neighborhood Camp (Emmaus, Bethania, Emmanuel, Holy Communion, Our Savior's, Redeemer, and Zion) each applied for Thrivent support.

The Care Abounds in Community program of Thrivent has

pledged \$800 to each of the participating churches for a total of \$5,600.

Response regarding a national grant request through the Thrivent Lutheran Partners program is still pending.

# Outpouring of Gifts Supports Neighborhood Camp

Volunteer hours before and during the five-week Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus are too high to be tabulated. Among those giving of their time to make Neighborhood Camp run smoothly are: Nancy Smith, Will Crehan, Caroline Crehan, Joyce Kaiser, Kathy Christensen, Al Svendsen, Kelsey Albright, Kylee Albright, Ruth Copeland, Nathan Lamberton, Caren and Chris Lamberton, Don and Dolly Orth, June Beck, Marge Zielke, Carol Eschmann, and Brian Field.

In addition to time, many have

offered donations of juice, snacks and desserts (we can use even more!) and others have donated items to be used in the arts and crafts projects. A big thanks, too, to everyone who provided a name and address for "Flat Stanley's" travels.



A list of members and friends of Emmaus who have made generous financial contributions to Neighborhood Camp begins below.

Many hands, many hours, many dollars and many prayers are making this summer ministry possible. Thank you!

## Neighborhood Camp Donors

Randy & Celia Bagley  
Paul & Harriet Buehler  
Kathy & Rich Christensen  
Jeff & Linda Clinton  
Ruth Copeland  
James & Virginia Dougall  
Julia Durand  
Rev. Sharon Georgi  
Brenda Gieszler & Dave Huber  
John & Meta Haanstad  
Bev & Chris Hansen  
Diane Hartingh  
Bernice Holding  
Dorothy Hirt  
Ruth Hlavka  
Bill & Shirley Irvine  
David & Judy Jackson  
Rev. Mary Janz

Marge and Howard Jensen  
Ken & Abigail Jones  
Cathy and John Knuteson  
James & Mary Larrabee  
Amy Larsen  
Cindi and Loren Larsen  
Jim & Nancy Martinsen  
Sue & Doug McCollum  
Harry & Karen Moose  
Paul & Ellen Nuechterlein  
Gordy & Sandy Olson  
Judy & Frank Pilley  
LeRoy & MaryAlice Petersen  
Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA  
Reiman Publications  
Rev. Lyle & Betty Rossing

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# Emmaus Neighborhood Camp Photo Album



Twenty-nine kids attended our first week of Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus. Along with games and outdoor fun, the kids learned about God's creation, painted murals (and a great big Flat Stanley), and took a field trip to Bong State Recreational Area.

## Book Fair Set for July 10

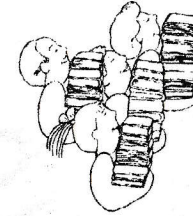
If you present the enclosed blue flyer to Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Thursday, July 10, a percentage of every dollar you spend will go to Neighborhood Camp!

Flyers have been made available to the ELCA churches supporting this summer's camps, and up to 20% of the sales made to those with

the Neighborhood Camp flyers will be donated by Barnes & Noble.

Purchase a book! Give a gift! Encourage your friends to participate, too. Additional flyers will be available at Barnes & Noble.

Note: only purchases made between 1:00 and 10:00 p.m. on July 10 will qualify for this special offer.



## Camp Donors

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Revs. Chuck & Sue Ruele  
Shari & Winston Schmidt  
Penny & Jon Schulstad  
Art & Nancy Smith  
Charles Schudt  
Peter & Patricia Shaulis  
Martha Neil & Dick Skewes  
Carolyn Smith  
Fredrick & Tegwin Smith  
Robert & Sandra Smith  
Harlan & Margaret Swanson

Nanni Thestrup  
Judy Treichel  
Bill & Helen Tuttle  
Todd & Kathy Veto  
Celia Weber  
Carole and Wayne Pearce-Wildenberg  
Lee & Betty Woodward  
Judy & Jim Yorgan  
Al & Nancy York  
Lyle & Marge Zielke

## Neighborhood Camp Goes on Treasure Hunt

Neighborhood Camp is participating in Barnes & Noble's "Go on a Treasure Hunt with Books" program. The program offers kids the opportunity to earn free books over the summer.

Kids can choose eight books to read (library books,



new books, or borrowed books) and fill in the Treasure Hunters' Journal. Have a parent or guardian sign the journal, then bring the completed journals to Barnes & Noble for a coupon to receive a free book.

Each child may redeem two coupons for free books. Barnes & Noble hopes to give away 1,000 books to kids this summer.

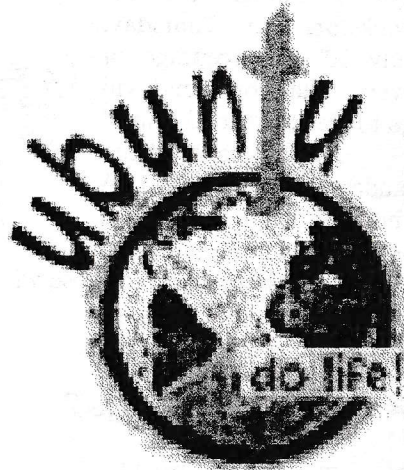
## Do You Know What to Bring to Atlanta Gathering?

ATLANTA (ELCA) — We want to make sure that the time spent at the Gathering in Atlanta is rewarding and enjoyable for everyone. Here is a list of suggested items to get you thinking about what you need to bring with you and what you should probably leave behind.

- Final confirmation letter with any amount due
- Medical release form for each participant
- Servant event confirmation letter (if applicable)
- Special event tickets (that you may have purchased)
- Some form of identification
- Water bottle (Hydration is important!)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear
- Banner identifying your congregation (optional)
- Gathering offering
- In-kind offering contributions
- Quarters! Quarters! Quarters!

What you will receive:

- Backpack (distributed after counselor orientation)
- Bible, including CD-ROM (The Bibles include daily devotions and journal)
- Guidebook
- MARTA passes (rapid transit trains)
- Wristbands for admission (There's a \$75 replacement fee if you lose yours!)



Due to heightened security measures at the Georgia Dome, all backpacks will be searched before you enter the Dome. To avoid a delay and the loss of property, TAG suggests that you think carefully about what you put in your backpack. Security employees at the Dome entrances will confiscate items that pose a safety risk to Gathering participants or a distraction to the program.

Items that will not be allowed into the Georgia Dome include, but are not limited to:

- Soft drinks or food (other than water bottles)
- Firearms (well, duh)
- Knives
- Sharp objects
- Laser pointers
- Glass bottles
- Air horns

## Kids Make a Million Dollar Youth Challenge

by Carol Yust

Attention!  
Calling all church members.

Our youth group needs your help. We are doing a million dollar youth challenge, and we can't do it without you!



Here's what it's all about. Every quarter that we earn goes to help people throughout the world that are poor, have no food, can't afford to take their children to see doctors. It will help the African brothers and sisters as they battle hunger, fight AIDS and build peace.

Just one little quarter will change their lives forever. It's starting now. The more we make, the more people we can help.

Just imagine... Did you know that only four quarters can feed an orphaned teen for a day? Or how about forty quarters that feeds a baby for a month in a refugee camp. Better yet, 400 quarters can plant fruit trees in a school garden.

The list goes on and on. So, as

you see, the more we make the more the world can truly go round.

It's up to you and me. We believe in every one of you. So let's do it, Emmaus. Help the people in need. If it's God's will, let it be done!

### Summer Youth Birthdays

July 6	Lukas Reischl, 18
July 7	Klerissa Kossack, 13
July 7	Stephanie Lopez, 15
July 11	Dustin Mickelson, 9
July 12	Tina Yust, 17
July 15	Katherine Zeleski, 10
July 19	Vanessa Kossack, 15
July 20	Patrick Jansen, 11
July 23	Kaitlyn Krug, 6
July 26	Alexis Austin, 7
July 26	Ken Soens, 12
July 27	Amy Meteyard, 15
Aug. 15	T.J. Andersen, 9
Aug. 21	Stephen Mayer, 13
Aug. 25	Allen Bowers, 17
Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 4
Aug. 26	David Lopez, 14
Aug. 30	Marissa Connet, 14

### Book Club Takes Summer Hiatus

The Emmaus book club is taking the summer off, so everyone will have plenty of time to read our next book. The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on September 18 to

discuss David Roosevelt's memoir of his mother, *Eleanor*.

New members are always welcome! See Marge Jensen (634-8754) to find out more.

## Kids' Library Is Taking Shape

Over 1,100 volumes of children's books are waiting for the last step of their processing before being shelved. Volunteers will be needed in the coming week or two to place the appropriate cards in pockets and to then shelve the books that have been processed.

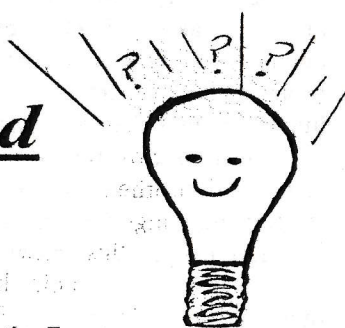


Those who have been part of the hands-on preparation include: Nancy Smith, Carol Rudey, Megan Crehan, Ruth Copeland, Ray Rommelfaenger, John Cook, Kathy Cook, Rich Christensen, Gerry Dykstra, Evelyn Larsen, Diane & Dennis Lasko, Kelsey Albright, Nathan Lamberton, and Will Crehan.

The custom shelving is expected to be delivered by the end of June, with finishing touches taking place as quickly thereafter as possible. The goal is to have this new resource available to kids of Emmaus and our neighborhood in early July.

The library project, spearheaded by Nancy Smith, has involved hundreds of hours by many volunteers. Special thanks go to painters, carpenters, book processors and all who have donated books.

## Help Wanted



**We need your help Emmaus !!!**

*We are looking for suggestions for social fun for the entire Emmaus family. Please circle if you would be interested in our planning of any of these events. Any suggestions you may have would be appreciated. Also, please drop this form in the suggestion box in the narthex. Thanks for your help!*

*-The Orth Family*

**Fish Fry**

**Fish Boil**

**Bingo Night**

**Food Fair**

**Brewers Game / Tailgate Party**

Your Suggestion(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks Again !!!**

## Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Fellowship Center meets 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 Rudey, 632-0643



### July-August 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	3919 Ruby Avenue	53402
July 28	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 30	Ralph Rasmussen	221 SW 44 <sup>th</sup> Terr. Cape Coral	33914
July 31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
Aug. 8	Dorothy Holtz	5455 Durand Avenue	53406
Aug. 8	Norm Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Aug. 10	Margaret Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Aug. 11	Betty Barth	4940 Chester Lane # 5	53402
Aug. 12	Al Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Aug. 14	Robert Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
Aug. 17	Audrey Rasmussen	221 SW 44 <sup>th</sup> Terr. Cape Coral	33914
Aug. 28	Mrs. Warren Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405

## Gifts to Pastor's Discretionary Fund Welcome

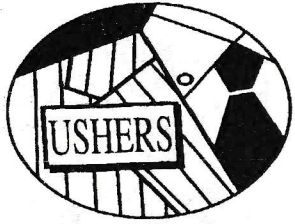
The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is low on funds. Gifts to this account, which is tapped for emergency financial assistance and the like, are always welcome. You can include contributions to the Pastor's

Discretionary Fund by noting an amount on the far right blank on a regular offering envelope, or by making a gift labeled "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" in one of the pew offering envelopes.

## Pastor Mary to Take Vacation

Pastor Mary will be on vacation July 2 through 9 to attend her high school reunion. During her absence,

please see Pastor Sharon for pastoral needs.

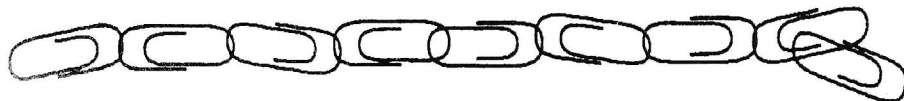


# July Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
July 5 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
July 6 9:15 am	Pat Jensen Grace Falaschi	Kathy Christensen	Team 4 John Cook	Suzanne Landis
July 12 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
July 13 9:15 am		Cindi Larsen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Amy Maack
July 19 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
July 20 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Karen Sedgwick	Team 1 Harold Miller	Jill Lomasney
July 26 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
July 27 9:15 am		Nancy Smith	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Erin Tussler

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
July 6	Toslek	R&A Rasmussen	Jan Svensden	Carol Eschmann
July 13	A & D Rode	K&J Sedgwick		
July 20	R & A Haman	Lambertons		Kathy Christensen
July 27	D & D Orth	<i>Please sign up!</i>		











# August Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Aug. 2 5:00 pm	TBA			
Aug. 3 9:15 am	TBA	Chris Lamberton	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Strait & Narrow
Aug. 9 5:00 pm	TBA			
Aug. 10 9:15 am		Karen Sedgwick	Team 4 John Cook	Karla Bielewicz
Aug. 16 5:00 pm	TBA			
Aug. 17 9:15 am	TBA	Lyle Christensen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Heather Miller
Aug. 23 5:00 pm	TBA			
Aug. 24 9:15 am		Jacqueline Orth	Team 1 Harold Miller	Kelsey Albright
Aug. 30 5:00 pm	TBA			
Aug. 31 9:15 am	TBA	Tedine Roos	Team 2 Rich Christensen	JoAnn Weishan

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Aug. 3	Field	<i>Neighborhood Carnival</i>	Margaret Christensen	Cindi Larsen
Aug. 10	Slater	TBA		
Aug. 17	Sedgwick	Linda Clinton		Kylee Albright
Aug. 24	Celia Weber	Albrights		
Aug. 31	Joy Lippmann	TBA		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JULY, 2003</b> Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine ☼ 262 634-5515		<b>1</b> CANADA DAY 10:00 am Seniors 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>2</b> <i>Pastor Mary on vacation July 2-9</i>	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Office closed</i> 	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</i>						
<b>6</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  <i>☛ Pastor Mary on vacation July 2-9 ☛</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Seniors 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline		<b>12</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</i>						
<b>13</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</i>						
<b>20</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 9:15 am Worship Service Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> ST. MARY MAGDALENE	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>25</b> ST. JAMES THE ELDER	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC
<i>Neighborhood Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</i> <i>☛ Youth group in Atlanta for TAG ☛</i>						
<b>27</b> 7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Church council	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	Aug. 1	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Vacation Bible Pre-school — 9:00 a.m. to noon</i>						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 ♦ Fax 262 633-0726 http://www.emmaus-racine.org				<h1>AUGUST. 2003</h1>		<b>1</b> 9:00 am Pre-school VBS	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>3</b> 8 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 am Mass on the Grass Bluegrass service with Holy Communion <i>(note later than usual time!)</i> 11:30 am Neighborhood carnival, to 3:30	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship and Music Committee	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:00 pm Lincoln Luth. Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
				<i>Pastor Mary on vacation, August 7-12</i>			
<b>10</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word and Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS		<b>14</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>15</b> MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal September <i>Visitor</i> articles due	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Gross-Howser wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation to Aug. 12</i>		<i>ELCA Triennial Assembly, Midwest Airlines Center, August 11-17</i>					
<b>17</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>20</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal	<b>22</b> EMMAUS FOUNDED, 1851	<b>23</b> 2:30 pm Sovelenko-Chan-a-Sue wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<b>24</b> 11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ST. BARTHOLEMEW 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word and Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<b>31</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word and Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	Sept. 1 LABOR DAY <i>Office closed</i>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 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>				
GNC	6%	\$25		
Kohl's Food Store	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$30, \$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$10		
Burlington Coat Factory	12%	\$10, \$25		
Cabela's	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner/August Max	16%	\$25		
Claire's	7%	\$10		
Eddie Bauer	9%	20%		
Foot Locker	8%	\$25		
Gap debit card	8%	\$20		
J. C. Penney gift card	5%	\$25, \$100		
K-Mart	3%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
The Limited	8%	\$25		
Old Navy debit card	8%	\$25		
Payless Shoe Source	12%	\$10, \$20		
Sears	2%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
ShopKo debit card	4%	\$25, \$50		
Spiegel Catalog	9%	\$20		
Structure	10%	\$25		
T. J. Maxx, Marshalls	8%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKSTORES, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Barnes & Noble	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max debit card	3%	\$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$25		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$50		
Blockbuster Video	7%	\$10		
Circuit City gift card	2.5%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		

Musicland/Sam Goody/Suncoast	4%	\$25		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH</b>				
Ace Hardware	7%	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$20, \$25		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Menards Home Improvement	3%	\$25, \$50, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys				
Tots R US, Kids R Us, Babies R Us				
<b>TRAVEL, SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
BP/Amoco pre-pay oil card	3%	\$25, \$50		
Citgo	2.5%	\$50		
Exxon/Mobil driver cash card	2.5%	\$25, \$50		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$10		
Shell Oil	2%	\$25, \$50		
Speedway/Super America	3%	\$25		
<b>RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Boston Market	10%	\$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	4%	\$5		
KFC	8%	\$5		
Mrs. Field's	20%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	13%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5, \$10		
Starbucks coffee card	7%	\$25		
Wendy's	7%	\$10		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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

September 24, 2002



# BARNES & NOBLE

## BOOKSELLERS

Store #: 2037

Location: 2710-A S Green Bay Rd,  
Racine, WI

I support the Bookfair for:

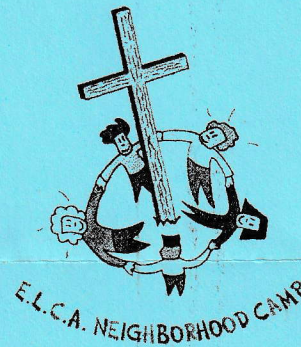
### Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp

Date: July 10, 2003

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

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



Present this voucher at the designated register at the time of purchase. A present of the net sale will be donated to Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp according to the following chart.

Net sales:	Percent donated to Neighborhood Camp
< \$2,000	15%
\$2,000 - \$10,000	20%
> \$10,000	25%

The following transactions are not included in Bookfair totals: the purchase of Gift Cards, the purchase of Reader's Advantage memberships, the purchase of café consumables.

For office use only:

Register # \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of sale before tax less purchases of Gift Cards,

Readers' Advantage memberships and café consumables: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal August 7

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, August 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. That includes someone to bring over the food that has been left at Emmaus for the meal. 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.

## REST Seeks Food Coordinator

Wanted: Food Coordinator for the Emmaus REST program. Looking for a responsible person(s) to coordinate and organize the food program for Emmaus REST. Two to three Fridays per month. October 1 through April 30. Entails meal planning and coordination of meal

preparation. Some shopping and organization required.

Pay: the gratitude of numerous homeless individuals. For information, please contact Pastor Mary or Pat Liesch, 835-1363 or 638-1441.

## Privacy Rules Restrict Hospital Information

Reminder: New laws now restrict hospitals from notifying churches of their members in the hospital.

People admitted to hospitals are required to answer two important questions: whether the



hospital may notify their church of their stay, and if their name can be listed in the hospital registry. Patients must answer yes to both questions so that our pastor can find you in the hospital.

It is always helpful if patients or their families call the church office so that we can arrange pastoral hospital visits. Just leave a message with Paul at 634-5515.

## Letters

### Thanks from REST for Sheltering Homeless

Dear Pastor Janz and all of the REST volunteers,

We at REST wish to thank you and your volunteers for your support during this past winter season. You opened your doors and allowed our homeless men, women and children to enter and receive food, shelter, and support. You allowed our guests to use your facilities, eat your food, and sleep while your volunteers provided shelter and safety for them.

These kind gifts will never be forgotten, and are certainly appreciated by all of our guests, although they may not verbalize this appreciation.

At this point in time, a single site is still in our plans; however, it is not known when we can obtain that goal. We look forward to continuing to serve the homeless with you and your volunteers, whether it be in your church or in a single site.

With much gratitude,  
Donna Bumpus, Executive Director  
Ron Thomas, Board President  
Pat Liesch, Program Coordinator

## Thanks From Wadewitz

Dear Emmaus church,  
On behalf of Wadewitz School, I want to thank you for all you do for us.

Your devotion to our students and staff is wonderful.

We appreciate all you do for us, and the children here look forward to seeing you come every week.

The presents you give our needy children at Christmas time go above and beyond expectations, and the luncheon you provide for the staff is wonderful.

We at Wadewitz appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

Sincerely,  
Linda Jaskulske  
Home School worker,  
Wadewitz School



## SCAN Speaks to Counselors

Dear Valerie Crehan,

I am pleased that you invited me to speak to the camp counselors on the topic of child abuse. It is so good to know that adults who work with children understand the importance of training in this area.

Thank you for your contribution to the Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program of Lutheran Social Services. The funding for SCAN has been reduced by its largest program funder, so donations are important in order to maintain prevention programming in our community.

Sincerely,  
Lana DeVinny, Supervisor  
Children, Youth, and Family  
Programming

## Memorials and Honoraria

### Non designated:

In memory of Dorothy Niva .....	\$75.00
In memory of Alfred Sorensen ....	\$1,138.00
In memory of James Larsen .....	\$775.00

### Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

See separate article

### Designated for "2001—A Faith Odyssey" Fund:

In memory of James Larsen .....	\$25.00
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### Designated for Debt Retirement:

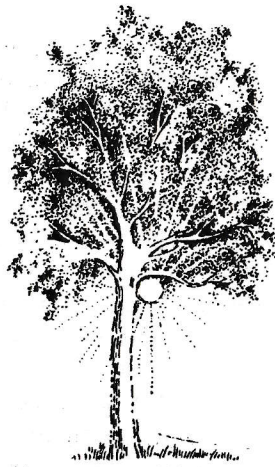
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### Designated for Building Fascia:

In memory of James Larsen .....	\$200.00
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### Designated for R.E.S.T.:

In memory of James Larsen .....	\$250.00
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**HELP WANTED:** Must enjoy spending time talking to friends, (both in person and/or the telephone) and perhaps share a simple meal, (bread and wine) with those you visit. No previous experience necessary, we will train those who apply. All equipment provided, you need only supply a loving heart and an hour or two of your time. All applicants are gratefully accepted, and appreciated.

### God

We would like to increase the number of volunteers that visit those that cannot attend church. Bringing communion to share with them, and a visit from someone can make such a difference in a long lonely day, when they can not get out into the world as they used to.

The "time" that you visit is up to your schedule. You will be provided with a list of names, and the choice of whom you would like to visit, or how many people, will be up to you. If you think that you would like to be one of these members in Christ, or would like more information, please fill out the space below and drop it in the offering plate, or put it in Pastor Sharon's mail box at church. We will have a brief organizational meeting in the beginning of July, to talk about this ministry.

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Best time to meet: day: ..... hour: .....

Thank you and God's blessings!! Pastor Sharon

## Sunday School Returns in Fall

Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 7, 2003 — Rally Day. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our exciting program for kindergarten to fifth graders, the "Workshop Rotation Method" of experiencing key Bible stories.

Are you willing to commit to a minimum of five Sundays next fall, sharing in the learning and excitement? There will be special training provided. Where might you feel most comfortable?

- Providing child care for those under three years old (so their parents can be involved)
- Providing snack time for the kids
- Acting as a "shepherd" (no weekly preparation required — the shepherds take their "flock" to the assigned workshop each week. Main responsibilities include taking attendance, getting to know the kids in your class, helping the resource teacher in the workshop of the week)
- Playing keyboard or other instrument for music time
- Being a story teller
- Taking on the persona/character of one of the Bible characters and visiting the Sunday School kids
- Working alongside the kids as they learn on the computers (expect the kids to teach you!)
- Working as a computer "techie" — making sure the computers are in working order
- Working with kids on art/craft projects
- Working with kids in a puppet production (scripts provided)
- Helping kids create their own dramas
- Showing videos and using them as teaching tools
- Helping kids make their own videos
- Leading kids in games
- Leading "quiz program" and question and answer time
- Serving as an assistant in one of the workshops (drama, art, computer, video, temple)
- Providing office/clerical support
- Gathering needed supplies for projects and lessons
- Helping with Christmas program
- Preschool teacher or assistant (3- & 4-year-old kids)

Yes! I'd like to help! (or at least hear more)

Name .....

Best times of year for me to serve (check all that apply)

Fall  Winter  Spring  Summer (planning and set-up)

Area I'd like to be involved in: .....

Not sure — give me a call so we can talk more

Phone: ..... Best times to call: .....

The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women of the ELCA

# Synodical Convention

October 10-11, 2003



Do as you have heard.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
322 Ohio Street • Racine

Friday Bible Study Leader:  
Pastor Cyndi Aasen

Saturday Morning Worship Leader:  
Pastor Mary Janz

### WORKSHOPS:

El Salvador: Mary Campbell  
Lutheran Disaster Response:  
Rev. Dr. Gilbert Furst

Kenosha Urban Outreach Center:  
Mitch Mason

Cops 'n Kids: Julia Burney  
Racine Vocational Ministries:  
Jim Schatzman

Be Ye Doers: Ellen Patt & Kathy Pearl  
Meru Diocese: Rev. Elias Kittoi

### "IN-KIND GIFT" COLLECTION

Kathy's House, Inc. and Books for the "Cops 'n Kids" Program

Convention! Are you coming? We are hoping that you will want to come and join your friends or make new ones at the Women of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Convention. We will be convening October 10 and 11 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Racine under the theme "Go! Do as you have heard"

We will have our banquet on Friday evening. Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will be present to greet us on behalf of the Synod.

Pastor Cyndi Aasen will be our Bible study leader on Friday evening and Pastor Mary Janz will be with us on Saturday morning for our worship service.

Our convention theme is to show us ways in which we all can be a part of doing mission work.

When you register don't forget to let us know if you have any dietary allergies or concerns. Our caterer will need to know. Please send in your registrations early. We look forward to seeing in October.

Carol Gillmore, Convention Chair

## REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Delegate (Registration by August 15, 2003)

Visitor (Registration by September 3, 2003)

Registration Fees:	Friday Registration .....	\$ 13.00
	Friday Dinner.....	15.00
	Saturday Registration.....	24.00
	Saturday Lunch.....	10.00
	After registration due date add .....	5.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Care will be provided on Saturday only. A snack will be provided but each child must have a bag lunch for noon. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Please provide the names and ages of children joining you.

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any dietary concerns or allergies you may have:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meal? \_\_\_\_\_

Meals will be catered by "A Secret Treasure, LLC"

Please make your check payable to: **Women of the ELCA.**

Send your completed registration form (1 per person) to:

**Jan Fox, 4130 S. Carnaby Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151**

**Phone: (262) 782-5680**

OFFICE USE:

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make hotel reservations directly with the Microtel Inn & Suites. Phone: 1-888-771-7171**

## Synod Assembly

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'having' or 'doing.' What we do must flow from who we are."

Youth and young adult leaders shaped this assembly by leading worship, Bible study, forum and pre-assembly workshops.

Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers offered an ubuntu vision for the synod, outlining possibilities for synod ministry in the next three years:

- ▶ adding youth representatives to congregational councils;
- ▶ adding a youth representative to synod council;
- ▶ extending Latino ministries beyond Milwaukee;
- ▶ extending satellite ministries for mission;
- ▶ strengthening partnerships among synod congregations;
- ▶ and increasing awareness of synod ministry through the e-mail list-serv and other synod communication efforts.

### Youth Play Key Role

The 2003 synod assembly drew inspiration and leadership from an often overlooked source of creativity and faithful witness — the synod's young people.

Youth (and adult youth leaders) were at the center of the assembly's worship, Bible study and workshops.

On Saturday morning, Lillie Robinson of Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee led the assembly in Bible study, choosing as her text Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



Robinson, who is bound for Carthage College next fall and the recipient of a scholarship designed for young leaders of color who desire to serve as ELCA pastors, reflected on the pressures and the trials that she overcame to become who she is. "I grew up to be as

powerful as I could be." She cited the influence of her mother, her mentor and her pastor as adults who pushed her to be confident and to succeed.

The synod's Youth and Family Network organized eight pre-assembly workshops on Friday afternoon. Sessions were designed for adults and youth who were interested in sharing their ministry ideas on a variety of topics — the Internet, teen worship, small church ministry, middle school ministry and other areas.

### Synod Mission Plan Approved

The synod's 2004-2005 Ministry Plan (or budget) totaling \$2.65 million was approved by the assembly with only one line item

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## ELCA Churchwide Assembly to Meet in Milwaukee Aug. 11-17

CHICAGO (ELCA) June 5 — Voting members of the 2003 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly will act on several proposals — including an evangelism vision for the church, and a social statement on health and health care — and elect a vice president and an editor for *The Lutheran*, the magazine of the ELCA. The assembly will be held at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee, Aug. 11-17.

More than 2,000 people — including 1,031 voting members elected by synods — are expected to participate in the ELCA's eighth biennial assembly. The theme is "Making Christ Known: For the Healing of the World." It is directly related to the theme for the Lutheran

World Federation (LWF) assembly, to be held July 21-31 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod, led by Bishop Paul W. Stumme-Diers, is hosting the assembly. Worship, Bible study and prayer will be significant to the assembly. It includes a "Global Celebration" Aug. 14, during which the afternoon sessions will be devoted to presentations, workshops and a celebration of the ELCA's connection to the global church and the LWF.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson will chair the assembly, his first as presiding bishop. Assisting him during plenary sessions will be the

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## Synod Assembly

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switching. \$2,500 budgeted for young adult ministry was transferred to Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Synod treasurer Roger Schroeder set the tone for the ministry plan by outlining the decrease in benevolence funding the synod has experienced since its peak in January 2001, resulting in a depletion of cash reserves. "We can manage it, but our ability to react to emerging opportunities is diminished. In this ministry plan, expenditures have been held level."

Schroeder emphasized, "A lot of good, exciting things are happening in the synod. I think we're going in the right direction."

He added, "It is extremely helpful to the synod if we see your benevolence funds coming in on a regular basis. There are a surprising number of congregations that have not yet given [the synod] anything. Anything you can do to send us some of your benevolence during the summer when the income is lighter will be greatly appreciated."

## Churchwide Assembly

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Rev. Lowell G. Almen, ELCA secretary.

For the first time, official "congregational observers" may register with the ELCA office of the Secretary to attend the assembly. Each of the ELCA's 10,766 congregations may send one representative.

Observers will have reserved seating in the plenary hall, and will receive reports and materials. Official observers have no voice in assembly discussions and do not vote.

### Evangelism, Health Care

At the 2001 Churchwide Assembly, voting members asked for the development of an evangelism strategy to be presented for action in 2003. Since then a 32-member evangelism task force, led by the Rev. Gary M. Wollersheim, bishop of the ELCA Northern Illinois Synod, Rockford, has developed a strategy, "Sharing Faith in a New Century: A Vision for Evangelism in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

The strategy was reviewed by the ELCA Church Council in April and transmitted to the assembly. The council also set in place several actions to implement the strategy, should it be adopted by the assembly. The proposed strategy is at <http://www.elca.org/visionevangelism> on the ELCA Web site.

The assembly will consider a

proposed social statement on health and health care, "Caring for Our Health: Our Shared Endeavor." The proposed social statement was authorized by the 1999 Churchwide Assembly. The text of Caring for Our Health is at [http://www.elca.org/dcs/healthcare\\_statement.html](http://www.elca.org/dcs/healthcare_statement.html) on the ELCA Web site.

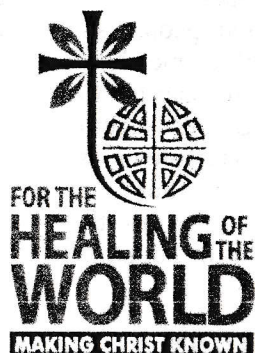
### Reports and Resolutions

A key report to be presented to the assembly is a progress report on the ELCA Studies on Sexuality. The 2001 Churchwide Assembly mandated that the church begin a four-year study process on homosexuality and the church. The assembly asked for a progress report in 2003 and a final report with recommendations at

the 2005 assembly.

The 2001 assembly also asked for a social statement on human sexuality that may be considered at the 2007 assembly.

The Rev. James A. Childs, Jr., an ethicist on leave from the faculty of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, was appointed director for the studies. The Rev. Margaret G. Payne, bishop of the ELCA New England Synod, Worcester, Mass., is chair of the task force.



## ELCA Pastor Naw-karl Mua Detained in Laos

CHICAGO (ELCA) June 13 — The Rev. Naw-Karl Mua, Light of Life Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has been detained by the government of Laos since June 3. Mua is reported to have accompanied two European journalists into the Xieng Khouang province of Laos to help them research a story on human rights violations and persecution of Hmong people by the Communist government in Laos.

Mua went to neighboring Thailand on May 12 for a missionary project; he has family and a relationship with a Hmong congregation there. While in Thailand he met two journalists — Thierry Falise of Belgium and Vincent Reynaud of France — and entered Laos legally on May 23 as their translator.

Mua failed to return to the United States for his son's high school graduation. The U.S. State Department said the Laotian government detained Mua with the two journalists, accused of cooperating with "bandits" to kill a security official in the remote northeastern village of Khai.

"Pastor Mua is clearly a leader in the Hmong community," said the Rev. Peter Rogness, bishop of the ELCA Saint Paul Area Synod. "He has organized two Hmong congregations in St. Paul and has also worked with church

leaders in the ELCA Minneapolis Area Synod to serve the Hmong community there," he said.

Rogness added that Mua "has expressed concern to me about human rights issues in Laos and about the need for the U.S. government and the church to address these issues. However, nothing we know about him would be consistent with the charges against him by the Laotian government."

Mua is a native of Laos. He lived in a refugee camp in Thailand for one year before moving to France in 1978, where he lived until he immigrated to the United States in 1985. He is now a U.S. citizen.

The Voice of America reported on June 26 that Laos has filed charges against Mua, Reynaud and Falise. A trial was set to begin July 27 in the town of Phonesavanh.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bishops Support Suit Against Concealed Weapon Law

CHICAGO (ELCA) June 23 — Six Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) bishops in Minnesota made a public statement June 19 supporting a lawsuit filed by the Edina Community Lutheran Church, Edina, Minn. The lawsuit against the state of Minnesota is an attempt to have concealed weapons banned from church-owned property.

The Minnesota Citizens' Personal Protection Act of 2003, referred to as the "conceal and carry law" took effect on May 28 and allows concealed firearms to be carried into non-governmental buildings by individuals who have applied for and received concealed weapon permits.

For establishments—including

churches—to keep firearms out, signs must be prominently posted at each entrance stating that concealed weapons are not allowed. According to the provisions in the act, church properties are considered private establishments or establishments in which concealed firearms are allowed unless otherwise posted.

"We believe the presence of firearms on Lutheran church property, unless carried by government peace officers on official business or on land designated for hunting purposes, is entirely inconsistent with the Lutheran church's theology, mission and worship practices," the bishops' statement said.

## Pastor Mary's Corner

### Ubuntu! Do Life!

Ubuntu!, the theme for the upcoming Atlanta Youth Gathering of the ELCA, comes from a rich word from Africa. The word best translates, "I am because we are. We are because Christ is."

That theme was also highlighted at the recent assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

More and more at Emmaus, we are catching the spirit of Ubuntu. "I am because we are" reminds us, as God's people, that we cannot survive in isolation. We all need community, and we are called to be community.

You, the people of Emmaus, live and grow in that spirit whenever you are there to mutually support one another and whenever you reach out beyond the doors of the church.

This past month alone is a sign of God's community at work in and through Emmaus. What I have observed and experienced in the past month alone has been phenomenal. In my visits and conversations I have heard about those of you who pray daily for those who are ill, grieving or in special need. I have been told of cards and notes received, meals shared, phone calls and visits made to those who may be ill or recovering or homebound.

I have experienced the outpouring of love and support for those who grieve and for those who celebrate. I have heard words of encouragement for those beginning radiation and chemotherapy treatments and for those in transition in their lives.

I have marveled at teenagers who have given hours and hours processing books for the kids' library and preparing for Neighborhood Camp — and for the adults who are teaching and leading them.

And then there are those who painted and built and planted and watered and cleaned, readying Emmaus for even more ministry opportunities. I give thanks to God for parents who are organizing and chaperoning TAG (The Atlanta Gathering) for our youth later this month. I am so in awe and so grateful for the abundance of resources we have received this month — individual monetary contributions to camp and the church, grant funding, and memorials.

"I am because we are. We are because Christ is." Doing life and choosing to be an intentional part of the Emmaus community is all rooted in our reason for being in the first place: we are members of the body of Christ. Life can and does flow through the members of Emmaus only because that gift of life has first been given to us in Jesus Christ.

Every single day I give thanks to God for that gift of life, and I pray that we of Emmaus will continue to grow into our calling of "Ubuntu!" Thank you for your partnership in "doing life" in Christ's name.

*Pastor Mary*

### Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2001: 140	2002: 154	2003: 138
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance June:	2001: 126	2002: 111	2003: 122*
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance July:	2001: 132	2002: 120	
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance August:	2001: 139	2002: 123	

\*Average calculated through June 22, 2003

### Financial Figures

Gen'l Fund offerings in April, 2003	.... \$13,503.66	
Gen'l Fund offerings in May, 2003	.... \$11,867.00	..... YTD \$66,892.91
Bldg. Fund offerings in April, 2003	.... \$ 338.00	
Bldg. Fund offerings in May, 2003	.... \$ 265.00	..... YTD \$ 1,615.00
Unified receipts April & May, 2003	.... \$25,973.66	..... YTD \$68,507.91



2001 Fund offerings in April, 2003	... \$ 250.00	
2001 Fund offerings in May, 2003	.... \$ 265.00	..... CAMPAIGN TO DATE \$104,362.12
6/01/03 mortgage payment:	Principal	..... \$592.44
	Interest	..... \$373.56
	Total	..... \$966.00
	Principal balance as of 6/12/2003	..... \$54,924.91

**In the Summer  
Emmaus  
Visitor:**

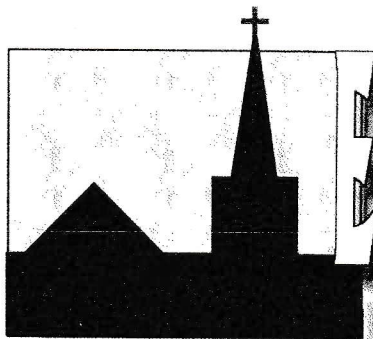


- ☼ **Neighborhood Camp  
Continues thru July 25**
- ☼ **Pre-school VBS Begins July 28**
- ☼ **Book Fair Aids Camps**
- ☼ **Mass on the (Blue) Grass  
10:00 a.m. August 3, Followed  
by Neighborhood Carnival**
- ☼ **Scrip Works Toward Kitchen  
Renovation**
- ☼ **Kids Bound for Atlanta Collect  
Quarters**
- ☼ **Community Meal Aug. 7**
- ☼ **Synod & Churchwide  
Assembly Reports**
- ☼ **Ubuntu! Do Life!**

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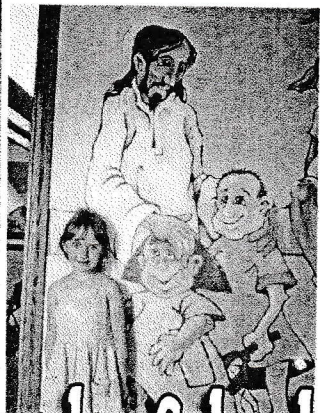
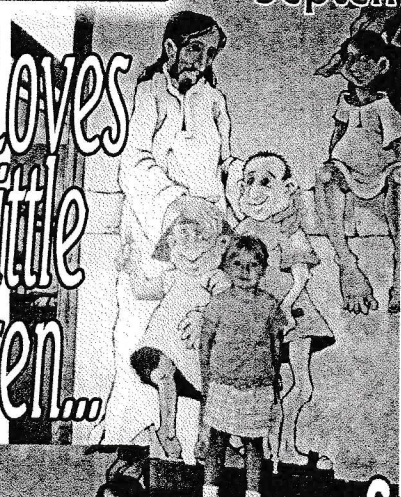




# Emmaus Visitor

September, 2003

Jesus Loves  
the Little  
Children...



Sunday School  
Rally Day's  
September 7

Early registration form on page 4

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine  
"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Office: 262 634-5515  
e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com Cell: 262 989-2337  
http://www.emmaus-racine.org Fax: 262 633-0726

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

Tippanie Gross  
Dale Howser, Jr.  
August 16, 2003

Dale, a nephew of Carol Yust, is a firefighter with the Kenosha Fire Department, and Tippanie is studying to be a dental hygienist. The couple lives in Kenosha.

Natasha Sovelenko  
Christopher Chan-a-Sue  
August 23, 2003

Natasha, the daughter of Pat and Ron Sovelenko, and Christopher are both employed by Modine. They reside in Racine.

### Funerals:

Thomas Schoenleben  
August 27, 2003

Tom, the son of Bea Munch, passed away unexpectedly in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 57. He was a decorated Viet Nam War army veteran who retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Linda, and two sons, Matthew and Thomas.

Mary Marousek Schultz  
August 28, 2003

Mary Schultz, longtime member of Emmaus, and of Lydia (Mary) Circle, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, at the Washington Manor Nursing Home in Kenosha. She is survived by two daughters, Betty Schultz and Carol Mead.

## Passages

We extend our condolences to Michele Kreimer and her family upon the death of her father, Michael Kaprelian, 81, on July 18. Mr. Kaprelian was a member of St. Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church.

We celebrate with Marilyn Anderson the wedding of her



grandson, Matt Nelson and his wife, Tracy, on July 26.

Congratulations to Mark and Traci Purath as they celebrate the birth of a son, Kadin Thatcher, on July 18.

Pastor Mary officiated at the baptism of Hayden Charles Jones on August 10 in Rochester, Minnesota. Blessings to the parents, Ken and Abby and to grandparents Nancy and Art Smith!

Rally Sunday, Sept. 7

## Welcome to Sunday School

by Denise Keller

It's the start of another year at our Workshop Rotation Sunday School at Emmaus!

To those of you who have been with us before,



welcome back. To new friends, you may have never learned about Jesus the way we do at Emmaus. Because we all learn in different ways, we teach Bible stories in many ways and strive to make it fun!

Some of our rotations include puppets, drama, video, computers, music, cooking, dance, art, and games.

We invite you to come experience God's love for you in a caring, creative environment. Our Sunday School kick-off is Rally Day, September 7. Make sure you're there for Daisy the Clown, who will have a special message for kids at the 9:15 a.m. service. Afterward, we will share treats, music and games from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Our regular Sunday School begins September 14. Bring your children to worship at the 9:15 service, followed by a snack upstairs at 10:15 and Sunday School from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Questions? Call Sunday

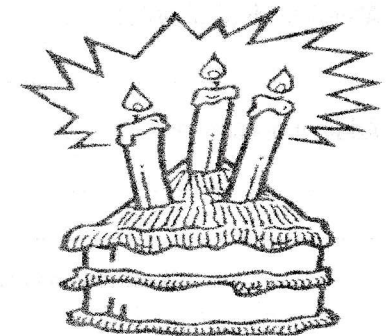
School coordinator Denise Keller at 619-9911.

Shepherds, Workshop Leaders to Meet

A meeting of Sunday School shepherds and workshop leaders is set for Thursday, September 4 and 7:00 p.m.

## Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 9
- Sept. 3 Melanie Pearce, 10
- Sept. 8 Ashley Konsinowski, 17
- Sept. 8 Nicholas Estep, 16
- Sept. 9 Andrew Reischl, 16
- Sept. 9 Kelli Zeleski, 6
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 12
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 7
- Sept. 15 Cody Andersen, 6
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 11
- Sept. 17 Jon Oestreich, 12
- Sept. 22 Tayler Ready, 4
- Sept. 22 Valerie Yorgan, 18
- Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 14
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lamberton, 11





"Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

*Sunday School Start-up* —Matthew 19:14

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Rally Day — Sunday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.**

For parents and children to share in an opening with Pastor Mary and Daisy the Clown, followed by food and games

Below is a pre-registration form. If you would fill this out and return it to the church as soon as possible, it would help us in planning our classes. There will also be forms available on Rally Day.

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Today's date .....

Name ..... Age ..... Birthday .....

Address ..... Phone .....

Grade in school ..... School attending .....

Parent/Guardians' names .....

Siblings/ names and ages .....

Allergies/Medical notes .....

Additional comments .....

*Volunteers and occasional help are always welcome!*

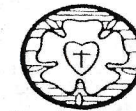
## 8th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation Slated September 24

Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m., eighth and ninth graders will meet with Pastor Mary for an overview of the coming year's confirmation schedule. Parents are

encouraged to come to this orientations session and to become informed about confirmation requirements.

## 10th Graders Make Final Preparations for October 26 Confirmation

As the final phase prior to affirming their Baptism on October 26, the tenth graders will meet several times with their assigned mentors.



Confirmation:

Any unfulfilled requirements for worship and service points must

also be completed before the end of October. Those who have not fulfilled the minimum requirements by that time may do so during the year, postponing their confirmation to Pentecost Sunday in the spring.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

Pastor:	Mary L. Janz	1909 Summit Avenue	633-3059
Visitation Pastor:	Sharon Georgi	6711 Jacobsen Lane	886-3960
Church office:		E-mail:	
	262 634-5515	Church —	emmaus@execpc.com
	Fax: 262 633-0726	Pastor Mary —	mljanz@aol.com
Council President:	Cathy Knuteson	Services are held at Emmaus every	
Sun. School Coordinator:	Denise Keller	Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday	
Kids Hope USA Dir.:	Marty Aiken	mornings at 9:15.	
Community Outreach Minister:	Valerie Crehan	Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.	
Organist:	Joyce Kaiser	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m.	
Adult Choir Dir.:	Suzanne Landis	to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.	
Youth Music Dir.:	Karla Bielewicz	The <i>VISITOR</i> is published monthly	
Secretary:	Paul Berge	September to July. The deadline for the	
Custodians:	Jeff White, Kerry Hunter & Matt Liesch	October <i>VISITOR</i> is September 15.	
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# ELCA Atlanta Youth Gathering Celebrates Spirit of Ubuntu

by Gregg Albright

ATLANTA July 25 — Hi Pastor Mary and the rest of Emmaus:

The Emmaus Youth group is definitely in the spirit of Ubuntu! in Atlanta. We are very tired but still having a wonderful time. The rest of the group (Mt. Pleasant and St. Andrew's) is excellent! We've made many, many friends (even some who are grown-ups)!

Let's give you a day-by-day recap of what we've done:

Day 1: Leave from Mt. Pleasant at 10:30 a.m. and arrive in Knoxville, Tennessee at 9:00 p.m. We got to know each other on the bus ride. Some kids we already knew from school and previous mission trips. Watched some movies, slept, ate junk-food; you know, the usual.

Day 2: Knoxville. Did a service project today. Thirty of us went to a local Goodwill and sorted clothes and ten went to a park to pick up trash. And guess what? The director of the Goodwill was from Racine! Her dad worked for J.I. Case. The park we cleaned must have been used for the homeless because we found a lot of old "campsites" which had clothes, books, shoes, etc. in them. The kids, really got a dose of reality today and counted their blessings...twice!

Day 3: Chattanooga. Fun day!

But it rained so we did indoor things like Ruby Falls (an waterfall in a cave, the Chattanooga Aquarium and IMAX theater.) Stayed overnite, swam, had Devo's (devotions) and left early the next day for Atlanta, Georgia.

Day 4: Atlanta. First day here and is this convention center *big!* Gregg, Carol and the adults went to register and we just played in The Globe and activity center for the kids. Our bus driver took us to the hotel where we checked in and relaxed then went to the afternoon service in the Georgia Dome.

What an experience! Bands, speakers, video and 18,000 wild, screaming kids doing a conga line! Later we went to a Dance Club at our hotel (our hotel is the "hot spot" in mid-town Atlanta) and finally got to bed at 1:00 a.m. (after Devo's, of course)!

Day 5: Atlanta. Today we slept in (at least by my standards we did) and went over to the convention center to be "sorted" to do a service project. We went to Adams Park to pick up garbage and litter.

There is a small lake and a stream over some large boulders and at the bottom of a ravine, some of the group found an old tire. As we kept looking for more litter, we found more old tires—57 in all! We

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also found, three bicycles, old car batteries, clothing and many garbage cans full of glass bottles.

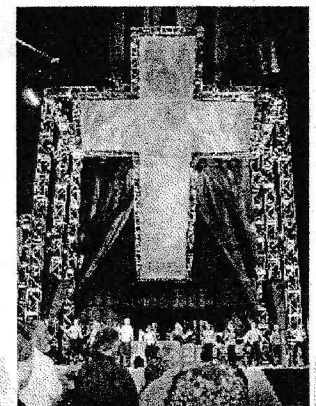
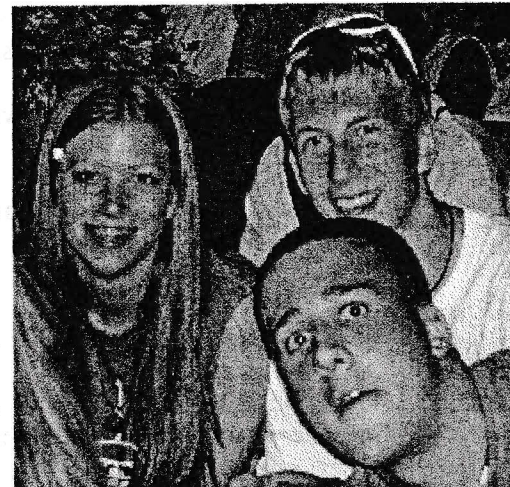
Later, we had a sit-down dinner near the hotel and left for the evening service. After the service, we took the subway back to the hotel for Dance Club and some of us even danced "The Chicken!"

Day 6: Atlanta. Today we got up and went to morning service in the dome, back to the hotel to relax and I am writing this now in the

convention center. We are planning on sitting on the floor of the dome tonight because a rock band by the name of Audio Adrenaline will be playing. I made sure I brought ear plugs for Carol and me!

Later, we plan to hop on a bus and check out Hotel Life at some of the other hotels downtown. One more full day and we're home (but the kids haven't even begun to think of home, yet. They're too busy!)

Ubuntu! I am, we are, He is!



# Synod Women's Convention Welcomes Visitors

The visitors' registration deadline for the Greater Milwaukee Synod Convention of the Women of the ELCA is fast approaching September 3. The convention meets Friday and Saturday,

October 10 and 11 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street. Emmaus WELCA will pay registration fees.

See Denise Keller for more information.

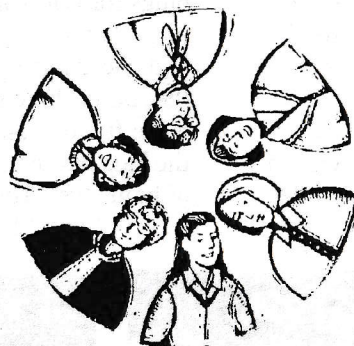
## Fall Brunch

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church will host the Racine Mission Cluster Fall Brunch on Saturday morning, September 27. The program is "In the Spirit," concerning the Lakota Nation of South Dakota. Please contact Denise Keller by Tuesday, September 23 to make your reservation.

## Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle resumes meeting for the fall on the first Wednesday

of each month. Join the group at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 3.



## Sewing Kits

Sewing kits will be sent with the Lutheran World Relief shipment in October. 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.

## Board Meeting

The WELCA Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, rather than on Labor Day.

# Synodical Convention October 10-11, 2003

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
322 Ohio Street • Racine

Friday Bible Study Leader:  
Pastor Cyndi Aasen

Saturday Morning Worship Leader:  
Pastor Mary Janz

## WORKSHOPS:

El Salvador: Mary Campbell

Lutheran Disaster Response:  
Rev. Dr. Gilbert Furst

Kenosha Urban Outreach Center:  
Mitch Mason

Cops 'n Kids: Julia Burney

Racine Vocational Ministries:  
Jim Schatzman

Be Ye Doers: Ellen Patt & Kathy Pearl

Meru Diocese: Rev. Elias Kitto

## "IN-KIND GIFT" COLLECTION

Kathy's House, Inc. and Books for the "Cops 'n Kids" Program

Convention! Are you coming? We are hoping that you will want to come and join your friends or make new ones at the Women of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod Convention. We will be convening October 10 and 11 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Racine under the theme "Go! Do as you have heard"

We will have our banquet on Friday evening. Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will be present to greet us on behalf of the Synod.

Pastor Cyndi Aasen will be our Bible study leader on Friday evening and Pastor Mary Janz will be with us on Saturday morning for our worship service.

Our convention theme is to show us ways in which we all can be a part of doing mission work.

When you register don't forget to let us know if you have any dietary allergies or concerns. Our caterer will need to know. Please send in your registrations early. We look forward to seeing in October.

Carol Gillmore, Convention Chair



## Do as you have heard.

## REGISTRATION FOR CONVENTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Delegate (Registration by August 15, 2003)

Visitor (Registration by September 3, 2003)

Registration Fees: Friday Registration .....\$ 13.00

Friday Dinner.....15.00

Saturday Registration.....24.00

Saturday Lunch.....10.00

After registration due date add .....5.00

**TOTAL ENCLOSED .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Child Care will be provided on Saturday only. A snack will be provided but each child must have a bag lunch for noon. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Please provide the names and ages of children joining you.

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any dietary concerns or allergies you may have:

Vegetarian meal? \_\_\_\_\_

Meals will be catered by "A Secret Treasure, LLC"

Please make your check payable to: **Women of the ELCA.**

Send your completed registration form (1 per person) to:

**Jan Fox, 4130 S. Carnaby Lane, New Berlin, WI 53151**

**Phone: (262) 782-5680**

OFFICE USE:

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appreciation Sunday Set for September 21

Marsha Connet, Marty Aiken, Pat Liesch, Margaret and Bob Christensen, and Carol Rudey — six individuals who have served Emmaus and the wider community



with countless hours of unselfish commitment. Each of them, for their own set of circumstances, has found it necessary to pass on their leadership roles to others.

Sunday, September 21 has been set aside as Appreciation Sunday to honor these leaders of the church. They will be recognized both at the 9:15 worship service and at the coffee hour following.

Who will fill their shoes? Suzanne Landis has replaced Marsha as Adult Choir director, and

Valerie Crehan is currently learning about the Kids Hope program under Marty's direction. Al and June Beck and Marge and Lyle Zielke will oversee our participation in the Community Meals program. The position for Senior Center director is currently vacant, and volunteers are being sought to assist with and to host the Senior Center. Chris Lamberton and Kris & Gary Veenstra will be coordinators of the Emmaus REST Program.

Thank you, Carol, Marty, Pat, Margaret, Bob and Marsha. So many lives have been touched through your dedication, hard work, and caring for others. You have left an indelible mark on the Emmaus community through your years of service.

## Staff Plan Vacations

Pastor Mary will be away September 9-19 to help her mother in North Dakota move to a new home.

Our secretary, Paul Berge, will be away on vacation the week of September 12-19. Volunteers will be needed at the church to answer the phone and the door. Please call the church office if you can



from 9:00 to noon or noon to 3:00 one day that week.

Because of Paul's vacation, the deadline for October *Visitor* articles has been pushed back to September 22. While we believe in justification by grace, there will be no grace period for late articles, because the *Visitor* will have to be assembled and mailed within a week.

## Christensens Host Adult Choir Picnic

Rich and Kathy Christensen will host a Choir Picnic at their home, 1019 Highway V (northeast corner of V and Highway 20) at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 3.

All past, present, and prospective choir members



members and significant others are invited. Please bring your meat for the grill and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP at 886-2151.

## Thanks for Flowers

Many thanks to Tedine Roos for providing the beautiful flower arrangements that have added such beauty to the chancel during the

summer months. We appreciate Tedine's sharing of her talents as well as her flowers.

## "For I Was Hungry"

"For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you gave me clothing ... truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." —Matthew 25:35, 36, 40

Many, many members of Emmaus support the ministries of providing food and shelter to those who are most vulnerable in our community. Baking casseroles, cakes and making jello for the Community Meal at St. Pat's, giving food and money to the Northside Food Pantry, and making donations of food, time and money to the REST shelter program involves

dozens of people. Thank you to each and every one who reaches out!

A special thank you goes to three people who have provided leadership in these ministries. While they continue to support these programs, this fall they are passing on some of the responsibilities as coordinators to other volunteers.

Among those to be honored on September 21, Appreciation Sunday, are Pat Liesch (REST) and Margaret and Bob Christensen (Community Meals and Northside Food Pantry). Their compassion, dedication and hard work has affected the lives of "the least of these" as they have modeled for us what it is to be servants in Christ's name.

## New REST Leadership Named

To assure the smooth running of our Friday night REST homeless shelter, three persons are assuming leadership roles. Chris Lamberton will be responsible for the staffing and operation of the program on the second and fourth Fridays each month.

Kris Veenstra is the new food coordinator, and she will count on volunteers to do much of the shopping and serving. Kris will be the primary cook, and other volunteers will provide jellos, cakes and other additions to the main meal.

Kris' husband, Gary, will coordinate the inventory of supplies and will keep the REST storage areas in order.

Atonement Lutheran Church takes responsibility for staffing the alternate Friday nights. A third church is being sought to cover the three "fifth Fridays" that will occur during the REST season.

In addition to donated items and items received through the local food bank, approximately \$200 is needed each month for fresh food, produce and paper supplies. Will you consider adopting a week? For \$50, one week's needs for the operation of this important program can be met.

Donations in any amount may be made to Emmaus Lutheran Church with "REST" noted on the memo line of the check.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal October 1

by Cindi & Loren Larsen

It is with a great deal of gratitude that we extend our thanks to Margaret and Bob Christensen for their many years as coordinators for the Community Meal program at Emmaus. They have decided to step down as the coordinators. Thank you Margaret and Bob for your many years of faithful leadership in this important community effort.

We are pleased to announce that June and Al Beck and Marge



and Lyle Zielke have volunteered to step into the Community Meal coordinator position for our church. Emmaus prepares dishes for the St. Patrick site on the first Thursday of every even numbered month. Thank you's are extended to Marge, Lyle, June, and Al for assuming this important position.

With thank you's in mind, we wish to extend our thanks to our Emmaus family for their continued support in preparing dishes for this community effort to help others in need. Our next meal sign up will be in late September for the October 1 Thursday meal.

## Watch for REST Sign Up Sheet

We kick off another REST year for Emmaus on Friday evening, October 3. Please check out the sign up sheet in the narthex, for your choice of times. If you would rather work another time than listed, please contact Chris Lamberton (639-1712).

Deodorant Month

REST's Item of the Month program will again encourage donations of specific items for each month for this REST year. These items will be fairly inexpensive, and are needed by the REST guests frequently. In the month of



### Homeless Shelter

September, please bring in new deodorants, to be given to the REST guests as the need arises.

We will have a basket in the narthex for these items. Other "months" coming up as winter closes in on us will be for new white socks, mittens, hats, toothbrushes, etc. Watch to see what the

item is for October! Thanks!

REST anticipates another year of heavy demand for homeless shelters. Whether you can volunteer your time or your talents, please consider doing so this year.

## Food Donations Welcome

Pat Liesch will feed the homeless on Saturdays through the month of September. She would appreciate any donations of

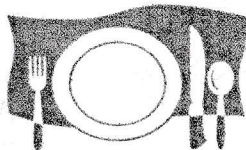
casseroles and desserts.

You can reach her at 835-1363.

## REST Banquet Marks Tenth Year of Program

County Executive Bill McReynolds will be the speaker at a fund-raising banquet marking the tenth anniversary of the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) on Thursday, September 18.

The REST Board will honor several people who have been instrumental to the homeless shelter program.



Individual tickets are \$30 or \$50 for a couple. Individuals and organizations may also sponsor a table of ten for \$300. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:00.

Contact Donna Bumpus at the REST office, 818 Sixth Street.

## Seniors to Meet Twice Monthly

For the time being, the Senior Center will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Coffee is served at 10:00 a.m. with a program beginning at 10:30. A noon lunch is also served.

Would you be willing to prepare or serve a lunch? Do you

have suggestions for an interesting program? Do you have an idea of who would be a good Tuesday host or hostess?

Please call the church office if you are able to lend a hand as we make plans for the future of the Senior Center.

## Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center

### September Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Robert Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 5	Louise Nelson	2041 Case Avenue	53403
Sept. 6	Ray Olesen	1270 W. Tee Loop, Washington UT	84780
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Sept. 10	Marilyn Anderson	155 Lakefield Court	53402
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	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 28	Caroline Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405
Sept. 30	Vic Johnson	7131 Fieldview Drive #4	53406

## MEMORIALS & BEQUESTS

Non-designated memorials

In memory of James E. Larsen: \$250.00

Memorials designated to Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Harry & Connie Clinton: \$450.00

Memorials designated to 2001—A Faith Odyssey Fund:


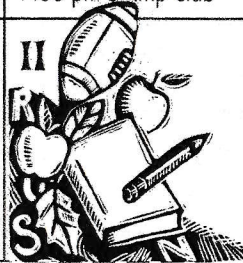
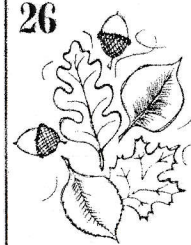
In memory of James E. Larsen: \$50.00

Peter I. Connet bequest: \$1,000.00



Memorial Gifts



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>September, 2003</p> <p>Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 634-5515</p>	<p><b>1</b> LABOR DAY Office closed</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:00 pm WELCA Board</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm Choir picnic at Christensens, 1019 Hwy. V</p>	<p><b>4</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Sunday School Shepherds workshop leaders 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>7</b> 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RALLY DAY 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: LBW #2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School Rally Activities</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30 pm Church Council meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>		<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Mary out of town September 9 - 19</i></p>						
<p><b>14</b> 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY CROSS DAY 9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>15</b> Church secretary on vacation this week</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 11:00 am Cluster Clergy 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>17</b> CITIZENSHIP DAY</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 am Book Club</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:00 pm: Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>Pastor Mary out of town September 9 - 19</i></p>						
<p><b>21</b> 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ST. MATTHEW; APPRECIATION SUNDAY 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion; recognition of service 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>22</b> October <i>Visitor</i> articles due</p>	<p><b>23</b> 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30 pm Orientation for 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation</p>	<p><b>25</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>		<p><b>27</b> ROSH HASHANAH 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>28</b> 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer. 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>29</b> ST. MICHAEL &amp; ALL ANGELS</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2:30 pm EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), to 5:15 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>October 1 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class</p>	<p>2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>4 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>

## September Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Aug. 30 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Aug. 31		Tedine Roos	Team 2	JoAnn Weishan
Sept. 6 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Velzka			Acolytes
Sept. 7 9:15 am	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	Gregg Albright	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Brian Field Andrew Reischl
Sept. 13 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen Tedine Roos			
Sept. 14 9:15 am		Al Svendsen	Team 4 John Cook	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman
Sept. 20 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Sept. 21 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Sandi Zeleski	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
Sept. 27 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
Sept. 28 5:00 pm		Kelsey Albright	Team 1 Harold Miller	Tanya Rasmussen Hailey Sommer
Oct. 4 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Oct. 4 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Bev Hansen, Tedine Roos	Lee Woodward	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kelsey Albright Brian Field

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Sept. 7	David Anderson	Lambertons		Karen Sedgwick
Sep. 14	Don & Dolly Orth	Ginny Haugsby	Evelyn Larsen	
Sep. 21	Harley Slater	Council		Chris Lamberton
Sep. 28	Toslek	<i>Please</i>		
Oct. 5	Lyle Christensen	<i>sign up!</i>	Ruth Estep	Shirley Velzka

## A Full Summer It Was!

This past summer at Emmaus was filled to the brim with activities for children and youth and many volunteer opportunities for adults. Hundreds and hundreds of hours were given by dozens and dozens of people in the following areas: children's library, Neighborhood Camp, painting and cleaning the "old Sunday School office," Mass on the Grass and Neighborhood Carnival, and Pre-School Vacation Bible School.

Rich and Kathy Christensen, Ray Rommelfaenger, John Cook, Nancy Smith and Kylee Albright took care of the painting and cleaning. Gregg Albright and Dave Smith put in the new shelves in the children's library.

Kelsey Albright, Kylee Albright, Kaitlin Harris-Lange, Kris Smith, Kathy Cook, Ruth Copeland, Maegen and Caroline Crehan, Gerry Dykstra, Evelyn Larsen, Jennifer Haman and Nancy Smith assisted with cataloguing and shelving of books.

Many had significant roles in the success of Neighborhood Camp. Once again, Dolly and Don Orth, together with family members Wendy Kolbo, Jackie Orth and others, provided tasty, creative meals on a shoestring budget.

Among others who volunteered their time for camp were Marge Zielke, Al Svendsen, Kathy Christensen, Pat Jensen, June Beck, Carol Eschmann, Cindi Larsen, Ruth Copeland, Nate Lamberton,

Kylee and Kelsey Albright, Brian Field.

Others provided baked goods and other treats for the campers.

We want to thank several people for making the Neighborhood Carnival a success: Sandi and Nick Zeleski and family; Carol Yust; Lisa Ziehlke; Chris Hansen; Don and Dolly Orth; Don & Jackie, Andrew and Nick Orth; Perry Kolbo; Caren, Chris, Ashley, Nate & Ryan Lamberton; June & Al Beck; Kathy & John Cook; Kris & Dave Smith & family; Brenda Gieszler; Kaitlyn Harris-Lange; Gregg, Kylee, Nathan & Kelsey Albright; Nancy & Art Smith; Celia Bagley; Joy Lippmann; Traci Jansen and family; Linda & Bill Meteyard; Marty Aiken; Denise, Jerry, Danielle & Justin Pipol; Kristen Clinton; Denise & Brian Keller & family; Cindi & Loren Larsen; Brian & Julie Field; Steve Anderson; Art & Diane Rode; Justin Haman; Pastor Sharon; Pastor Mary; Valerie, Will & Caroline Crehan; Tedine Roos and those behind the scenes who baked cookies and cakes for the day.

While so many names have been mentioned, it is almost inevitable that some have been omitted. To all those, named and unnamed, who contributed so generously of their time this summer, a huge thank you and kudos for your energy and enthusiasm for the on-going ministry of Emmaus. It truly is a huge team effort!

# Neighborhood Camp Photo Album



## 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:

Dave and Marilyn Andersen, in honor Marilyn's grandson, Matt Nelson, and his new bride, Tracy.

Marty and Kathryn Aiken, in celebration of Marty's birthday.

## Fall Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should receive their offering envelopes for October, November, December and January in the mail sometime this

month. Please watch for your set of envelopes, and if they have not arrived by September 29, please contact the church office.

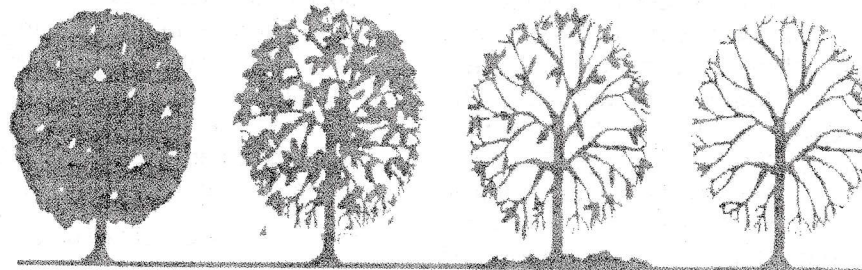
### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, July:	2001: 132	2002: 120	2003: 121
Average weekly attendance, August:	2001: 139	2002: 123	2003: 127*
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2001: 156	2002: 143	

\*Average calculated as of August 24, 2003

### Financial Figures

Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in June	\$11,593.00	
Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in July	\$11,570.89	YTD 90,056.80
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June	\$324.00	
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July	\$510.00	YTD \$2,449.00
Unified budget receipts for June-July	\$23,997.89	YTD \$92,505.80
2001 Fund offerings in June & July	\$202.00	CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$104,564.12
July-Aug. mortgage payments: Principal	\$1,197.12	
Interest	\$734.88	
Total	\$1,932.00	
Principal balance as of July 14, 2003	\$53,147.57	



## Privacy Law Affects Church Notification

Federal Privacy Laws (HIPPA) have gone into effect. These laws are intended to protect your personal information from being used or shared in any unauthorized way.

What this means for you is when you are admitted to the hospital, you must give the hospital permission to inform your church that you are a patient in the hospital. When you are admitted to the hospital, do the following:

1. Make it very clear to the admitting clerk what church you belong to and that you want your church informed of your admission.
2. Call your church and inform your pastor directly that you are in the hospital and would welcome a visit.
3. If you wish to be on the church prayer list, let the church know you wish to be included in the list.

## ELCA Approves Statement on Health Care

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, met in Milwaukee Aug. 11-17 at the Midwest Airlines Center. About 2,100 people participated, including 1,031 ELCA voting members. The theme for the biennial assembly is "Making Christ Known: For the Healing of the World."

### Health Care Statement

The Assembly adopted a social statement on health and health care, "Caring for Our Health: Our Shared Endeavor." The assembly adopted the statement Aug. 15 by a vote of 935-34.

There was some discussion on a proposal to remove a sentence from the text that addressed

malpractice costs. It said increased costs force medical professionals to leave poorer areas of the country, creating shortages of qualified workers in rural and inner-city locations.

The Rev. David E. Monsen, voting member, ELCA Southwestern Washington Synod, argued that the language should be removed because rising malpractice costs are only one of the reasons why health care providers move from rural areas.

The assembly decided to drop the sentence about the increase in malpractice costs from the text it adopted. The introduction to the social statement states: "Health is central to our well-being, vital to

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relationships, and helps us live out our vocations in family, work and community. Caring for one's own health is a matter of human necessity and good stewardship. Caring for the health of others expresses both love for our neighbors and responsibility for a just society. As a personal and social responsibility, health care is a shared endeavor."

The social statement addresses the church and health care crisis. "The Christian Church is called to be an active participant in fashioning a just and effective health care system," the statement said. "We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have an enduring commitment to work for and support health care for all people as a shared endeavor."

The text discusses health, health care, illness and healing from a biblical and theological perspective. It addresses public health services, whole patient care, caregiver support, research and technology development, and professional education. The statement advocates for equitable access to health care for all, and suggests ethical guidance for individuals and families.

### Vice President

The 2003 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

has elected Carlos Pena, Galveston, Texas, to serve a six-year term as vice president, the highest elected lay position in the church.

"I have been called and I look forward to serving the church," said Pena." I humbly accept the challenge."

Pena, who is the first man elected to the position, is the president of Kleen Supply Co, Inc. Galveston, and C.M. Distributing, Houston, which grew from a company his father founded. His first job after college was as a music teacher at the high school he graduated from, and he still keeps a trombone in his trunk "just in case."

Pena serves on the regional governing board of Christus Health Care and as vice president of Galveston Historical Foundation. In the ELCA, he has served as vice president of the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod and as a member of the ELCA Church Council, in addition to leadership at First Lutheran Church, Galveston, Texas.

### Evangelism

The 2003 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted "Sharing Faith in a New Century: A Vision for Evangelism in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America" August 13.

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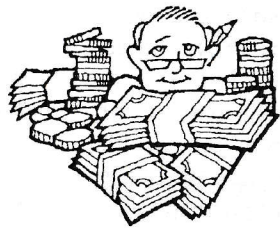
By a 933 to 42 vote, Sharing Faith in a New Century became the official evangelism strategy for the ELCA. The assembly commended the strategy for “study and implementation by congregations, congregational leaders, synods, synod leaders, churchwide units and institutions and agencies” of the church.

It affirmed the four major objectives of the plan — calling the church to prayer, preparing and renewing evangelical leaders, teaching discipleship and starting and renewing congregations— and, the assembly referred the strategy to the ELCA Office of the Presiding Bishop for inclusion in the church’s overall strategic plan and to the “appropriate” churchwide units for study and implementation.

### Treasurer’s Report

ELCA treasurer, Christina L. Jackson-Skelton, reported positive fiscal news coupled with caution for upcoming years. “The churchwide organization completed fiscal years 2002 and 2001 with an excess of revenue over expense in its current budgeted operations,” Jackson-Skelton said. Since the report to the 2001 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, revenue exceeded expenses by approximately \$3.3 million in 2001 and \$800,000 in 2002.

For the first time since 1994, mission support dollars — unrestricted income from congregations given through synods to the churchwide organization — declined in 2002. In 2001, congregations gave \$69.5 million, but in 2002 gave \$68.8 million, a decrease of \$700,000.



“The trend of the past two years for flat or declining mission support appears to be continuing in 2003,

and projections from synods for 2004 are again below expected levels,” according to Jackson-Skelton, who called this “an area of growing concern.”

On August 16, the assembly adopted budgets for 2004 and 2005 Aug. 16. For 2004, the budget was approved at current fund fiscal year income of \$84,310,000, and World Hunger income was approved at \$16,250,000. For 2005, the budget was approved at current fund fiscal year income of \$85,140,000, and World Hunger income was approved at \$16,500,000. World Hunger income is designated for addressing chronic hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world.

Three major purposes to which funds are directed in the approved budget are 24.2% to

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vocation and leadership; 23.9% to worship and evangelism outreach; and 19.3% to service and justice work.

Significant expenses in the proposal are \$37 million toward financial support grants to congregations, seminaries, global companion ministries and many other entities; \$29.1 million toward staff compensation; and \$6.7 million to retiree health benefits.

### Middle East

The Assembly affirmed by a 910 to 64 vote the church body’s support for Lutheran ministries in the Middle East.

Included in the assembly’s action is reaffirmation of the ELCA’s “commitment to accompany the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan (and Palestine) [ELCJ] and its ecumenical and interfaith partners, to carry out public policy and human rights advocacy on their behalf, and to offer humanitarian relief and development assistance.”

In the same action, the assembly voted to affirm the ELCA Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East, asking that congregations and church members “hold all people of the Middle East in their prayers”; and to ask that the ELCA continue advocacy efforts related to a tax

case that Israel is pursuing against the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) that threatens its ability to provide humanitarian services and health care for Palestinians through the LWF-run Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount of Olives.

By a 958 to 18 vote, the assembly acted to endorse “The First Alexandria Declaration of the Religious Leaders of the Holy Land,” a document signed in Alexandria, Egypt, in January 2002 following a summit of Muslim, Christian and Jewish religious leaders in the Middle East.

The Alexandria Declaration says, in part, “According to our faith traditions, killing innocents in the name of God is a desecration of His Holy Name, and defames religion in the world. ... We call

upon all to oppose incitement, hatred and misrepresentation of the other.”

### Christian Churches Together

Voting members adopted an action to join Christian Churches Together (CCT), a new ecumenical organization. “The purpose of Christian Churches Together is to enable churches and national Christian organizations to grow closer together in Christ in order to strengthen our Christian witness in

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the world," the recommendation said.

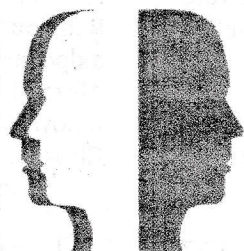
The assembly adopted the action with a vote of 918 to 48. Christian Churches Together expects to be officially launched in 2005 with 25 founding member organizations.

### Sexuality Issues

Voting members voted 687-278 against altering the time line set for the church's Studies on Sexuality process.

The 2001 ELCA Churchwide Assembly called for a study that would lead to possible recommendations to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly on whether or not to bless same-gender relationships and whether or not people in such relationships should be pastors of the church. The 2001 assembly also asked the ELCA Division for Church in Society to draft and propose a social statement on human sexuality.

The ELCA Division for Ministry, which develops standards for the church's pastors and lay ministers, and the Division for Church in Society prepared a time line to conduct a joint churchwide study of issues related to homosexuality to meet the mandates of the 2001 assembly. That study would inform the



drafting of a social statement on human sexuality for the 2007 Churchwide Assembly to consider.

In a separate vote, the 2003 assembly defeated a resolution that would suspend the ELCA's full communion relationship with The Episcopal Church until after the conclusion of the ELCA's Studies on Sexuality and until the ELCA has made a decision on whether or not to bless same-gender relationships and whether or not people in such relationships should be pastors or lay ministers of the church.

### Race Issues

By a vote of 915 to 53, the assembly adopted a recommendation from the memorials committee to reaffirm the values and goals in the ELCA's 1993 social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture." That statement, in the words of the memorials committee, calls on the ELCA to "confront racism, give public leadership and witness of racial-justice issues, and persevere in our mission and ministry in a multi-cultural society."

### Constitution and By-Laws

Members declined to begin a process that could lead to expanding the ELCA Church Council from 37 to 69 voting members — one member

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elected by each of the ELCA's 65 synods plus its four churchwide officers. Council members are currently elected by the churchwide assembly.

The assembly voted 643-320 to adopt a recommendation of the memorials committee to affirm the current model of the Church Council, with 37 voting members, as the churchwide board of directors. That vote came after a more narrow 428 to 554 vote against considering a substitute motion that would have reaffirmed a request of the 2001 Churchwide Assembly to consider expanding the Church Council.

Members defeated 205-701 a proposal to require a majority of its synod assemblies to ratify any amendments to the ELCA constitution. The proposal would have amended the ELCA's constitution by giving the 65 synods a year to ratify or not any constitutional amendments approved by a churchwide assembly.

A similar proposal that would have required congregations to ratify any churchwide ecumenical agreements or standards for pastors failed the day before, 254-733.

The assembly also declined to remove a constitutional reference to the ELCA's Slovak Zion Synod, its only non-geographical synod. The ELCA has 65 synods, of which 64 have geographical boundaries.

ELCA constitutional provision

10.02 says, "Each congregation, except those which are in partnership with the Slovak Zion Synod, shall establish a relationship with the synod in whose territory it is located." The Church Council recommended dropping the specific reference in the exception to the Slovak Zion Synod as unnecessary because the matter is addressed in an ELCA bylaw.

The Rev. Wilma J. Kucharek, bishop of the Slovak Zion Synod, said the current wording is important because it provides a constitutional guarantee of the synod's relationship to its congregations rather than a bylaw provision, which is more easily changed.



I wish to contribute:  \$1,000  \$750  \$500  
 \$300  \$100  \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

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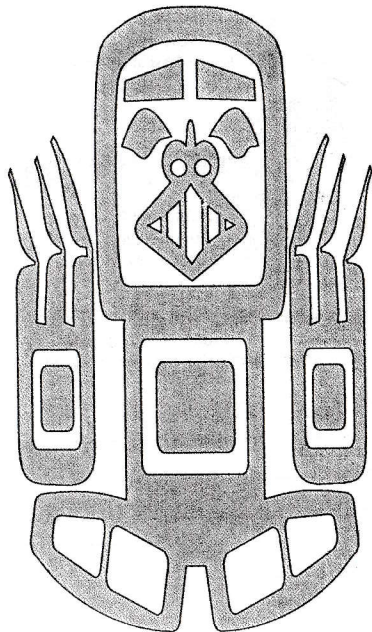
# Fall Brunch

Women of the ELCA  
Racine Mission Cluster

Saturday morning,  
September 27, 2003  
8:30 (registration) to 12:00 noon

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church  
1700 S. Green Bay Road  
(Handicap accessible)

## IN THE SPIRIT



The Lakota People of South Dakota, Native Americans can use our help and understanding, a fellowship outreach of compassion.

1 Timothy 6:18  
"...do good...

be rich in kindly actions...  
be ready to give to others and to  
sympathize with those in distress"

Cost \$4.00

Each church must call in its paid  
reservation count by September 22

Phone 886-4948



### Elsewhere In Our Area

## St. Michael's Sponsors Jazz Café

You are invited to dust off your dancing shoes and join other Christians from Racine on September 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Women's Club of Racine, 840 Lake Avenue for St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Jazz & More Café.

Tickets are \$15.00 at the door, and include a live, professional jazz band, an assortment of snacks, desserts and coffee. Wine and beer will also be for sale.

## What Is Lutheran Marriage Encounter?

A Marriage Encounter weekend is an opportunity for a husband and wife to enrich their relationship apart from the everyday world. Four presenting couples, including a pastoral couple, offer a series of presentations followed by assignments the couples work on in the privacy of their hotel room.

Marriage Encounter is not therapy and there are no group discussions. It doesn't "rock the boat" nor does it ask people to change who they are.

Instead, the couples gain a renewed appreciation of each other as well as an understanding of God's love in their marriage. It is

beneficial for couples who already have a good marriage and hope to make it even better as well as for those marriages that have lost their luster.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is September 26-28 at the Sheraton in Brookfield. No one is turned away for financial reasons. For more information, contact Bill and Zoe Eckblad in Pleasant Prairie at 262-942-9633 or visit [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org)

## Lutherdale Auctions Quilts Sept. 6

Lutherdale's Fest and Quilt Auction will be Saturday September 6 from 9:00 to 4:00. Enjoy this festive day of food, fun, quilts, and collectibles. There is something for everyone.

Quilts may be previewed Friday, September 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; snacks and a light lunch will be available. Silent bids on quilts will be taken on Friday, although no sales will be made until Saturday.

Lutherdale is located on Highway 12 seven miles north of Elkhorn. Call 262-742-2352 for more information.



## North Cape Hosts Fish Boil

North Cape Lutheran Church, on Highway 45 about ¾ mile north of Highway K, invites you to their nineteenth annual All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 27, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$9.50 for adults, \$5.50 for kids 6-11.

The menu includes boneless, skinless ocean cod smothered in butter (or margarine on request), new jacketed potatoes, boiled carrots and onions, dessert and a beverage. Watch the "masters" cook the meal outdoors over an open wood fire.

Proceeds will be used for church fellowship and outreach activities. For information or reservations, call the church office, 835-2206 mornings.

## Siena Center Offers Parables, Mysticism, and T'ai Chi

Here are some programs offered at the Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street:

Zita Kripavicius, OP, will facilitate "Praying with the Parables — Evenings of Prayer." *Sower and the Seed* is on Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Every seed carries the potential to become what it is intended to be when it is fully grown, and its growth depends on the soil it's planted in. We are seed to be sown. During this evening prayer, we'll reflect on our own potential to be seed, scattered and sown.

Gail Ross leads "Mornings with Mystics" on Thursday, September 18 at 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Discuss Evelyn Underhill, a modern English mystic (d. 1941) who wrote and lectured extensively on mysticism.

Ann Kelley presents "T'ai Chi for Transformation and Healing" on Thursdays, September 25 and October 2, 9, 23 and 30 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. This series is an opportunity to learn T'ai Chi Chih as a healing practice to bring balance and harmony to the body, mind and spirit. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

For any of these and other Siena Center programs, contact Sister Rita Lui at 639-4100, extension 1230.



## Pastor Mary's Column

### ¡Gracias!

It's not November, the typical month to be expressing words of thanks and gratitude, But you know what? I can't wait until November to communicate how grateful I am for the entire Emmaus community. You know how to give of your resources, your time and your love. It's because of your generosity that Emmaus is perceived in the community as a rich church.

And rich we are! We may not have the top budget or the top membership among ELCA churches in Racine, but that does not stop abundance from being a reality.

The cup overflows when neighbors come to us and say, "Thank you for being such an important part of our neighborhood." Blessings abound when the principal of Wadewitz School tells Marty Aiken that we have no idea of the impact of the Emmaus-Wadewitz connection and the mentoring program. The model is being affirmed by other schools and churches, and others are now asking how they might connect in their neighborhoods.

New kids are registering for

Sunday School because of connections that have been made through the Teen Parenting Day Care or through Neighborhood Camp.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter to see the scores of names of those who have said, "Yes!" And, there are so many others who go unrecognized — from those who weed the flower beds to those who send cards and notes to those who hold the Emmaus community in prayer.

I want to personally thank the Church Council for granting me an extra week of time in order to go to North Dakota this month to help my mother move. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to take "comp" time and personal time and spend some time for that purpose.

Emmaus, you are a very giving community, and I am proud that you are eager to look beyond our walls as we do ministry. You truly have hearts of mission, compassion and outreach, and it is a privilege to be your pastor!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Mary". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Pastor Mary".





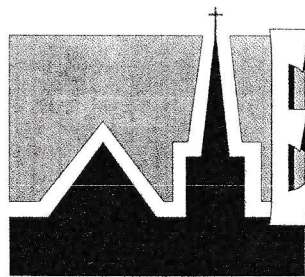
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September  
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- ★ *Rally Day Kicks Off Sunday School 2003*
- ★ *Atlanta Gathering Celebrates Spirit of Ubuntu*
- ★ *Women of ELCA Welcome Visitors to Convention*
- ★ *Appreciation Sunday Honors Lay Leaders and Volunteers*
- ★ *Adult Choir Picnic*
- ★ *CROP Walk September 28*
- ★ *Membership Listing Planned*
- ★ *REST Begins Tenth Year Serving Homeless*
- ★ *Churchwide Assembly Report*

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## Tenth Graders to Be Confirmed October 26

The following tenth graders are completing their preparation to publicly affirm their baptism:

Chris Buelow  
Kally Jansen  
Vanessa Kossack  
Amy Meteyard  
Andy Reischl

These Emmaus tenth graders will affirm their Baptisms at the 9:15 a.m. worship service on October 26.

Confirmands will have their picture taken after the service at the

front of the church. Please be sure to be at the church with your alb on and boutonniere pinned at 9:00 a.m.

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 18; if there is a particular Bible translation you prefer, it may be best to get the verse to the office on paper.

### Inside the October Visitor:

📖 Bibles Given to 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

📖 Racine Lutherans Celebrate "A Time to Be Born" Nov. 7

📖 Mentoring, EASY Programs

📖 REST Begins 10<sup>th</sup> Year

📖 Thrivent Sponsors "Luther" Movie Matinee Oct. 4

📖 Sunday School Meets Noah

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funerals:

Donald F. Velzka  
September 15, 2003

Don Velzka passed away on September 11. Retired from S.C. Johnson and Piggly Wiggly, Don was a Navy veteran and an avid golfer. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, children Kerry and Kevin Hunter, Janet Fox, Judy Winsall, John Velzka, Sheri Lewis, and Shawn Douglas. Rev. Paul Nuechterlein led the service.



Lyle D. Torine  
September 16, 2003

Lyle Torine, a member of Carpenters Union Local #161, was an eager volunteer of his trade skills. He put in many hours at his favorite charity, the Cops 'n' Kids program, which plans to name their library in his memory. He is survived by his wife, Pat, and three children, Dawn Torine Micko, Michael and Richard Torine, as well as grandchildren and other relatives.



Louise Bergman Nelson  
September 22, 2003

Louise Nelson passed away September 16. She and her husband, Arlen, ran A&L Vending Company. She was retired from Lincoln Lutheran in 1980 and was active in scouting. Survivors include her husband and their three sons, Charles, Michael and Dean.



## **REST to Remember Keith Morrison**

Former REST guest Keith Morrison passed away September 12 in Racine after a brief illness. He was 38.

Pastor Mary will lead a memorial service before the opening of our REST site on Friday evening, October 3 for volunteers and

participants in the REST program.

A memorial service for members of Keith's family was held in Louisville, Kentucky on September 20. He is survived by his mother, Jean Morrison of Louisville, and siblings Karyn Adolphs, Kevin and Kelli Morrison.

## Atonement Hosts Unity Service

Make plans to attend the special worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, on Friday evening, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

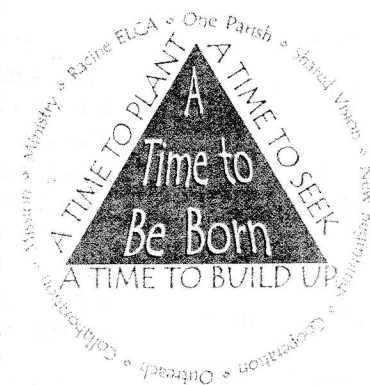
The service is planned to celebrate the new cooperation between ELCA churches in Racine. We have come to an understanding that we are not fifteen churches in competition for a limited number of members, but a single parish with fifteen sites in mission together in this place and time.

The service promises to be

very special, with our Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers preaching, and featuring music provided by the Case High School Choir under the direction of Elizabeth Steege.

On Saturday, November 8, Atonement will host an all-day retreat, "A Time to Be Born."

Members are encouraged to attend as we envision how ELCA churches can work together in Racine. Ask Pastor Mary for details.



### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: Matt Liesch, Kerry Hunter & Jeff White

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 After School for Youth (EASY) is open from 2:30 to 5:15 Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
 Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
 The *Visitor* is published monthly except July. The deadline for the November issue is October 15.

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# Story of Noah Leads Sunday School Rotations

by Denise Keller

Twenty-six children from pre-school through fifth grade participated in Rally Day activities.



To date SUNDAY SCHOOL there are 33 children enrolled in the Sunday School program.

The Sunday School has begun its first five-week rotation on the story of Noah's Ark. Noah was faithful to God, built the ark, and gathered the animals as God told him to do. God extends His covenant to Noah and all future generations on Earth as a promise never to send a great flood again. A rainbow symbolizes this covenant.

## Emmaus Donates Supplies to Wadewitz

When we learned that a number of Wadewitz children returned to school this fall without resources for needed school supplies, Valerie Crehan went shopping on behalf of Emmaus. As a result, we have made a contribution of school supplies to Wadewitz School.

Our donation consisted of 10 glue sticks, 10 large pink erasers, 40 black pens, 40 folders, 15 notebooks, 100 pencils, 10 boxes of 24-count crayons, 10 bottles of

This rotation includes art, computer, cooking, video, drama and music workshops. The fourth and fifth graders will build an Ark and put on a drama production for the younger kids.

Thank you to all the workshop leaders, shepherds, teachers and parents in helping Sunday School get off to a great start!

### November Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers for the Christmas rotation. The dates are November 2 through December 7. We are flexible and can work around your schedule if you can not commit to the five weeks. Please call Denise at 619-9911 if you are interested.

Elmer's glue, and 5 packages of notebook paper.

This contribution should help ten to fifteen children in the school with the supplies their families were unable to provide for them.

At the October 11 and 12 worship services, there will be a "noisy offering" (a call for loose pocket change) to help defray the costs of the school supplies. What a great way to help these children start their year!

# Congregation Presents Bibles to Fourth Graders

As part of the baptismal promise made by the parents and the congregation, we promise "to place the Scripture in the hands" of the baptized children among us.

Sunday, October 12, Emmaus fourth graders will receive gift Bibles at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

The parents are asked to contribute a portion of the cost of the Bible received by their child.



Members and friends who would like to contribute to the remaining cost of the Bibles may designate "Gift Bible" on the memo portion of their checks or the blank on the

upper right corner of their offering envelope.

## Youth Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Ben Torine, 2
- Oct. 5 Samantha Galligan, 14
- Oct. 8 Kaitlyn Hall, 3
- Oct. 9 Joe Ford, 9
- Oct. 9 Nichelle Slawson, 17
- Oct. 12 Madelyn Ready, 2
- Oct. 13 Adam Jaskulske, 14
- Oct. 13 Mike Liesch, 14
- Oct. 14 Collin Christman, 7
- Oct. 15 Joshua Williams, 3
- Oct. 16 Henry Yunker, 2
- Oct. 17 Aaron Smith, 10
- Oct. 18 Joey Butler, 8
- Oct. 22 Sarah Higgins, 7
- Oct. 23 Tim Koenig, 17
- Oct. 24 Kally Jansen, 15
- Oct. 26 Hailey Sommer, 14
- Oct. 31 L.J. Dexter III, 5

## Check Out Lutheran Web Site for Youth

The Lutheran magazine has established a web site for youth at <http://www.theyounglutheran.org>.

Features include "Shout Out" and "Piece of Your Mind" pages and a "Hot Seat" quiz page.

## Thank You for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following friends of Emmaus who adopted a Sunday in September. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Marty & Kathryn Aiken, saying, "Thank you to Emmaus for all you have given us."

Larry & Ruth Estep, "for the many blessings God has given us."

## EASY Begins October 7

A safe, stimulating and fun place for elementary kids to be in is the goal of EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth). In its third year, EASY opens its doors October 7 to first through fifth graders every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Under the guidance of caring adults and teenagers, neighborhood kids have an opportunity to get homework help, to use the new children's library, to engage in hands-on activities and to enjoy time for play.

Adult volunteers are needed.

Can you spare twenty minutes once or twice a month to spend with a child who will read to you? Would you be available on a one-time basis to share a hobby or interest of yours with the children? Would you like to be a helper on an as-needed basis?



Valerie Crehan

In addition to volunteers, paid positions are available for two individuals 16 years old or older. The rate of pay is \$20.00 for each

afternoon of work.

Contact Valerie Crehan (634-5515) for more information.

## ELCA Awards \$278,000 'In The City for Good' Grants

CHICAGO (ELCA, Sep. 23) — The "In the City for Good" Fund Team of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) awarded 44 grants totaling \$278,000 in 2003 to revitalize ELCA ministries in urban areas. Grants ranged from \$1,000 for Project Hope in Houston to \$30,000 for the Noah's Ark Community Coffee House in Davenport, Iowa.

Among these grants was \$10,000 for Racine's ELCA Neighborhood Camps this past summer.

The fund team received 123 applications, with requests for a total of more than \$2.1 million in funding. It can allocate up to \$500,000 each year. This year the

team awarded grants to projects in 20 states and Puerto Rico.

"This year we had more requests than ever from sites around the ELCA," said the Rev. David D. Daubert, the program's director and executive for renewal of congregations, ELCA Division for Outreach.

The fund was created with money from several sources, including an initial \$1 million grant from the Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation. Lutheran Brotherhood merged with Aid Association for Lutherans to form Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a fraternal benefit society based in Minneapolis.

## More Mentors Needed

Adult mentors for first through third graders at Wadewitz School will again serve as an important part of Emmaus' outreach ministry.

Each adult spends one hour per week with the same child for the entire school year, meeting during the school day. The scheduling is coordinated to accommodate the availability of the mentors. Training will be provided for new mentors.

Marty Aiken has directed the mentoring program since its inception. He continues in that role until the end of October when he and Kathryn move to Japan. Marty's work has provided for a strong beginning to the Kids Hope program as he has faithfully spent countless hours with Wadewitz staff, Emmaus mentors, and neighborhood children and their families.

He has recruited and trained mentors (26 active mentors during the past school year), listened to the needs of Wadewitz, assigned and scheduled mentors and provided ongoing support to all involved. Wadewitz, Emmaus, and Barnes & Noble (where the coffee shop serves as his "office") have become homes away from home as Marty has made important connections and nurtured them with care.

So many lives have been touched as a result of Marty's dedication, compassion and hard work during the past three years. Thank you, Marty!

We now welcome Valerie

Crehan as director of the mentoring program. New to Emmaus, Valerie will need our support as she assumes this important role.

Due to a high number of mentors who have moved away, new mentors are needed for this school year. To learn more, contact Valerie or Marty during October. They would love to hear from you — the life of a child (not to mention your life) could be positively changed if you respond to God's call to serve as a mentor.

## End of Daylight Savings Time Offers Possibilities

by Ty M. Fleiss

Have you ever wondered how the worship service starts? What the opening school bell sounds like from less than a block away? Whether there are any good parking spaces earlier in the morning?

If you are a habitually late person, October 26 brings a chance for you to turn over a new leaf. On Saturday night, all of your friends and neighbors will turn their clocks back one hour to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time.

Here's your chance to set your clock back only 45 minutes... or half an hour... or not at all! Surprise everyone you know by showing up for work, school, appointments and church long before they expect you!

If you're like me, this trick will work until Tuesday or Wednesday.

# Lutheran World Relief Leads Health Kit Drive

by Cindi Larsen

Lutheran World Relief is again asking support of its congregations to consider the donations of health kits for its yearly drive. Below is a list of the items for the health kits.

- ▶ One hand towel (new)
- ▶ One wash cloth (new)
- ▶ One bath-size bar of any brand of soap
- ▶ One toothbrush
- ▶ One tube of toothpaste, 5 to 7 ounces
- ▶ One comb (new)
- ▶ One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached.
- ▶ Six band-aids, preferably 1/2 to 3/4 inches



Bundle all items into the towel and tie with ribbon or yarn.

In addition to the contribution of health kits, new blankets may also be purchased and brought to church. We will be boxing these donations during the week of October 5 to

deliver on October 11.

Any donations of health kits and new blankets need to be made by Sunday, October 5.

# Emmaus Serves St. Patrick's Community Meal October 2

It's Emmaus' turn to prepare and serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on October 2. (Last month's *Visitor* erroneously gave the date as October 1.) 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

servicing the meal. We meet at St. Patrick's, 1100 Erie Street, at 5:00 p.m. Contact June and Al Beck at 633-8887 or Lyle and Marge Zielke at 554-8787 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. Pat's. Thank you!

# Homeless Shelter Begins Tenth Year

Emmaus and five other Racine churches will open their doors to the homeless again this fall and winter as the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) program enters its tenth year.

Chris Lamberton has posted a sign-up sheet just off the narthex for volunteers to staff our site on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. There are five overlapping shifts each night, ranging from the early evening to the early morning.

Atonement Lutheran Church

will staff our site on the first and third Friday night of each month. A third church is being sought to cover the three "fifth Fridays" between now and April.



Kris Veenstra is our new food coordinator and cook. She welcomes volunteers to help with the shopping and serving. Contact her at 886-9208 if you can help, or

would like to contribute jellos, cakes, etc.

Please consider volunteering your time or your talents, as we anticipate another season of heavy demand for this program.

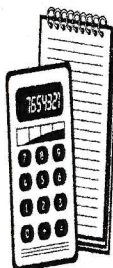
## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Aug.:	2001: 139	2002: 123	2003: 124
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	2001: 156	2002: 143	2003: 143*
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	2001: 137	2002: 164	

\*Calculated through Sept. 21, 2003

## Financial Figures

	Year to date	
General funds receipts in August	\$14,609.70	\$104,666.50
Bldg. Fund offerings received in August	\$ 280.00	\$2,729.00
Unified funds receipts in August	\$14,889.70	\$107,395.50
Campaign total		
2001 Fund offerings received in August	\$75.00	\$104,639.12
September mortgage payments	Principal	\$604.74
	Interest	\$361.26
	Extra principal	\$1,317.00
	Total	\$2,283.00
Principal balance as of August 12, 2003		\$53,147.57



Letters

# Velzka Family Gives Thanks for Support

Dear friends,

We would like to thank the Emmaus family for all their kind

expressions of sympathy and their prayers in the loss of our husband and father, Don Velzka.

—Shirley Velzka and family

## Memorials

**Non-designated memorials:**

In memory of Don Velzka: \$125.00

**Designated for Building Fund:**

In memory of Thomas Schoenleben: \$25.00

In memory of Mary Schultz: \$628.00

**Designated for Pastor's Discretionary Fund:**

In memory of Michael Kaprelian \$100.00

**Designated for Upstairs Kitchen:**

In memory of Mary Schultz: \$10.00



# ELCA Unveils Proposal For New Churchwide Structure

CHICAGO (ELCA, Sep. 16) — On Sept. 15 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Office of the Presiding Bishop unveiled a proposal that the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, will present to the ELCA Church Council in November. The proposal would reorganize the churchwide structure of the 5 million-member church in February.

The proposal is to eliminate 41 of about 500 staff positions and create 18 new staff positions under a new structure. The ELCA would retain three offices; its six divisions would become five departments; the

work of its two commissions would be deployed to several strategic areas in the organization; its current six departments would become service units of the offices, and several new service units would be created.

The proposal is also to phase out the existing boards of divisions, steering committees of commissions and advisory committees of departments. It asks the Church Council to develop amendments to the ELCA Constitution, eliminating boards and steering committees, for

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# October Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Oct. 4 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Oct. 5 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Bev Hansen, Tedine Roos	Lee Woodward	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kelsey Albright Brian Field
Oct. 11 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann			
Oct. 12 9:15 am		Karen Christensen	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Andrew Reischl Justin Haman
Oct. 18 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Oct. 19 9:15 am	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Randy Sanders	Team 4 John Cook	Kally Jansen Amy Meteyard
Oct. 25 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Oct. 26 5:00 pm		Ron Jensen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Tanya Rasmussen Hailey Sommer Nathan Lamberton Brian Field
Nov. 1 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Nov. 2 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Carol Eschmann	Team 1 Harold Miller	TBA

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Oct. 5	Lyle Christensen	Balthazars		Shirley Velzka
Oct. 12	Brian & Denise Keller	Eschmann	Ruth Estep	
Oct. 19	Harley Slater	J & K Cook		Kathy Christensen
Oct. 26	Cindi & Loren Larsen	C. Weber		
Nov. 2	H & M Jensen	<i>Please sign up!</i>	M. Schroth	Caren Lamberton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October, 2003</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church emmaus@execpc.com ☎ 262 634-5515 📍 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine</p>			<b>1</b> 1:00 pm Lydia Circle 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>2</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Special showing of "Luther" at Regency Mall Cinema 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>5</b> THE 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Baptism and Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>6</b> YOM KIPPUR 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>11</b> SUKKOT LWR boxcar loading 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>GMS Women of ELCA Convention, Resurrection</i>						
<b>12</b> THE 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer; presentation of Bibles 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>13</b> COLUMBUS DAY 6:30 pm Church council meeting 	<b>14</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>15</b> Nov. Visitor deadline 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>18</b> ST. LUKE 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
<b>19</b> THE 19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>23</b> ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>24</b> UNITED NATIONS DAY 7:00 pm REST	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 2:00 am Daylight Saving time ends — set clocks back!
<b>26</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer; Confirmation of 10 <sup>th</sup> Graders 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Confirmands' photo shoot 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Deadline for All Saints' flower orders 6:30 pm REST Board meeting	<b>28</b> ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>30</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>31</b> REFORMATION DAY 7:00 pm REST 	Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion



## Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center



Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon and games at 1:00!

### Birthdays This Month: 70 Years and Better

Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 12	Marillys Hensel	220 N. Westfield #102, Oshk.	54902
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2041 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	1724 Michigan Boulevard	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	3900 N. Main Street #323	53402
Oct. 30	Bill Christensen	1700 C. A. Becker Drive	53406
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	1720 W. Tee Loop, Washington UT	84780

# Vocation Vocation Vocation

[www.elca.org/dhes/jobs](http://www.elca.org/dhes/jobs)

## Schools. Colleges. Campus Ministry.

To learn of position openings at ELCA schools and centers, at colleges and universities, and in campus ministry, go to [www.elca.org/dhes/jobs](http://www.elca.org/dhes/jobs). Perhaps you'll find a new location for your vocation.

## Division for Higher Education and Schools (DHES)

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## Fish Fry Leads List of Events You'd Like to See

by the Orth family

The Orth family would like to thank everyone for their suggestions and help in our search for ideas for some family fun activities.

We received many ideas in response to our "Help Wanted" questionnaire asking for your preferences.

The results are in, and the most popular by far was Idea #1, the fish fry. Quite a few of you also suggested a board game night or afternoon.



We will probably plan the board game event first, with elimination rounds. We will even have first place prizes for cribbage, checkers, chess, Candy Land, Sorry, etc. Food, such as sloppy joes and hot dog plates could be sold as a way to establish a fund for future events.

The fish fry will probably be the next thing planned. More information later. Thanks again, everyone.

### WELCA Bulletins

## Emmaus Women Attend Cluster, Synod Gatherings

by Denise Keller

Betty Barth, Ruth Hlavka, Tedine Roos, Marion Keller, and Celia Weber attended the Racine Cluster Fall Brunch at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church on September 27.

Thanks to Cathy Meyer for being our delegate to the Women's Convention,

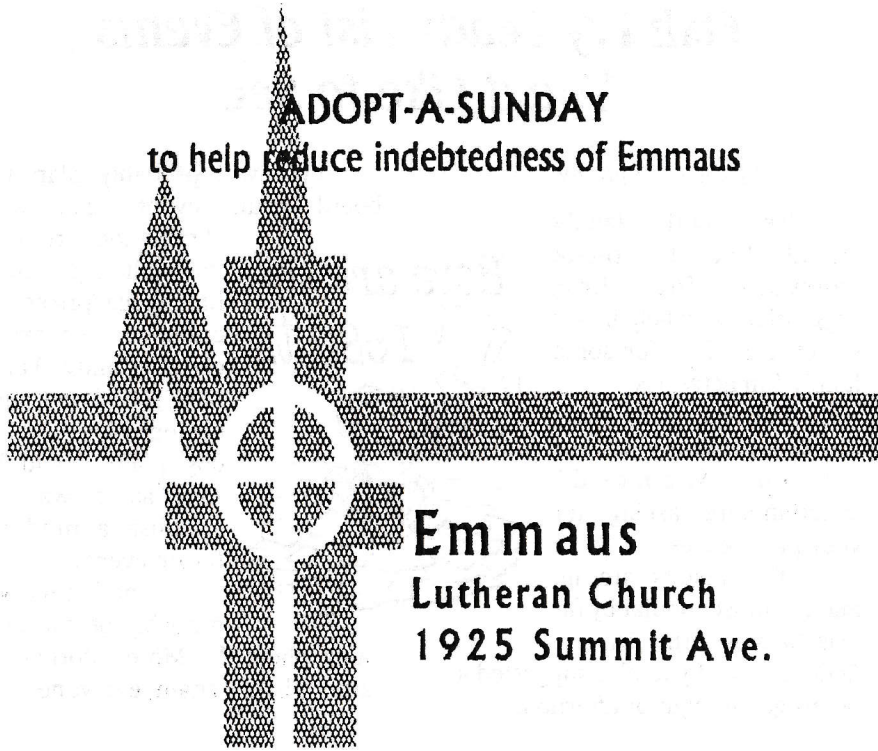
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October 10 and 11 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Betty Barth, Kris Smith, and Denise Keller have also registered to attend, and Pastor Mary is scheduled to lead the worship service on Saturday.

The next WELCA board meeting will be Monday, October 6 at 6:30 in the Sunset Room. All women are welcome to attend.

**ADOPT-A-SUNDAY**  
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



**Emmaus**  
**Lutheran Church**  
**1925 Summit Ave.**

I wish to contribute:  \$1,000  \$750  \$500  
 \$300  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_

*(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)*

Sunday to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

**ELCA Reorganization**

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presentation to the 2005 Churchwide Assembly.

The strategic planning process that preceded the proposal traces its roots to comments Hanson made at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2001, during the election process for presiding bishop, said the Rev. Charles S. Miller, executive for administration and executive assistant to the presiding bishop, ELCA Office of the Presiding Bishop.

The proposal is to eliminate the positions of executive directors for three current ELCA divisions: Division for Congregational Ministries, Division for Higher Education and Schools, and Division for Outreach. A

Department for Congregational Life and Evangelical Outreach would, under the proposal, assume many of the responsibilities of the current Division for Congregational Ministries and Division for Outreach.

Under the proposal, a Department for Youth, Education and Lay Leadership would assume some other functions of the Division for Congregational Ministries as well as many responsibilities of the current Division for Higher Education and Schools.

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM), the men's ministry of the ELCA, would be housed in the new Department for Youth, Education and Lay Leadership, with the understanding that LMM would become self-funding by 2005.

The Commission for Multicultural Ministries and Commission for Women would cease to exist under the proposal. Two executive directors would administer their functions from the Office of the Presiding Bishop. Staff responsible for the church's multicultural outreach ministries would work from the Department for Congregational Life and Evangelical Outreach.

Mission Support and Resource

Development Services is one of the new service units the proposal describes, gathering many of the church's stewardship and fundraising efforts in the Office of the Presiding Bishop. A proposed World Hunger and Poverty Ministries unit would assume responsibilities of the ELCA World Hunger Program. The proposal also describes ongoing talks to create a staff position on "public church and global relationships" in the Office of the Presiding Bishop.

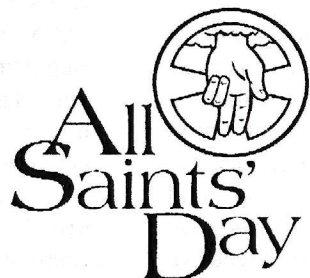


## Christians Remember Saints Gone Before Us

In celebration of All Saints Day on November 2, you are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem. All of these flowers will be placed together in an arrangement at the front of the church. Each stem will honor the memory of one person, and the names of all those honored will be listed in

the worship 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 26. Excess monies will be contributed to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



### All Saints' Day Memorial Garden

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$3.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment included: \$\_\_\_\_\_

My/Our name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## ELCA Leaders Protest Concealed Gun Bill

MADISON, WI (Sep. 9) — The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin today urged elected leaders to promote positive public safety measures and to abandon the illogical agenda of the national gun industry. It opposes the "Personal Protection Act," AB 444 and SB 214.

"The US continues to be unique in the industrialized world in its level of gun violence and the manipulation of a culture of violence that benefits gun marketers, not American families and children," stated Rev. Sue Moline Larson, director of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin. "It is a sacrilege to interpret 'Blessed are the peacemakers' as the carrying of a handgun or any weapon, concealed or otherwise. The illusion that more guns in our homes and neighborhoods will create greater safety is belied by the dreadful facts that ten young people are killed every day by guns in the United States."

ELCA documents define gun violence as a plague that must be reversed. The church urges legislative action to counter the terror for American children who are sixteen times more likely to be murdered with a gun than children in twenty-five other developed nations.

A similar bill approved in the Minnesota legislature earlier this year has resulted in a constitutional challenge by a number of religious

groups, including the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. They cite the state's constitutional protection of religious expression, and protest the law's obtrusiveness, saying that it compromises rather than protects public safety.

Lutheran religious leaders in Wisconsin agree. "Many congregations in city neighborhoods are places where children come to find safe havens from the violence in the streets. Churches are sanctuaries for children and families to share fellowship and express their faith. They should



not have to tolerate the risk of firearms being carried into their worship spaces," said Rev. Ken Wheeler, assistant to the bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA. "Legislators should have better sense than to impose this kind of 'protection' on houses of prayer and praise."

The Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs in Washington, DC, recommends more helpful policy changes for states to adopt, such as the use of trigger locks and consumer safety standards for gun sellers. The American Journal of Public Health found that 2.6 million children live in homes where firearms are stored unlocked and loaded, or unloaded but stored with ammunition. Rather than allowing the carrying of concealed

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Elsewhere in Our Area

## Churches Host Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue About "Luther"

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church and Whitnall Park Lutheran Church will host a dialogue about the movie "Luther" on Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Gathering Space, 9520 W. Forest Home Avenue, Hales Corners. (Use main church entrance.)



The new movie "Luther" opened at movie theatres in the Greater Milwaukee area September 26. This movie gives Lutheran and Roman Catholic faith communities an opportunity to grow in awareness of past differences and the historical context that led to the breakup of the Roman Catholic Church.

Acknowledging this painful past, the dialogue will help participants understand the new relationship being fostered today.

On October 31, 1999, in Augsburg, Germany, the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church signed a groundbreaking agreement on the central aspect of disagreement, The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, about the nature of grace. Local clergy with knowledge on current relations will also join us in the dialogue. All are invited to attend!

Interested persons are strongly urged to please view the movie before attending the dialogue.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To receive further information and questions to guide your viewing of the movie, sign up in person or send your name, address and/or e-mail address to St. Mary's, 414-425-2174, stmaryhc@aol.com, or Whitnall Park Lutheran, 414-425-1169, whitpark@execpc.com.

## Mt. Pleasant Hosts Festival Service October 5

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, invites members of Lutheran congregations around Racine to join them on Sunday afternoon, October 5 for a 4:00 festival service of hymns and lessons.

Organist and composer, Dr. Michael Burkhardt, will lead the worship with his inspiring compositions, hymn settings, and improvisations. Dr. Burkhardt has been the College Organist and Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College since 2000.

Pastor Mary's Column

## Strength in Unity

Pastor Elias Kitoi Nasari, missionary from Tanzania to the Greater Milwaukee Synod, shared insights and reflections as he led us in Bible study at a recent theological conference for clergy and church professionals.

Pastor Elias comes from a country where the Lutheran church is growing so fast that there are occasions when several dozen — and sometimes hundreds — of people are baptized at the same service. People are that hungry to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed!

Many are eager to walk long distances, often in the hot sun or pounding rain, to arrive for the 10:00 a.m. worship service — which then lasts for three hours. Then, after gathering for a meal together, they make their long walk back home.

Pastor Elias speaks of the Wind of God which blows throughout his land. The work of God's Spirit has inspired and led many Tanzanians to become committed Christians, dedicating their lives to following Jesus Christ.

Their faith has given them courage to speak against injustices, even if it should mean death. Isn't it

ironic that these Christians who originally heard the Good News of Jesus from American and European missionaries are now coming to us as missionaries?

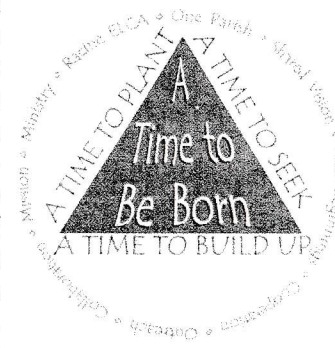
It is my hope that Emmaus might have the privilege of hosting Pastor Elias on a Sunday morning sometime during his two-year stay in Milwaukee. His witness is truly an inspiration!

As Pastor Elias commented on the decline of the mainline Christian churches in America, he tied that decline to the American emphasis on individualism. Pointing to the teachings and work of Jesus, Pastor Elias reminded us of Jesus' call for unity. It's as we see ourselves as a larger community that there is new life. We are called to be the body of Christ *together*.

I am convinced that the Lutheran churches of the ELCA in Racine are at a crossroads and that there is an opportunity for unity that should not and must not be ignored. Friday evening, November 7, there will be a joint worship service for ELCA members and friends. The 7:00 p.m. worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church will begin what is being called, "A Time to Be Born."

Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers

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# Pastor Mary's Column

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will bring his passion as he preaches that night, and the Case High School choir will sing.

While you may not have to walk long distances in sun or rain, I hope you will make attending this worship service a priority on November 7. Come expecting to be moved and inspired!

Let's do our part to fill the sanctuary on the eve of a very important day. Saturday, November 8, delegates from all fifteen ELCA churches in Racine will spend the day with the guidance of God's Spirit, dreaming and envisioning how we can work *together* in Racine.

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Delegates will choose an area of interest for discussion:

1. Jobs, food and shelter
2. Youth & Children
3. Health care, the elderly
4. Outreach, evangelism
5. Lay school for theology and leadership training.

My goal for Emmaus is that we have fourteen delegates on November 8. I'd love to hear from you if you'd like to learn more!

Yours in the Spirit,

  
Pastor Mary

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# Emmaus Visitor

November, 2003

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## Atonement Hosts Unity Service Nov. 7

Make plans to attend the special worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, on Friday evening, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The service is planned to celebrate the new cooperation between ELCA churches in Racine. We have come to an understanding that we are not fifteen churches in competition for a limited number of members, but a single parish with fifteen sites in mission together in this place and time.

Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will preach. The worship

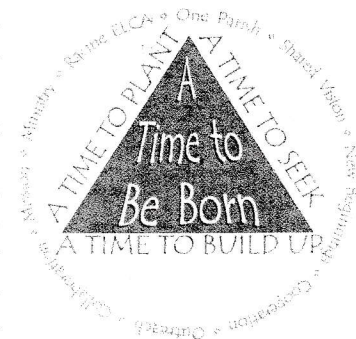
service will also feature music provided by the Case High School Choir under the direction of Elizabeth Steege.

A specialty coffee reception will follow the service at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, November 8, Atonement will host an all-day retreat, "A Time to Be Born." Rev. Al Heggen will facilitate discussion of the ELCA's mission in Racine: Where

have we been? Where are we now? What are the challenges — and most of all, what are our dreams of collaborative ministry?

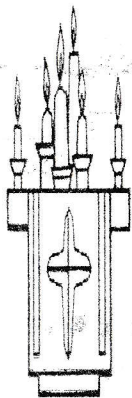
Emmaus members are encouraged to attend 8:30 to 3:00 on Saturday as we envision how ELCA churches can work together in Racine. Ask Pastor Mary for details.



# Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 1 and 2, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

Maynard William Kolbo	(Jan. 24, 1930 - Dec. 27, 2002)
Linda Unger Christman	(Oct. 21, 1948 - Jan. 2, 2003)
Harley Patrick Slater	(June 1, 1939 - Feb. 3, 2003)
Dorothy Christiansen Niva	(Nov. 26, 1922 - Mar. 21, 2003)
Tyler William Sweeney	(Jan. 11, 2003 - May 12, 2003)
Alfred Ernst Sorensen	(May 3, 1917, - May 29, 2003)
James Edward Larsen	(Aug. 24, 1941 - June 6, 2003)
Thomas J. Schoenleben	(Feb. 21, 1946 - Aug. 21, 2003)
Mary Marousek Schultz	(Sept. 15, 1916 - Aug. 23, 2003)
Donald F. Velzka	(July 4, 1930 - Sept. 11, 2003)
Lyle D. Torine	(Sept. 20, 1924 - Sept. 12, 2003)
Louise Bergman Nelson	(Sept. 5, 1932 - Sept. 16, 2003)
William R. Allen	(Mar. 6, 1907 - Oct. 3, 2003)



All Saints' Day

Signature Flowers by Randy is sending a special floral arrangement to grace our chancel in memory of these and others dear to our members. A full list of dedications appears in the November 2 worship bulletin.

Angela Henning, daughter of Al and June Beck, will be our special guest organist.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

October 5, 2002  
William Jerome Yunker

William is the son of Lisa and Casey Yunker and the grandson of Peter and Susan Bayer. His sponsors are David and Colleen Bayer.

### Funeral:

October 6, 2002  
William R. Allen

Bill Allen, father of Bev Hansen and widower of Ella (née Pedersen), passed away October 3 at age 96. He is remembered for his passions for gardening and for the Chicago Cubs.

<b>In the November Visitor:</b>	<b>•Sunday School Presents Noah</b>	<b>•REST Volunteers</b>
<b>•Thanksgiving Worship</b>		<b>•Hanging the Greens</b>
<b>•Fun and Games</b>	<b>•Appalachian Mission Trip Planning</b>	<b>•Polinsetta Order Form</b>
<b>•Giving Tree</b>	<b>•Cinnabon Sunday</b>	<b>•Holiday Gift Cards</b>

# 'Dare to Share' Sunday Turns Challenges to Opportunities Nov. 23

Stepping out to give takes courage and faith.

As we look ahead at Emmaus and ask how we are called to serve, God provides us both with challenges and with resources.

How does God want to use us, the Emmaus community, to bring hope and good news to others? What will we dare to share — both in terms of money and time — to make that happen?

Let's let the world know that we *do* trust our God — and that our God will help us turn challenges into opportunities.



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

Come to worship November 22 or 23. Be a part of a faith-filled response to God, as we say, "Yes, God, we dare to share!"

## Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Council President: Cathy Knuteson Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday  
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15.  
 Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving  
 Eve worship will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday,  
 November 27.  
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis Monday through Friday.  
 Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz The *Visitor* is published monthly except July.  
 Secretary: Paul Berge The deadline for the December issue is Nov. 15.  
 Custodians: Matt Liesch, Kerry Hunter & Jeff White



# Thanksgiving Eve Worship Features Processional Offering of Food

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry. Emmaus has contributed food and money to the Northside Pantry, located at Trinity United Methodist Church, for several years now.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line or on the upper right blanks of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity! After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. Donations at the tables will be used to finance next summer's mission trip to West Virginia.

## Holiday Gift Cards Coming Soon

Do you want to remember a loved one at Christmas, but do purchased gifts fail to give in the way you would like? Honor a loved one by giving a monetary gift in their honor to one of the following ministries supported by Emmaus:

Neighborhood Camp, EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), REST, and Racine Vocational Ministry.

In December, a gift card will be sent in your name to the person being honored.

Donor name ..... Phone .....

Address .....

Gift to ..... Neighborhood Camp ..... EASY ..... REST ..... RVM  
(indicate amount)

Gift card to: .....

Address ..... City ..... State ..... Zip .....

## Youth Sell Christmas Greenery

Our youth's fund raising event for the fall is a wreath and greenery sale. They will accept

wreath orders until Wednesday, November 26. See Gregg Albright for details.

## Come for Fun and Games November 16

Want to spend some time relaxing while playing a game of chess, checkers, Sorry, Bingo or another favorite?

Add to that friends from Emmaus, prizes, inexpensive food (hot dog and barbecue plates: \$1.00, and Dolly Orth's creme puffs: \$1.00!) and you have the

ingredients for a good time of fun and games.

Join us Sunday, November 16 from 11:30 to 2:30. Planning to come? Give the church office a call or sign up before or after worship so that Dolly can estimate how much food to prepare.

Candy Land Prizes 

free BINGO  Sunday Nov. 16<sup>TH</sup>  Checkers 

free Chess  11:30 - 2:30  free Cribbage

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Emmaus fun & fellowship   
Come One Come All 

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Food LOOK  WOW! 

\$1.00 Hot Dog Plates

\$1.00 Sloppy Joe Plates

\$1.00 Cream Puff's  @.

25¢ Soda - Coffee 

## Preparations Begin for Thankoffering Service

by Denise Keller

WELCA will promote collecting hats, scarves, and mittens for Wadewitz children this fall. Usually this occurs after Christmas with the Mitten Tree, but it was thought that these items might be needed at this time of year, too. They will be collected in the big

basket out in the narthex.

### Muffin Fund Raiser

Muffin and brownie mix gift bags will be sold for \$4.00 each again this year. Sales start November 23. Pre-sale sign-up begins November 9.

## Book Club Meets November 20

The Emmaus book club will discuss *Eat Cake* by Jean Raye at the November meeting. This month's meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. November 20. We meet on the



third Thursday of each month in the Fireside Room.

New members are welcome! You can call Marjorie Jensen for more information: 634-8754.

## Have You Seen This Book?

We're searching for the copy of the book *Guest of the Revolution* by K. Koob which was circulating several years ago among some of

the Emmaus women. If you know its whereabouts, please contact Pastor Mary or the church office.

## Cinnabon and Pie Bakers Needed

Bakers are needed for Cinnabon Sunday on November 23 and to

bake pies for the Thanksgiving Eve pie social



after the worship service on November 26.

If you are interested in baking sticky buns for Cinnabon Sunday, please talk to Carol Eschmann, 835-2372. A sign-up sheet for Thanksgiving Eve pies will be in the narthex soon.

## Sunday School Report

# Students Present Noah to Worshipers November 9

by Denise Keller

Thirty-six children have registered from preschool through fifth grade. Average weekly attendance is 28.

Noah unit was completed October 12. The fourth and fifth grades will put on their production of Noah at the November 9 service.

Sunday School students will

sing at the November 23 worship service.

Sunday School classes will focus on Prayer for two weeks and then will begin the Christmas Rotation on November 2. The Christmas program, *Signs of Christmas* by Cathy Skogen-Soldner, will be on Sunday, December

14 at 9:15 a.m.



## Sunday School Helps Needy Through Mission Projects

by Denise Keller

The Sunday School at our church is involved with mission projects each year. One of our on-going mission projects is providing non-perishables for the food pantry. There is a basket located at the top of the Sunday School stairs where these items may be placed.

Another way of supporting mission projects is with some monies collected each week from Sunday School offerings. The children are given the opportunity to give offerings each week during the Sunday School opening in the Temple Room.

Last year, our mission monies funded:

- Purchasing livestock through

Heifer Project International, which was given to impoverished families to help them become self-reliant. Last year, the Sunday School purchased four flocks of chicks, two gifts of bees, two trios of rabbits, and, with the help of the congregation, three goats.

- Creating and distributing cards at Christmas and Valentines for our church shut-ins.

New ideas for mission projects are always welcome!

We plan to continue with these projects again this year. By giving offerings and participating in the missions, we demonstrate our love of God and His works.

## Bagley, Liesch, Celebrate First Communion

Mason Bagley and Brian Liesch have met with Pastor Mary in preparation for their First Communion. They learned about the Passover, the Last Supper and present-day practices for Holy Communion.

After expressing their desire to receive the Sacrament, Mason Bagley celebrated his first Holy Communion on October 19, and Brian Liesch will celebrate his first Holy Communion on November 16.

## Youth Consider Appalachian Mission Trip

by Gregg Albright

Each year, Emmaus sends a group of middle and high school students on a mission trip to various parts of the U.S. These have included, Rapid City, South Dakota; Nashville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; and for three years, Juarez, Mexico.

During these mission trips, we serve those people less fortunate than ourselves (many in extreme poverty), including children, the elderly and those of different races, cultures and religions. We work with an organization called YouthWorks and have been very pleased with them.

Next summer, we are considering a mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia.

In order for us to choose a site, we need to know the ages of those interested in going. YouthWorks offers both high school and middle school work sites and even a few that mix both middle and high school. If Emmaus has middle school students interested in the 2004 mission trip, we'll need to

choose a site that serves both age groups.

Most likely, our trip will be taking place either at the end of June or middle of July.

Pastor Mary and I will be making a decision soon so if your child is at all considering going on a mission trip, please contact me at home at 639-6433 or call the church office at 634-5515 and leave a message for me.

The students who have gone on previous mission trips have gained a remarkable insight into God's plan for them. They grow spiritually, emotionally and forge friendships that last a lifetime. I cannot begin to describe what a positive experience this is.

## Youth Birthdays

Nov. 3	Chris Buelow, 16
Nov. 8	Alyssa Rivera, 6
Nov. 12	Austin Schultz, 18
Nov. 20	Anicka Purath, 9
Nov. 23	Amanda Hegeman, 16
Nov. 26	Stephen Santos, 11
Nov. 29	Melanie Andersen, 11
Nov. 30	Eilis Purath, 7

## Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

by Cindi Larsen

Would you like an alternate way of celebrating this Christmas? Please consider a gift or a donation to our Emmaus Giving Tree.

This year, our Emmaus Giving Tree will once again be dedicated to acquiring gifts for some of our Wadewitz Elementary School students, other neighborhood kids, and some of our own Emmaus families.

We will have gift cards which will note sex, age, size, and suggested clothing or toy items for you to select beginning Sunday, November 16. Gifts can be wrapped and returned to our Emmaus Giving Tree by Sunday, December 14 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week.

For those of you who hate the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, monetary donations can be given through checks made out to Emmaus with "the Giving Tree" noted on the memo line. An Emmaus member will then use your contributions to complete purchases of some of the needed gifts to brighten the Christmas of many young people and their families.

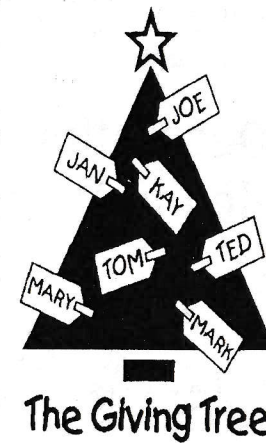
One other suggestion for a gift would be to purchase a Scrip

gift certificate, which would not only be used to purchase a gift, but would also help to support the raising of funds to remodel our upstairs kitchen.

Please see Cindi Larsen in the narthex on Sundays if you have questions or wish to purchase scrip for the Giving Tree.

We have appreciated your generous support in the past to help spread the light of God's love to our Emmaus family and our

neighborhood during the blessed holiday season. Thank you once again.



## CROP Walkers Raise \$550

by Cindi Larsen

Thanks to your generous support of Julie Field, Pastor Mary, and Cindi Larsen, Emmaus has contributed \$550 during this year's CROP Walk for the hungry within our community and the world.

We also delivered three boxes of health kits and one box of blankets to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your continued support of our stewardship projects as Emmaus reaches out to its community and the world.

## Pastor Mary to Schedule Acolyte Training

by Kathy Christensen

Sunday School students (grades 5 and up) who would like to serve as acolytes are invited to

contact Pastor Mary so she can schedule a time for training. She will explain the responsibilities of acolyting and provide an opportunity to practice as well.

### Worship & Music Notes

## Christmas Decoration of Church Scheduled in December

Marsha Connet will coordinate the decoration of our church in celebration of the Christmas season. Tentative dates for the hanging of the greens are



December 4 and 5. Please call the church office or Marsha (681-2232) if you are able to help either of those mornings.

## Tape Ministry Continues

by Kathy Christensen

The worship services are taped every Sunday morning and tapes are available for shut-ins. There is a box outside of the office labeled "Tape Ministry" where tapes

can be picked up and used tapes can be returned.

Please feel free to take these tapes if you know of someone who would appreciate hearing our worship services.

## Aging Council Offers Help Locating Benefits

More than 5 million seniors are missing out on hundreds of state and federal benefits programs. A new web site launched by the National Council on the Aging has been set up to help.

BenefitsCheckUp.org is designed to help seniors, their families, and care givers find the right benefits programs to meet

their needs.

The site contains a fast, free and confidential screening tool to determine eligibility for nearly 1,000 state and federal programs and to provide detailed instruction on how to apply for them.

Programs range from health coverage to supplemental income to help in paying utility bills.

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center



The first and third Tuesdays of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon and games at 1:00!

### Birthdays This Month: 70 Years and Better

Nov. 1	Dolly Wiley	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Nov. 2	Myra Nielsen	3502 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Nov. 8	David Anderson	155 Lakefield Court	53402
Nov. 11	Boots LeRoux	3418 St. Clair St.	53402
Nov. 12	Vernon Svendsen	1539 Ostergaard Avenue	53406
Nov. 13	Ernie Munch	3900 N. Main St. #305	53402
Nov. 20	Chris Hansen	240 88 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sturtevant	53177
Nov. 28	John Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402

## Programs Promote Health Services for Seniors

SeniorCare is a prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsin residents who are 65 years of age or older and who meet the eligibility criteria. The program began on September 1, 2003 and is designed to help seniors with their prescription drug costs.

In order to qualify for SeniorCare, a person must be age 65 or older and a permanent resident of Wisconsin. There are three levels of program qualifications based on income.





For more information about

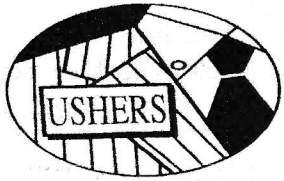
SeniorCare on line, go to [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare/). The web site provides information

on the program, a pre-qualification guide, application forms and instructions, and a SeniorCare fact sheet.

If you would rather contact SeniorCare by phone, their customer service hotline number is 1-800-657-2038.



<b>Sunday</b> <b>NOVEMBER, 2003</b>	<b>Monday</b> Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church	<b>Tuesday</b> 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, Wisconsin	<b>Wednesday</b> Phone 262 634-5515 emmaus@execpc.com	<b>Thursday</b>		<b>1 ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>2</b> ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.	<b>4</b> ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>5</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:30 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm "A Time to Be Born" celebration service at Atonement Lutheran 7:00 pm REST	<b>8</b> 8:30 am "From Vision to Action" at Atonement Lutheran, to 3:00 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>9</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>WOW</i> Service and Noah presentation 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>10</b> MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY 6:30 pm Church council meeting 	<b>11</b> VETERANS' DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm 8-9th grade confirmation class	<b>13</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 12:30 pm EASY (early release)	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>15</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary in Milwaukee Nov. 13-14</i>						
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# November Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Nov. 1 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Nov. 2 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Chris Lamberton	Team 1 Harold Miller	Justin Haman Kelsey Albright
Nov. 8 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Nov. 9 9:15 am		John Knuteson	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Brian Field Tanya Rasmussen
Nov. 15 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Nov. 16 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Bev Hansen, Tedine Roos	Ruth Hlavka	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Nathan Lamberton Hailey Sommer
Nov. 22 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Nov. 23 9:15 am		Kaitlyn Harris- Lange	Team 4 John Cook	Kelsey Albright Justin Haman
Nov. 26 7:00 pm	Gregg & Kylee Albright		Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Brian Field Tanya Rasmussen
Nov. 29 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
Nov. 30 5:00 pm		Karen Christiansen	Team 1 Harold Miller	Nathan Lamberton Hailey Sommer
Dec. 6 5:00 pm	TBA			
Dec. 7 9:15 am	TBA	WELCA service	Team 2 Rich Christensen	TBA



	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Nov. 2	H & M Jensen	Celia Weber		Caren Lamberton
Nov. 9	M & D Anderson	<i>Please sign up!</i>		
Nov. 16	Harley Slater	<i>Please sign up!</i>	M. Schroth	Kathy Christensen
Nov. 23	M. Connet/B. Breiwick	WELCA		
Nov. 26				Marsha Connet
Nov. 30	Amy & Joan Larsen	<i>Please sign up!</i>		
Dec. 6	Connie Balthazar	<i>Please sign up!</i>	Pat Jensen	WELCA

## The Harvest

Harvest time was very important to the Israelites. They had three harvests each year: barley in spring; wheat in summer; fruits in autumn.

Find these foods that the Israelites harvested, and circle them.

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GRAPES	HERBS	OLIVES	APPLES	GOURDS
BARLEY	NUTS	BEANS	ONIONS	LENTILS
ALMONDS	LEEKs	FIGS	CUCUMBERS	
WHEAT	MELONS	RYE	POMEGRANATES	

H	A	C	B	R	Y	E	B	R	V	E	N
G	A	U	A	S	N	O	L	E	M	S	U
R	L	C	R	F	I	G	S	T	A	T	T
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# REST Welcomes Warm Clothing, Volunteers

by Tedine Roos

The REST Program has started up at Emmaus with more guests than usual for early in the season. A few individuals came up from Kenosha in the first weeks of October as Kenosha's program had not started up yet.

The program serves men and a few adult women without children. As the days and nights get colder clothing items are welcome. Specific items needed include sweatshirts, turtle necks, flannel shirts, men's jeans, and winter coats all in sizes large to extra large. White cotton socks, wool socks and long johns

any size, mittens, gloves, and hats are also needed. Back packs can also be used. No party clothes or summer wear please.

Lord,  
when did we see  
you hungry...



thirsty...  
a stranger...  
naked...  
sick...  
in prison?

At this time the Emmaus site is well fixed for most toiletries such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, shampoo and razors. The biggest need is for deodorant and new socks.

And of course, we need willing people to help out with the many tasks involved in this most appreciated program. Contact Chris Lamberton at 639-1712. There is a place for you!

## Northside Food Pantry Reports Busy Summer

The Northside Food Pantry has been a busy place this summer. We have helped feed 790 people this (third) quarter.

Keeping food on the shelves has been a constant challenge. Thank you to those who responded to the request for donations of both food



**Pantry Needs**

and cash. Things were looking pretty bleak in July: the pantry served 259 people, but no money came in during the month.

All the volunteers are grateful for your gifts. It makes their job much easier when there is a good assortment of food to give.

Please continue to pick up a few items for the Pantry when you do your shopping. We appreciate your support.

## We Care About Kohl's Shoppers

Emmaus members who are looking for a new grocery store now that Kohl's is closed might want to consider registering for the We Care program at Pick 'n' Save. Emmaus'

account number is 205100. A percentage of the register total of shoppers who have registered that number with their Pick 'n' Save card will help fund Emmaus programs.

## Scrip Program Takes on New Face

New Scrip gift certificates and gift cards sold to Emmaus members and friends will provide more options than in the past. Due to a change in providers, gift cards will be available for Kohl's Department Stores as well as a number of other retailers.

How does Scrip work? Emmaus orders gift cards and certificates for a variety of stores and restaurants, paying a discounted price for them. For instance, a \$25.00 gift card may have a 5% discount, meaning that Emmaus pays only \$23.75 for that card.

In turn, the gift card is sold to

you for \$25.00. Emmaus makes a \$1.25 profit from the sale of the gift card offered through the Scrip program.

In the past, proceeds from Scrip have made contributions to the REST program and have also paid for most of the expenses to replace the fascia on the church. Earnings from the current sales are earmarked for the renovation of the small upstairs kitchen in the church.

Beginning in mid-November, check out the new and improved Scrip after worship on Saturday or Sunday. Bring your checkbook — help support Emmaus as you do your holiday shopping!

## Pastor Mary to Participate in Latino Reviews

Representing the national ELCA as well as the Greater Milwaukee Synod, Pastor Mary has been invited to serve with Assistants to the Bishop, Sue Ruehle and Greg Van Dunk, in a two-day ministry review in Milwaukee.

Trained by José Garcia of the ELCA, the team of three will meet with pastors and lay leaders from several Milwaukee congregations to

review their effectiveness in the area of Hispanic/Latino ministry. Congregations who have received grants and funding from the Division for Outreach of the ELCA will assess their intentional ministries for and with the Latinos they serve.

The ministry reviews are scheduled to take place November 13 and 14.

# MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

**Non-designated memorials:**

In memory of Bill Allen: \$460.00

**Designated for Upstairs Kitchen:**

In memory of Mary Schultz: \$50.00.

In memory of Donald Velzka: \$175.00 (9/28/03) plus \$25.00 previously listed as non-designated.

In memory of Bill Allen: \$25.00

**Designated for Air Conditioning:**

In memory of Donald Velzka: \$665.00 plus \$100.00 previously listed as non-designated.

**Designated for Adult Choir:**

In memory of Donald Velzka: \$265.00

**Designated for R.E.S.T.:**

In memory of Donald Velzka: \$165.00. Another \$230.00 in checks made payable to R.E.S.T. were forwarded to the R.E.S.T. office.

**Designated for Needy Children:**

In memory of Michael Schaefer: \$100.00

**Designated for "2001—A Faith Odyssey" Fund**

In memory of Bill Allen: \$10.00

**Designated for Building Fund:**

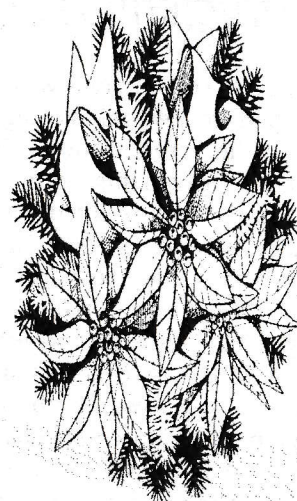
In memory of Bill Allen: \$25.00

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, September:	2001: 156	2002: 143	2003: 143
Average Weekly Attendance, October:	2001: 137	2002: 164	2003: 145
Average Weekly Attendance, November:	2001: 139	2002: 154	

## Financial Figures

	Year to date	Last year
General funds receipts in September, 2003	\$11,398.55	116,065.05
Bldg. Fund offerings received in September, 2003	\$ 719.00	3,448.00
Unified funds receipts in September, 2003	\$12,116.55	119,513.05
	Campaign to date	
2001 Fund offerings received in Sept., 2003	\$350.00	\$104,989.12
October 2003 mortgage payments:		
Principal	\$357.48	\$390.00
Additional principal	\$218.52	\$966.00
Interest	\$966.00	
Total	\$52,800.03	
Principal balance as of August 31, 2003		\$52,800.03



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 November 26, 2003. 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: ❄



## Bishop Hanson Withdraws Restructuring Plan

CHICAGO (ELCA) Oct. 22 — Because of “broad, often intense critique,” the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), withdrew a proposed restructuring plan for the ELCA churchwide organization. Leaders of the churchwide organization, including the ELCA Church Council, must now address a projected \$2.8 million decline in income for 2004.

In an Oct. 20 e-mail message to churchwide employees, Hanson said he will ask the council, which will meet Nov. 13-16 in Charlotte, N.C., to create a process and timetable to develop a new design proposal for the churchwide organization. The constitutional implications of any new proposal could be considered by the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

The church council is the ELCA's board of directors, and serves as the interim legislative authority between churchwide assemblies, the church's chief legislative authority. The next assembly will be held in August 2005 in Orlando, Florida.

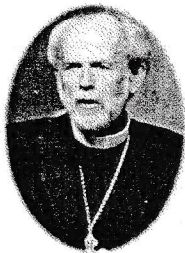
If enacted, the former restructuring proposal would have eliminated 41 of about 500 staff positions and created 18 new staff positions under a new structure. The ELCA would have retained three offices; its six divisions would have become five departments; the

work of its two commissions was to be deployed to several strategic areas in the organization; its current six departments were to become service units of the offices, and several new service units would have been created.

“I heard from a number of people with their concerns and passed these concerns and some of my own on to the church council discussion list,” said Ellen Maxon, ELCA Church Council representative of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. “Change is always hard, whether it is in our individual lives, in our congregations, synods or churchwide. People usually want change, [but only] for the other guy!”

In a memo to ELCA's Commission for Multicultural Ministries and Commission for Women, Bishop Hanson wrote, “I intend to present to the ELCA Church Council, in November 2003, a recommendation that they develop a participatory and inclusive process for discussing and shaping a proposal for the design of the churchwide organization.

“Meanwhile, we are facing the need for budget reductions in 2004 that I will ask to be made in light of the ELCA Plan for Mission adopted by the 2003 churchwide assembly. I hope that during this period we will develop new patterns of doing our work collaboratively that reflect the same Plan for Mission.”



Bishop Hanson

## Elsewhere In Our Area

### Concert Aids Respite Services

The seventh annual musical fund raising event for Respite Services of Lincoln Lutheran will take place on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

The concert will feature pianist Randy Bush, vocalist Beth Johnstone-Bush, harpist Ann Morse-Hambrock and the The Godspell Singers. A reception with bean soup will follow the concert.

Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased at Educators Credit Union or at the door. For further information, contact Respite Services at 632-9828. All proceeds benefit Respite Services programs.

### Handcrafts Shoppe Celebrates 15 Years

The Third World Handcrafts Shoppe opened fifteen years ago under the direction of Gerald and Eunice Koepke, selling the works of artisans from third world countries at a small table in the back of Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.

Through their efforts and dedication, the project grew and the church generously donated space in a former chapel for the shoppe to expand. Today, the Third World Handcrafts Shoppe receives merchandise from missionary groups in 42 countries.

The shoppe is operated and

staffed by volunteers of many faith traditions, both in the shoppe and at other off-site sales. All proceeds are returned to the craftspeople and the communities in which they live.

You are invited to help celebrate their fifteenth anniversary at an open house at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, 5305 West Capitol Drive, Saturday, November 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Milwaukee Pastor Organizes Luther Tour

by Rev. Mark H. Knappe

In cooperation with the ELCA's Wittenberg Center I am organizing a tour of the “Land of Luther.” The tour will take in all of the significant places in the life of Martin Luther. In addition we will tour the homes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, J.S. Bach and hear many fine lectures and music along the way.

This is sure to be a class tour, highly educational and inspirational. If the Luther movie or anything else has sparked your interest regarding this great man of the gospel, this is the tour for you.

The date for the tour is July 4 - 17, 2004. For further information please contact: Rev. Mark W. Knappe, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 262-251-7720 [gdlc@execpc.com](mailto:gdlc@execpc.com)

## Cross Lutheran Hosts PFLAG Family Event

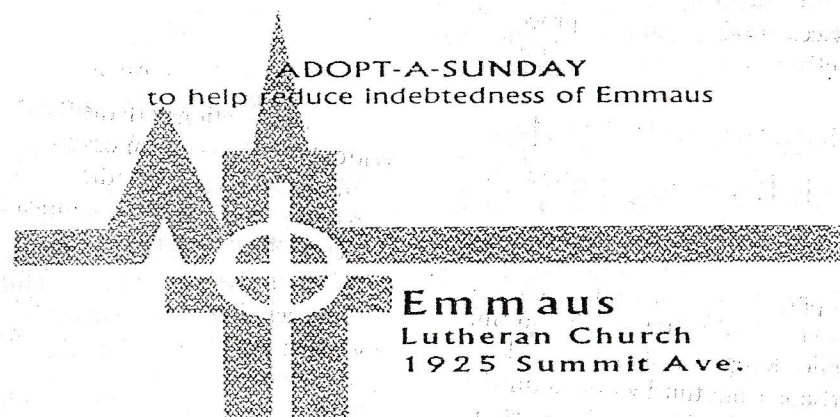
A PFLAG/Project Q family event will be held on Sunday, November 2, at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th St., Milwaukee (that is just north of Walnut St.). Project Q's Theatrical Troupe will present two short pieces — one with a youth focus and one focusing on younger children.

The purpose of this event is to bring parents, friends and allies together to dialogue about what our young people experience in their daily lives and making schools safe places from kindergarten through

high school.

This is a time for bringing families together — families of all sizes, definitions and persuasions to help children of gay and lesbian parents and lgbt children and youth find inclusion in the school setting; to connect parents and children in sharing their experiences, their fears, their hopes and their dreams.

A reception with refreshments will enhance the day's event. For further information, contact Elna at PFLAG, 414/299-9198 or Project Q - 414/223-3220.



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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pastor Mary's Column

### Dare to Share!

I walked into the first grade class at Wadewitz School with a name on a piece of paper. Mrs. Hartman, the teacher, had told Valerie Crehan, our mentoring coordinator, that I would be a good match for the identified child. Somehow a name on a piece of paper couldn't tell me much, even after being told Maria (not her actual name) was a very high-need child and was already struggling academically.

Walking into unknown territory... taking a risk — it's not always easy, is it? Will I be effective? What do I have to offer, anyway? What if I don't make a difference? Am I using my time wisely?

Those questions tend to fade after that leap of faith is taken. Maria's big eyes and wide, toothless smile let me know immediately how thrilled she was to have someone come to spend time with her. In a classroom where she was floundering, she suddenly felt very special.

As our mentoring relationship began, Maria and I took our places at a table in the hallway. I had raided the Sunday School art room (the supplies there are available for all mentors to use) and went equipped with crayons, markers,

colored paper, scissors and glue.

As Maria told me about herself, she drew a picture of her house and the members of her immediate and extended family. In that getting-to-know-you session, Maria colored pumpkins, drew a birthday cake with seven candles (guess how old she is!) and traced her hand on another paper.

We took breaks for a snack of juice and grapes and for me to read a story to her. At the end of the hour, I taped all the pages (some very sticky with glue!) to make a "book." On the cover, Maria wrote, "Maria's Book."

Maria was so eager to show her book to her teacher, her student teacher, her parents ... and anyone who might "ooh and aah" over it. Big smiles, words of "thank you," hugs and questions about when I could come back again gave me energy that I hadn't had when I walked into the school.

I was so blessed by the spontaneous gifts that Maria shared with me, making me eager to return the next week for more of those reciprocal blessings.

How is God calling you to share? Is it with your time? Your resources? Your prayer support?

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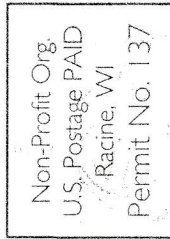
# Pastor Mary's Page

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Listen to God's call, respond (even if it does seem risky!) and expect to be filled and satisfied far beyond your expectations.

Dare to share! You won't regret it!

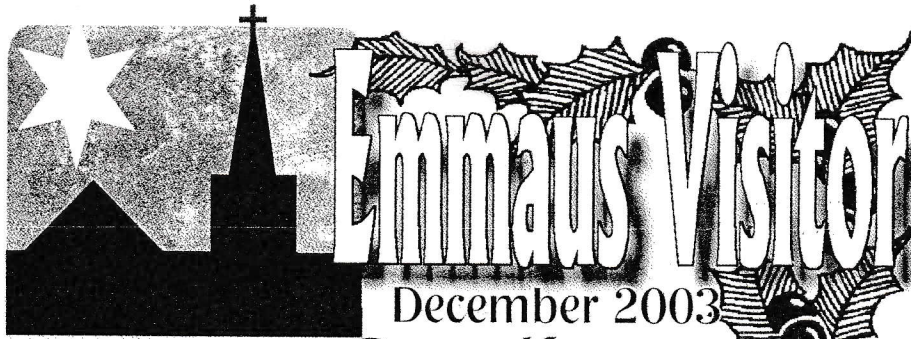
*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary



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P.S.: As I walked down the hall at Wadewitz, at least ten children greeted me by name — kids who had been a part of EASY or Neighborhood Camp. One girl announced to me, "Pastor Mary, I don't just come to After School at the church; now I go to Sunday School, too!"

God's Spirit is at work!



# Emmaus Visitor

December 2003

## Advent Greetings

Pastor Sharon

Joyce Karsier

Pastor Mary

Suzanne Landis

Karol B. Deitz

Matthiesel

Denise Keller

King Hart

Paul Gung

Jacques Gung  
Full Staff



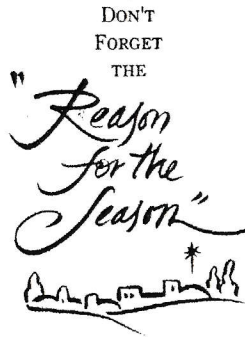
and a Merry Christmas  
from the staff at Emmaus

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Office: 262 634-5515  
e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com Cell: 262 989-2337  
http://www.emmaus-racine.org Fax: 262 633-0726

# Begin Your Christmas with Christ

Emmaus celebrates Advent and Christmas with a variety of special worship services this month.

The women of the church will lead Thankoffering worship services on December 6 and 7. Rev. Suzanne Landis will preach, and on Sunday, a women's "8-88 Chorus" will present the anthem of the day. Services are at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Our Sunday School children



perform their Christmas drama, "Signs of Christmas" by Cathy Skogen-Soldner, during the 9:15 worship service Sunday morning, December 14.

On Christmas Eve, a 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.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Marriage:

Betty Aspenson Barth  
Stanley Breiwick  
November 22, 2003

Betty has been active in Emmaus WELCA, visitation to homebound members and many other areas of the Emmaus community. Stanley (last name pronounced brev' ik) just joined Emmaus this month; he and Betty are active members of the Sons of Norway. They have bought a condo on Sunnyslope Drive.

### Funeral:

Steven W. Welch  
November 21, 2003

Steven Welch, 26, was the victim of an auto accident in Florida. He is remembered as a talented artist and mechanic who enjoyed fishing, camping and archery. His survivors include his sisters, Sarah Breiwick and Jennifer Welch; and nieces Vanessa & Klarissa Kossack and Selina Rodriguez.

## Happy Golden Anniversary

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Alfred & Janet Thomsen! The Thomsens have been living in Woodlawn, Tennessee for the last couple years.

# Holiday Gift Cards to Be Sent

Do you want to remember a loved one at Christmas, but do purchased gifts fail to give in the way you would like? Honor a loved one by giving a monetary gift in their honor to one of the following ministries supported by Emmaus:

Neighborhood Camp, EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), REST, and Racine Vocational Ministry.

In December, a gift card will be sent in your name to the person being honored.

Donor name ..... Phone .....

Address .....

Gift to ..... Neighborhood Camp ..... EASY ..... REST ..... RYM  
(indicate amount)

Gift card to: .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

## EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTOR: Mary L. Janz 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059  
Visitation Pastor: Sharon Georgi 6711 Jacobsen Lane 886-3960

Church office:  
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Fax: 262 633-0726

E-mail: Church — emmaus@execpc.com  
Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

Council President: Cathy Knuteson  
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, Jeff White, Matt Liesch

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. 21 and 28.  
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 and Jan. 1.  
The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the January VISITOR is Dec. 15.

## Suzanne Landis to Preach at Thankoffering Service

Our choir director, Rev. Suzanne Landis, will preach at the Women's Thankoffering Services on the weekend of December 6 and 7.

The women's 8-88 Chorus will sing at the Sunday Thankoffering service. Rehearsals are scheduled at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, November 30 and December 7.

What is Thankoffering?

There are four ways of giving to support the mission and ministry of Women of the ELCA. These four avenues for monetary giving are regular offerings, Thankofferings, designated gifts, and special offerings and gifts. Thankoffering envelopes are available in the pews and the narthex.

Thankofferings are a daily gift showing gratitude for God's blessings and to support our partnership with God that all the world may know Christ. We are called to offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us.

This is what makes us different from a charity organization. God directs what resources are needed to accomplish our ministry tasks.

Thankofferings:

- encourage women to give thanks and give monetarily;
- help Women of ELCA provide

the resources, events and programs you need;

- support the organization's annual gift (undesignated portion) to the ELCA.

The heart and cross symbol reminds us that this offering is a result of god's activity in our lives.

### Brownie Mix

Emmaus WELCA is selling brownie and muffin and cocoa mix gift bags for \$4.00 each.

### Christmas Cookie Pack

WELCA Christmas party and cookie pack is December 3 at 1:00 p.m.

### Board Meeting

Women's board meetings are on the first Monday of the month. Anyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

*"The women of this organization are very loyal. Their giving reflects that, even in the challenging economic times in which we find ourselves. The women of this organization are highly committed to our mission — mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ — and continue to support the mission with their financial gifts,"*

— Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director, Women of the ELCA.



## Kids Present 'Signs of Christmas'

by Denise Keller

The Sunday School kids are busy preparing for the Christmas Program on December 14 at the 9:15 a.m. service while learning the true meaning of Christmas.



*Sunday School Program*

Everyone will have a special part in the Christmas play "Signs of Christmas," by Cathy Skogen-Soldner. It is very important that kids attend each Sunday for rehearsals.

We also will have a rehearsal on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.

After the program on December 14, we will have a birthday party for Jesus in Fellowship Hall.

Parents: we need your help, too! Please see or call Karla (657-0173) or Denise (619-9911) if you are able to help dress, make cookies, set up the reception, serve, or clean up.

### Christmas Break

Sunday School will take its Christmas break December 21 and 28. Classes resume January 4.

Sunday School is open to all children pre-school age and up. Pre-school through grade five meet upstairs. Sixth and seventh graders meet with Mr. Albright. Grades 8-12

meet in the Fireside Room with Ms. Carol Yust.

Sunday School begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:30. Snack time is 10:15-10:30.

## December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 4	Jordan Christensen	10
Dec. 7	Zachary LaVassar	2
Dec. 7	Erin Balthazar	8
Dec. 9	Jacob Dresen	11
Dec. 11	Elizabeth Orth	3
Dec. 11	Eric Pearce	7
Dec. 14	Adam Rasmussen	8
Dec. 23	Rebecca Connet	5
Dec. 27	Eric Oertel	12
Dec. 27	Laura Olson	17
Dec. 28	Trevor Babington	3
Dec. 28	Danielle Pipol	18
Dec. 29	Jacob Peterson	4
Dec. 29	Ashley Christensen	12
Dec. 29	Ashley Lambertson	17
Dec. 30	Alex Villalobos	6
Dec. 30	Renee Galligan	11

**Signs of Christmas Rehearsals:**  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10**  
**10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13**

**Program:**  
**9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14**

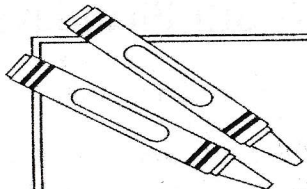
## Schedules for Communion Assistants, Acolytes Expected Soon

by Kathy Christensen

The 2004 schedule for Communion Assistants will soon be completed. Anyone interested in serving as a Communion Assistant is encouraged to contact Kathy Christensen at 886-2151 or by e-

mail at [kchris@execpc.com](mailto:kchris@execpc.com) by December 7.

Children in grades 5 through 9 who would like to acolyte but have not contact Pastor Mary to schedule a time for training should do that as soon as possible.















































### Just for KIDS

*The Shepherds and the Angel*

What did the angel of the Lord say to the shepherds?  
(Luke 2:11)

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines.

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Answer: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you.

## Confirmation Students Reach Out in Service

Following class sessions and discussions on giving, generosity and service, the eighth and ninth grade confirmation students will participate in hands-on service. They will use proceeds from a November 30 bake sale and other donations to shop for gifts for needy children from our neighborhood.

On Wednesday, December 3, the class will meet at Regency Mall to shop for the children.

The following Wednesday will be a time to wrap gifts and have pizza together.



Gift Wrapping

December 12 has been scheduled as a time to work at the REST program from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Regular classes will resume Wednesday, January 7.

## Meals On Wheels Needs Drivers

by Mary Tree,

Meals on Wheels Program Director

Lincoln Lutheran's Meals on Wheels Program has been delivering hot, nutritious noon time meals to homebound seniors for 39 years. These meals are available on a donation basis so that they are affordable. We are able to provide these meals affordably because volunteer drivers deliver the meals.

We urgently need volunteer drivers so that we can continue this service and the mission of Lincoln Lutheran, "to honor God by serving people."

We serve approximately 340 meals per day and we are growing—which is a good thing—but if we do not get more volunteer drivers, we may have to place homebound seniors on a

waiting list for our service.

The meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The delivery route takes approximately one hour. There are between twelve and eighteen homebound seniors on each route. Drivers receive maps and delivery instructions.



Volunteers can drive weekly, monthly or as a substitute driver. There are currently 21 volunteer routes.

If you have questions about the Meals on Wheels program, please call Mary Tree or Vicki Beer at 637-0727 or 634-2334, or by e-mail at [mtree@llor.org](mailto:mtree@llor.org) or [bveer@llor.org](mailto:bveer@llor.org). For general information about Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, our web site is [www.lincolnlutheran.com](http://www.lincolnlutheran.com).

## Advent Decoration Wraps Up December 5

Marsha Connet will coordinate the decoration of our church in celebration of the Advent and Christmas season. Volunteers will meet for the hanging of the greens

December 4 and 5 at 10:00 a.m..



Please call the church office or Marsha Connet at 681-2232 if you can help either of those mornings.

## Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt

Our thanks to the following, for adopting recent Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

Loren & Cindi Larsen, celebrating their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Amy Larsen, in honor of Austin Schultz on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Harry & Evelyn Larsen, celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Kathryn & Marty Aiken, in honor of Mary Janz and the congregation.

Ralph & Audrey Rasmussen, celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mildred Schroth, in honor of Stephen Sager on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chester & Mabel Meyer, in thanks for the congregation's prayers.

## Gifts Due Dec. 31 for 2003 IRS Credit

In order to claim donations to Emmaus as charitable gifts made in 2003, you must either bring them to the church no later than the offering collection on December 31, 2003, or

have them postmarked by Monday, December 31. The church office will keep 2003 open on the books for a few days into the new year to handle offerings received by mail.



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

### Designated honoraria:

To REST, in honor of Betty Barth and Stan Breiwick: \$105.00

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Don Velzka: \$50.00

In memory of Bill Allen: \$25.00

In memory of Mary Schultz: \$25.00

## Pledges Help Make the Difference

On November 22 and 23, Emmaus members, in services of reflection, gratitude and thanksgiving, responded to God's call to commitment by offering their financial covenants.



Each of us is called to a faith-response, and we have been challenged to grow in our giving as we are able.

At the time of this writing (November 25), 73 pledges totaling over \$112,000 have been received for 2004. In addition, there is one unsigned pledge for \$50 per month which we have been unable to record in the computer.

These pledges include five new pledges, and 27 individuals or couples who have increased their pledge from last year. (There were 99 pledges for 2003, totaling \$140,370.)

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we urge you to prayerfully consider your response and to mail it in or bring it to church.

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!

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	2001: 137	2002: 164	2003: 145
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	2001: 139	2002: 154	2003: 144*
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	2001: 146	2002: 155	

\*Average calculated as of Nov. 23, 2003

## Financial Figures

	Year to date	Last year
General funds receipts in October '03 . . . . .	\$13,291.55	\$129,356.60
Building Fund offerings received in October . . .	\$ 460.00	\$ 3,457.00
Unified funds receipts in October '03 . . . . .	\$13,751.55	\$132,929.60
		\$136,729.94

### Campaign to date

2001 Fund (principal payment) offerings received in Oct. '03 . . .	\$125.00	... \$105,114.12
November '03 mortgage payments:		
Regular principal payment . . . . .	\$366.09	
Extra principal payment . . . . .	\$1,975.01	
Interest . . . . .	\$209.91	
Total . . . . .	\$2,551.01	
Principal balance as of October 13, 2003 . . . . .	\$50,737.03	



# Help Someone with a Gift to the Giving Mitten Tree

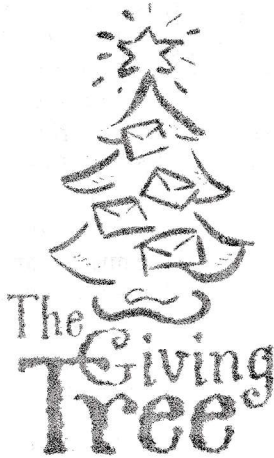
Would you like an alternate way of celebrating this Christmas? Please consider a gift or a donation to our Emmaus Giving Tree.

This year, our Emmaus Giving Tree will once again be dedicated to acquiring gifts for some of our Wadewitz Elementary School students, other neighborhood kids, and some of our own Emmaus families.

There are gift cards which note the sex, age, and size of the children to whom we are giving gifts. The cards suggest clothing or toy items for you to select. Gift cards are in two groups: \$10-\$15 range and \$15-\$25 range. The gifts for the children in most dire need are those in the higher price range, allowing the giver to purchase more than one gift for their adopted child.

Gifts can be wrapped and returned to our Emmaus Giving Tree by Sunday, December 14 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week.

For those of you who hate the hustle and bustle of



Christmas shopping, monetary donations can be given through checks made out to Emmaus with "the Giving Tree" noted on the memo line. An Emmaus member will then use your contributions to complete purchases of some of the needed gifts to brighten the Christmas of many young people and their families.

One other suggestion for a gift would be to purchase a Scrip gift certificate, which would not only be used to purchase a gift, but would also help to support the raising of funds to remodel our upstairs kitchen.

Please see Cindi Larsen in the narthex on Sundays if you have questions or wish to purchase scrip for the Giving Tree.

We have appreciated your generous support in the past to help spread the light of God's love to our Emmaus family and our neighborhood during the blessed holiday season. Thank you once again.






## December Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Dec. 6 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Dec. 7 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	WELCA service	WELCA Team	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
Dec. 13 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Dec. 14 9:15 am		Brenda Gieszler	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kelsey Albright Tanya Rasmussen
Dec. 20 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Dec. 21 9:15 am	Mildred Schroth, Marge Jensen, Joy Lippmann	Eric Larsen	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Brian Field Hailey Sommer
Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen		Team 4 John Cook	Patrick Jansen Kally Jansen
Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Evelyn Larsen		Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
Dec. 27 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Dec. 28 5:00 pm		Carol Yust	Team 1 Harold Miller	TBA
Jan. 3 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Jan. 4 9:15 am	Arvilla Nemer, Lael Richter, Tedine Roos	Celia Bagley	TBA	TBA



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>December 2003</b></p> <p>Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 634-5515 http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>	<p><b>1</b> WORLD AIDS DAY 6:30 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music cmte.</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth), to 5:15 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:00 pm WELCA Christmas party and cookie pack 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade gift shopping at Regency Mall</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>6</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>7</b> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: Women's Thankoffering service 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:30 pm Church Council meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 pm Sun. School program rehearsal 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade gift wrap &amp; party</p>	<p><b>11</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:00 8th-9th grade help with REST 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:00 am Sun. School program rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>14</b> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service; Sunday School program: "Signs of Christmas" 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship 10:30 am Birthday party for Jesus</p>	<p><b>15</b> January <i>Visitor</i> articles due</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY Xmas party 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>17</b> Peace on Earth</p> 	<p><b>18</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>21</b> 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT; ST. THOMAS 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship <i>No Sunday School Dec. 21/28</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 pm Festival service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle light worship service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Office closed</i></p> 	<p><b>26</b> ST. STEPHEN 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>27</b> ST. JOHN 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
				<p><i>Pastor Mary on vacation Dec. 25 - 31 →</i></p>		
<p><b>28</b> 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS; HOLY INNOCENTS 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word &amp; Prayer. 10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Pastor Mary on vacation Dec. 25-31</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p><b>31</b> For IRS purposes, 2003 contributions must be received in the office by noon or postmarked by today</p>	<p>Jan. 1, 2004</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>

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Scrip Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

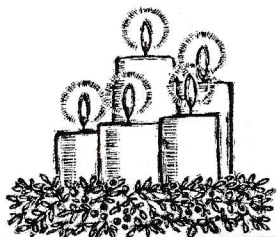
Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	8%	\$25		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$30		
<b>TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
Citgo	2.5%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20		
Mobil/Exxon	2%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
<b>HARDWARE, BED &amp; BATH, HOME</b>				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Merry Maids	10%	\$50		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma	8%	\$25		
<b>CLOTHING, SPORTING &amp; DEPARTMENT STORES</b>				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
August Max Women	19%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Cabela's	8%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Eddie Bauer	9%	\$25		
Footlocker Shoes	9%	\$10		
Galyan's	8%	\$25		
Gander Mountain	8%	\$25		
Gap	9%	\$25		
J. C. Penney	8%	\$25, \$100		
Jo Ann Fabrics	6%	\$20		
K Mart	2%	\$10, \$25, \$50		
Kohl's Department Store	5%	\$25		
Land's End	9%	\$25		
Marshall's	7%	\$10, \$25		

Maurice's	7%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
<b>FOOD, RESTAURANTS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
Baskin Robbins	9%	\$2		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Burger King	4%	\$5		
Chi-Chi's Mexican Restaurant	17%	\$10		
Chili's	11%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	9%	\$10		
Domino's Pizza	5%	\$5		
Fannie May	25%	\$10		
Ground Round	8%	\$10		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
TCBY	25%	\$5		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
<b>STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL</b>				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
<b>TOYS</b>				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church  
November 12, 2003

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
Dec. 7	Connie Balthazar			WELCA
Dec. 14	R&M Christensen	Sun. School		
Dec. 21	D&J Orth	Sommers	Pat Jensen	Kathy Christensen
Dec. 24	4:30 Poinsettias			P&R Jensen, J Lippman
Dec. 24	10:30 Poinsettias			K Albright, N Brown, C Larsen
Dec. 28	Lamberton	Eschmanns		
Jan. 4	TBA		TBA	TBA

### Advent Wreath Lighters



November 30 Chris & Natasha Chan-A-Sue  
 December 7 Tom & Jackie Ahrens, Katrina & Alexa  
 December 14 John & Laura Syty, Will & Richie  
 December 21 Kathy Robuck & Joseph Ford

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The Center meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (The center will be closed December 9, 23 and 30.)  
 The center opens at 10:00 with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon!

Director: Pastor Mary, interim coordinator



### Birthdays This Month: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
Dec. 5	Milton Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Dec. 8	Wally Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53406
Dec. 14	Esther Jensen	3821 S. Chicago Ave., So. MKE	53172
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	11515 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, Lot 11, Sturt.	53177
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Drive	53404

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 4

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 4 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. 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. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

### Help Brighten a Shut-in's Christmas

Could you deliver a poinsettia to one of our shut-ins during the week after Christmas? We'd like to get these plants out while they still look nice.



this month to let us know whether you have a particular shut-in to whom you would like to take a flower, or if you would like to choose from our list of shut-ins.

Please call the church office

## REST Donations Help Homeless

REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) can accept clothing and bedding, as long as they are clean. Many other items may be donated, such as:

- sandwich size Ziplock bags.
- men's gloves, size L.
- stocking caps and other hats.
- Coats (size L or XL).
- sweaters and sweatshirts.
- men's blue jeans.
- deodorant.
- men's underwear (sizes 32-38).
- toothpaste and toothbrushes.
- pillows.
- plastic pillow protectors.
- blankets.
- twin-size flat sheets.
- bus tokens.

And, of course, the REST program is always looking for volunteers for its various sites. Volunteers to sort clothes in the office are also welcome. Call REST at 638-1441.



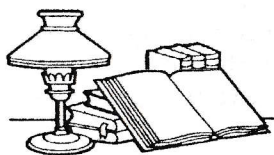
Donations for the Homeless

The REST program gets food from the Racine County Food Bank, so food donations can go directly there. But director Donna Bumpus has asked specifically for food donations that are individually wrapped for lunches, such as cany bars, cookies, juice boxes and juice pouches, and cans of soda.

Donations can be brought to the REST office, 2015 Prospect Street, Racine, and left inside the gray door on the east side of the building.

## Book Club Cracks *Da Vinci Code*

The Emmaus Book Club will take some time off in December. The group will meet on Thursday, January 16 to discuss *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown.



New members are welcome! The Book Club meets in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

## Game Day Was Great Fun

by Dolly Orth

Many thanks to all of you who came to the First Emmaus Family Game Day on Sunday, November 16. It was a fun time and great to see so many of you enjoying Bingo, Yahtzee, Sheepshead, Candyland, etc., and, of course, the food!

Special thanks to Brenda Gieszler for her generosity of the



funds to purchase most of the game prizes (three tables' worth). Thanks also to Don Jr. and Jackie, the grandkids, and our daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Perry Kolbo, for all their time spent preparing and serving our \$1.00 specials, and for setting up and running the games.

We hope to do the Game Day again next year. We are planning a Friday fish fry for sometime in the spring after Don and I return from Arizona in April.

## Scrip Gift Cards Available

A wide assortment of gift cards and certificates is now available following the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services.

We have a new Scrip provider and a new set of Scrip choices. Pink Scrip order sheets are available in the narthex and in this issue



of the Emmaus Visitor.

All proceeds from the sale of Scrip will be designated for the renovation of the small kitchen on the main floor of the church.

## Cluster Gathering Celebrates 'Time to Be Born'

by Ellen Nuechterlein,  
Holy Communion Lutheran Church

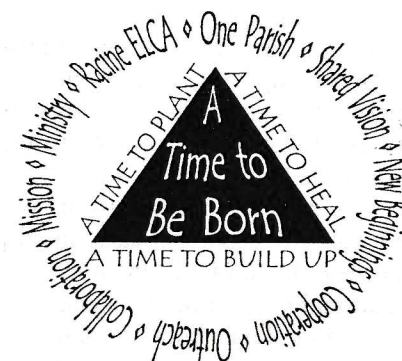
On Friday, November 7, Lutherans from all over Racine gathered at Atonement Lutheran Church. A joyous, spirit-filled worship gave a glimpse of the energy and excitement that would be present the next day as over 100 members of the Racine ELCA Cluster gathered to vision about ministry. Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers challenged congregations to "fling open your doors"!

That Friday evening worship opened the gathering "A Time to Be Born," which brought representatives from all Cluster congregations and Lincoln Lutheran together to contemplate the vision of being fifteen congregations with one mission.

Led by Rev. Al Heggen and Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Sue Ruehle, participants spent Saturday discovering what it might mean to increase cooperation, collaboration, and ministry within our Cluster.

This event was an outgrowth of a year of intentional planning and organizing by pastors. It marked the beginning of a "vision team" — lay leadership and clergy working together to look at mission and ministry among cluster congregations.

Amidst discussion, sharing, questioning, and brainstorming, we discovered a combined 1,323 years of ministry between us! God is with us!



Watch for upcoming information and opportunities to become involved in the following areas of focus:

- ▶ Cluster Structure (congregations sharing ministry, collaborating)
- ▶ Community Care (REST, community meals, pantries, Seniors)
- ▶ Outreach/Neighborhood Camp (after school programs, congregation-neighborhood school partnerships)
- ▶ Lay School/Anti-Racism (opportunities for adult learning; anti-racism training)
- ▶ Worship/Celebration
- ▶ Youth Ministry (Cluster-wide opportunities for youth)
- ▶ Young Adult Ministry
- ▶ Program Cooperation (Lincoln Lutheran, Lutherdale, Racine Vocational Ministry)
- ▶ Evangelism
- ▶ Community Partnerships (Racine Interfaith Coalition, Center for Community Concerns, Carthage College)

## 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. Useful items include:

Meat and protein (most needed):

- canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- canned meats (Spam, ham)
- peanut butter
- canned chili and stew

Heat & Eat

- canned spaghetti/ravioli
- pork and beans
- corned beef hash
- soup

Grains/cereals

- breakfast cereals
- instant oatmeal/Cream of Wheat
- muffin mixes
- crackers/saltines
- cornmeal
- flour/cake mixes

Fruit

- canned (any kind)
- juices (canned, bottled or boxes)
- dried fruit (raisins)

Starches

- hamburger and tuna helper
- instant potatoes
- macaroni and cheese
- pasta (any variety)
- rice (plain or flavored)

Condiments/baking

- all-purpose spices (salt, pepper, etc.)

- sugar
  - cooking oil
  - mayonnaise
  - ketchup/mustard
- Vegetables
- canned (all varieties)

Milk

- powdered milk
- puddings

Miscellany

- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- deodorant/antiperspirant
- soaps (bath, hair, dish and laundry)
- feminine products (paper)
- food wraps (aluminum and plastic)
- toilet paper

Baby items (least needed)

- diapers (medium to large sizes)
- baby soap shampoo
- cereal
- baby formula

Donations can be dropped of in the cart in the narthex.

Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."

## Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, so church council members' and organizations' thoughts naturally turn to writing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the annual meeting, the office would like reports by January 18.



Poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for Christmas have been ordered 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: \_\_\_\_\_

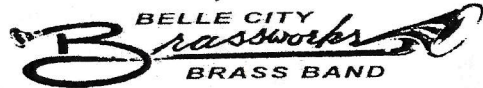
and/or to HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to add to our order and make payment is Monday, December 15 2003. We have placed our order with Milaegers, adding a few flowers in order to accommodate late requests. There may be shortages of some colors. 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.  
(or my Secret Pal will.)

Please give my poinsettia  
to a shut-in.

Office use: Pmt. ❄️ Order list. ❄️ Bulletin. ❄️



Directed by  
Douglas Johnson  
Presents

# A Brass Christmas



Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.  
Atonement Lutheran Church

2915 Wright Ave. - Racine  
and

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

2201 Northwestern Ave. - Racine

also featuring  
Sacred Heart Vocal Ensemble  
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## A Carthage Christmas A Festival of Readings and Carols

# Angels Are Everywhere

Featuring the majestic sounds of the Fritsch Memorial Organ



### Concert

Friday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Free admission \* Reservations required

### Holiday Buffet

Saturday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.  
\$15 per person \* Reservations required

### Art Exhibit

Alex Mandl exhibition, "Paper, Clay and Play"  
H. E. Johnson Gallery of Art  
(Open one hour before and after each concert)

### Information and Reservations

Call 262-235-1581, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(except November 27-28) or email dclark@carthage.edu

## Elsewhere in Our Area

# Angels Abound at Carthage Christmas Concert

A favorite Carthage tradition, the annual Christmas festival, will take place Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.

This year's event, "Angels Are Everywhere—A Carthage Christmas," will be a time of musical worship and celebration as directed by their organist and choral director, Dr. Michael Burkhardt.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Call 262-551-8510.

## Our Savior's Hosts Festival and Tour

Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the corner of Taylor and Washington Avenues will host an Advent Festival and Mansion Tour Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tour the historic George Murray House and Kearney Mansion. View the Gunderson Clouds, Noah's Ark mural, and specially themed Christmas rooms. Enjoy the music of the Cross Fire Christian Band, Park High School Choir, Sweet Adelines, Fratt School Choir, the Sanctuary Band, and The

Three Pastors (Rev. Paul Nuechterlein, Rev. Warren Williams and Rev. Steve Samuelson).

The Third World Gift Shoppe will be open, along with a baked goods sale, refreshments and Children's Story Time.

Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$1.00 for children 12 and under, plus a non-perishable food item.

## Milwaukee Choir Performs Bach Magnificat

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents its annual Christmas Concert at 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 5 at Peace Lutheran Church, 17651 W. Small Road, New Berlin; and again at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 7 at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, 5229 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee.

The choir will perform the *Magnificat in D* by J. S. Bach (not a cappella).

Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance for seniors and students. Group rates are available. Call 262-521-4545. Complete concert information and driving directions are available on the choir's web site, [www.lutheranacappella.org](http://www.lutheranacappella.org)





## Guatemalan Activists Speaks at Alverno

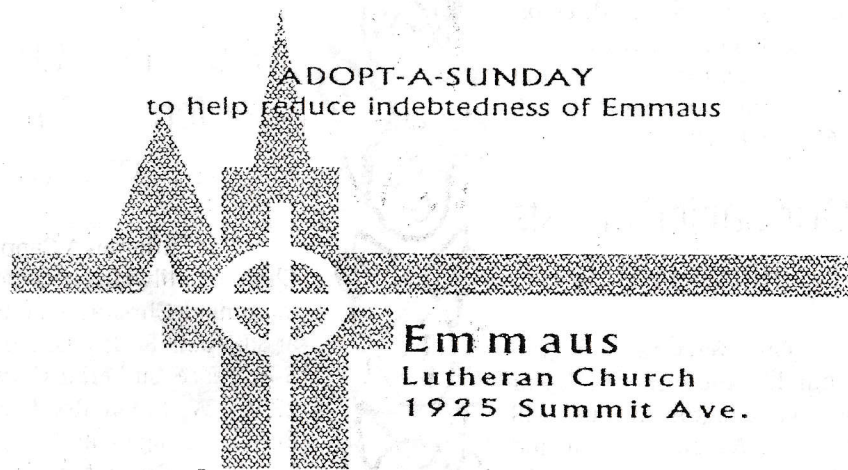
On Saturday, December 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Wehr Hall, Alverno College, The Central American Awareness Committee will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Juan Gerardi of Guatemala. The committee will host an appearance by the Guatemalan poet-theologian-activist, Julia Esquivel.

An ecumenical witness, Esquivel has worked for develop-

ment, peace and justice in Guatemala, since the early 1970's. Her books (bilingual) include *Threatened with Resurrection*, *Certainty of Spring* and *Secrets of God's Reign*; they will be available for purchase and signing. In 1980 Julia was one of the many Guatemalans exiled because of the persecution. She traveled worldwide, giving conferences, sharing the reality of Guatemala.

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## Pastor Mary's Column

### Light in the Darkness

"In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it ... they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn way any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" —Isaiah 2:2,4-5

It's cold! The days are getting shorter and shorter. The trees are bare. It's the time of the year when depression and grief often take hold for those most lonely and isolated.

We might ask how we can label this season of Advent a season of hope. We hear of casualties of war, and we long for peace. We wonder whether the vision of Isaiah will ever be possible.

Called to be people of hope, we are also called to be committed Christians living in the tension of patience and impatience, in the tension of hope and of waiting. During my morning devotional time, I recently read:

Once upon a time, the dove said to the cloud, "How many snowflakes does it take to break a branch?"

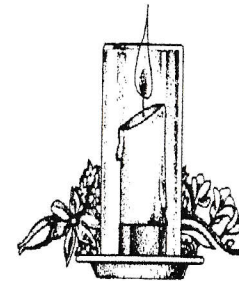
"I have no idea," the

cloud replied. "I simply keep on snowing until it does."

"Mmmm," the little dove mused. "I wonder how many voices it will take before peace comes?"

"How long?" we ask, "How long? When will we see God's kingdom come to earth?"

A hope and a vision for peace and for justice — within our families, in our community, throughout the world — where does that come from? It comes in the middle of the darkness as God lights a candle.



That candle of hope — the hope of Jesus for which the world cries out — helps us believe beyond today. That hope brings us to the trust that there is life beyond the struggles and chaos and brokenness. Our God will not let darkness overcome!

We once again look in anticipation as we prepare to experience the embodiment of that Hope in the birth of Jesus. We wait with expectation. With each Advent candle lit, we long for God's dream for this world to be fulfilled. May we be bearers of that Light and that Hope in a world waiting for us to carry the light of Christ. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

In the hope of Advent,

*Pastor Mary*

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS  
EVENTS AT EMMAUS:



- Wed., Dec. 3 1:00 p.m.  
Women's Cookie Pack
- Sat., Dec. 6 5:00 p.m.  
Thankoffering Service
- Sun., Dec. 7 9:15 a.m.  
Thankoffering Service
- Wed., Dec. 10 7:00 p.m.  
8th-9th grade gift wrap & pizza party
- Sun., Dec. 14 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday School Christmas program,  
"Signs of Christmas"
- Wed., Dec. 24 4:30 p.m.  
Festival worship service  
with Holy Communion
- 10:30 p.m.  
Candle Light worship service  
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