

# Emmaus Visitor

January, 2004



*EASY volunteer Ruth Copeland listens as Wadewitz student Gabriel Vargas reads.*

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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms:

Tavijon Anthony Biles-Yust  
November 30, 2003

Tavijon is the son of Darren Biles and Tina Yust and the grandson of Carol Yust. His sponsors are Karen Riekema, Justin Riekema, Seth Yust and Becky Branter.

Alexander David Karbulka  
November 30, 2003

Alexander is the son of David and Sarah Karbulka. His sponsors are Scott and Daniela Lehmkuhl.

Jasmine Elizabeth Krug  
December 21, 2003

Jasmine is the daughter of Kenneth and Jamie Krug and the granddaughter of Bill and Krug. Her sponsors are Janelle Steeve and Kevin and Tanya Krug.

## **New Members Received January 11; New Communion Ware Dedicated**

Sunday, January 11 is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. As we celebrate that day, we will also highlight the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Individuals who will be transferring their membership to Emmaus will reaffirm their Baptism that morning.



During the 9:15 worship service, Communion ware given in memory of Judy Dykstra will be dedicated. We will use the silver chalices, custom made in Spain, and the matching flagon (pitcher) for the first time as the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated.

## **Thank You to Our Christmas Elves!**

Many thanks to those who put so much effort in transforming the church with lovely Christmas decorations: Rich and Kathy Christensen, Traci Jansen, Tedine Roos, Shirley Velzka and Lyle and Zielke.

Thanks also to Cathy Meyer, Traci Jansen, Carol Eschmann, Marjorie Jensen, Amy Haman and Art and Diane Rode for delivering poinsettias to our shut-in members after Christmas.

## **Wadewitz Sends Thanks with Poinsettias**

A large poinsettia plant was delivered to Emmaus from the children of Wadewitz a week before Christmas. The flowers express their

thanks for tutors/mentors, EASY after school program, and the caps and mittens provided by Emmaus.

## **YWCA, Emmaus, Messiah Act to Save Child Care Centers**

The staff of the YWCA Child Care Center learned in December that their program was in danger of coming to an end. Because the United Way was going to eliminate funding for it, the national YWCA was recommending termination of the program in January.

The YWCA Child Care Center began providing day care services for very young children at Emmaus in 1987 under the name Open House program. Originally set up to provide day care for the children of teenage parents, the program was later expanded to include infants and



toddlers in W-2 families. Messiah Lutheran Church hosts another site for the day care program.

Representatives of Emmaus and Messiah, including Pastors Mary Janz and Joan Jacobsen-Wolf, have talked to community social agencies, the Milwaukee Synod office and others in hopes of saving the Child Care program.

Emmaus members have donated over \$3,000 to help save the program, and a number of fund raisers are in the works (see following story and Pastor Mary's column on page 20).

## **Barnes & Noble Book Fair Benefits Child Care Center**

As a fund raiser for the YWCA Child care Centers at Emmaus and Messiah Lutheran churches, a Barnes & Noble book fair will be held from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12.

Flyers will be distributed by

the Y and the two churches which host the centers. When you use these flyers on February 12, 20% of your purchase total will go to the child care centers. The forms will also be available on our web site in mid January.

## EASY Children Re-enact Birth Narrative

On December 16, the elementary children from Wadewitz who participate in our after-school program celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. Pastor Mary had introduced them to the story of Jesus' birth, after which two of the children read the story and others donned costumes and acted out the Christmas narrative.



**CHRISTMAS  
PLAY**

For some, it was the first time they had heard the entire story told.

The group joined in singing "Away in a Manger" before going to Fellowship Hall to enjoy treats and to receive Christmas gifts.

## Sign Up for Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower sign-up sheet for 2004 is finally posted, and there are still many Sundays open.

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 church secretary will call you to ask how you want the altar flowers dedicated.

## EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

Pastor: Mary L. Janz 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059  
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262 634-5515

Fax: 262 633-0726

Council President: Cathy Knuteson  
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
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 Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
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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. 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.

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## Annual Congregational Meeting Will Be February 1

The year 2004 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday, February 1. Items on the agenda will include approval of the church budget for the year and election of a

new church council.

If you would be interested in serving on the church council, or know of someone whose voice should be heard on council, please contact one of the pastors, council president Cathy Knuteson, or vice president Brenda Gieszler.

A note to current council members: the office will need council reports for the annual report to the congregation by January 19. 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	117	\$149,709.00	\$1,290.60
2002	99	\$145,574.00	\$1,470.44
2003	101	\$150,170.00	\$1,486.83
2004	89	\$132,022.00	\$1,483.39

as of 12/16/2003



## Thank You to Readers

by Karen Christiansen

I would like to once again thank the Emmaus members who willingly and faithfully read the scriptures each Sunday morning. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated.

You have been a pleasure to

work with and I'm looking forward to calling upon you again in the new year.

If there is anyone else who would who would like to be a Sunday morning reader, please see me. We would be happy to have you.

## Youth

### Confirmation Classes Resume January 14

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes will resume January 14.

Classes meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

### Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 1

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 31 and Sunday, February 1 worship services, confirmation youth and mission trip participants will collect donations which will be given to our local REST program.

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

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



The Souper Bowl began in a single South Carolina church youth group in 1993. Last year, 12,000 congregations together gave \$3.5 million to charities in their respective areas. Let's make our gifts this year make a difference in the lives of those who seek shelter at Emmaus through the REST program.

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

### Bake Sale Raises Almost \$300

The youth thank everyone who supported their November 30 bake sale with baked goods and donations. Of the \$297.50 raised, \$32.00 was given to the Heifer Project, and the remainder was used by confirmation kids to purchase gifts for needy children and their families.

The eighth and ninth graders

had fun selecting gifts for individuals on the Wednesday night shopping spree early in December. A week later, they met to wrap the presents as part of their Christmas party.

A total of 49 Wadewitz kids and family members benefitted from this year's giving tree program at Emmaus. Thank you for your generosity!

### Jennifer Haman Takes First Communion

Emmaus members welcomed Jennifer Haman to the altar for her first Holy Communion during the early Christmas Eve worship service on December 24. Jennifer has



completed her instruction on the Sacrament and indicated her readiness to join us at the table of our Lord.

### Pie Social Benefits Youth Mission Trip

The Thanksgiving pie social raised \$72.00 for the youth who will travel to Appalachia on a mission trip next summer. Thanks to everyone who made the generous donation of a pie and to all those who came to sample the pie following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

Would you believe there was not one pumpkin pie among the big variety of pies?

Thanksgiving Eve offering was designated to the Northside Food Pantry. A donation of food in addition to \$406.00 has been given

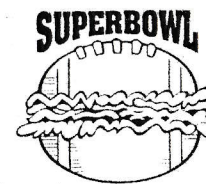
to the food pantry as a result of the offering that evening.

#### Youth Birthdays

Jan. 1	Patrick Austin	6
Jan. 8	Katie Douglas	17
Jan. 10	Tanya Rasmussen	15
Jan. 11	William Syty	5
Jan. 11	Frank Williams	13
Jan. 16	Lance Fry	6
Jan. 16	Nathan Albright	18
Jan. 25	Haley Will	4
Jan. 26	Rachel Sommer	18
Jan. 28	Kaitlyn Sodke	4
Jan. 31	Brad Johnson	6

### Superbowl Sub Sandwich Sale Slated

The youth planning to go on this year's mission trips will sponsor a sub sandwich sale on Superbowl Sunday February 1. Sign-up sheets to order



sandwiches will be available in the narthex. We will use monies received from this fund-raiser to help offset the costs of the mission trips to Appalachia this summer.

### Confirmation Pix Are Here

The 2003 confirmation photos have been delivered. Members of the 2003 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.

# Sunday School Resumes January 4

by Denise Keller

Sunday School classes resume Sunday, January 4. This month, we will spend some time learning more about Heifer Project and where our offering is sent.

Our January rotation topic is the story of Abraham and Sarah. Trusting God's promises, Abraham and Sarah show us how they can lead a faithful and obedient life.

Through art, games, computer and video workshops, children will journey with Abraham and Sarah and experience their obedience and faithfulness, and will learn to trust and act on their faith.



Life offers many choices, and these choices can be made by being faithful and trusting in God.

Throughout the unit, the children will also understand that God is faithful and keeps His promises.

### Thanks

We've been hearing good reviews about our Christmas Program, *Signs of Christmas* by Cathy Skogen-Soldner. Thank you to all who helped make the show a success!

Sunday School is open to all children pre-school age and up. Sunday School begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:30; snack time is 10:15-10:30.

## Denise Pipol Steps Down as Cradle Roll Manager

After coordinating Emmaus' Cradle Roll for the past ten years, Denise Pipol has decided it's time to turn the duties over to someone else.

The Cradle Roll mails a post card to each of our children at six-month intervals up to each child's

third birthday. The church office has a list of these children, and sends updates for the list to the Cradle Roll manager with every new baptism.

Many thanks to Denise Pipol for her years of faithful service!

## June Beck Shares Sewing Skills

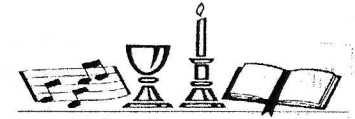


June Beck has made two new acolyte robes. Using one of the existing robes as a template, June made a

pattern and then created the new robes in sizes that were needed.





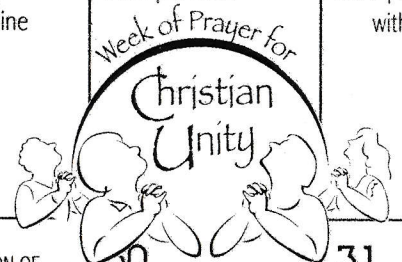
Thank you, June, for so willingly sharing your creative gift of sewing with Emmaus!

# January Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Jan. 3 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke			
Jan. 4 9:15 am	Arvilla Nemer, Lael Richter, Tedine Roos	Celia Bagley	TBA	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
Jan. 10 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Jan. 11 9:15 am		Matt Liesch	TBA	Kelsey Albright Tanya Rasmussen
Jan. 17 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Jan. 18 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson, Linda Meteyard, Grace Falaschi	Peter Bayer	TBA	Brian Field Hailey Sommer
Jan. 24 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Jan. 25 5:00 pm		Suzanne Landis	TBA	Patrick Jansen Kally Jansen
Jan. 31 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Feb. 1 9:15 am	Bev Hansen, Judy Berndt, Joy Lippmann	Kylee Albright	TBA	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
Jan. 4	TBA	Balthazars		Shirley Velzka
Jan. 11	TBA	TBA	Pat Jensen	
Jan. 18	TBA	TBA		Carol Eschmann
Jan. 25	TBA	TBA		
Feb. 1	TBA	TBA	TBA	Gregg Albright

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1925 Summit Avenue. (262) 634-5515. e-mail emmaus@execpc.com					<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>Office closed</i>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Finance meeting 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>4</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 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	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm WELCA Board mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	<b>6</b> EPIPHANY 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>7</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Council & staff party at Pastor Mary's 7:00 pm REST	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<b>11</b> THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: Celebrate the Sacraments Sunday 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Reception for new and prospective members at Pastor Mary's 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>13</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline; February <i>Visitor</i> deadline 12:30 pm EASY	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>17</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<b>18</b> THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER 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 	<b>19</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Deadline for annual reports	<b>20</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>22</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm REST 	<b>24</b> ST. TIMOTHY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	
<b>25</b> THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL 9:15 am Worship service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>26</b> ST. TITUS	<b>27</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>29</b> THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>31</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	

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

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		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
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		
STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
TOYS				
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



## 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.

Director: Pastor Mary (interim director)

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. 6 Nancy Smith;  
Carol Eschmann, lunch  
Jan. 20 John & Lila Berge: Mediterranean Spain  
Pat Jensen, lunch

### Birthdays This Month — 70 Years and Better

Jan. 6	Jim Martinsen	4715 Carrington Cir, Sarasota	34243
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., Kenosha	53144

## ELCA Presiding Bishop Sends 2003 Christmas Message

by Bishop Mark Hanson

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also . . . went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they

were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

—Luke 2: 1-2, 4-5, NRSV

Augustus speaks, and there are universal consequences—no one is exempt from this decree. For the sake of imperial efficiency and control, all must be counted, whole populations put on the move, plans interrupted and dreams set aside, every sort of hardship endured. In the middle of this turmoil, a baby is

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## 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:

Lucille Dudek, in honor of Esther Jensen on her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Julia Durand, in memory of S. Elmer Poulsen.

Fred & Jolene Leshner, in memory of Harry, Rose and Dennis Andersen.

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.

Fund to continue

The "2001—A Faith Odyssey" Fund will continue under the more descriptive name the "Principal Reduction" fund. As before, offerings to this fund will go toward paying down the principal on the 1987 loan for construction of the addition at the south end of the church.

We will continue to welcome special gifts to reduce our mortgage. We are getting close to our goal!

Will you consider a special gift in 2004 to help make Emmaus a debt-free congregation? Gifts of any amount are appreciated and are applied directly to additional payments to reduce the principal on our existing debt.

## America's Promise Declares January National Mentoring Month

from America's Promise Bulletin

When our calendars turn to January, it will be time once again to celebrate National Mentoring Month.

MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership and the Harvard Mentoring Project of the Harvard School of Public Health are spearheading the third installment of this annual initiative to recruit mentors to work with youth in need of supportive, caring adults in their lives. This year's theme is "Who mentored you? Thank them ... and

pass it on!" January 15 is Thank Your Mentor Day™.

Event sponsors are using this day to encourage people to remember, and thank, those adults who have impacted their lives by shaping who they are today. In addition to thanking their mentors, individuals are encouraged to volunteer to mentor a young person in their community and share stories about the impact of caring adults in their lives by visiting <http://www.whomentoredyou.org>.

## Book Club to Discuss *Da Vinci Code*

The Emmaus Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 16 to discuss *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown.

The Book Club



meets in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome; contact Marjorie Jensen at 634-8754 for more information.

### WELCA Bulletins

## Women's Mission Monies Support Needy

by Denise Keller

The WELCA cookie pack was December 3.

The Women's Service was held on December 6 and 7. Suzanne Landis preached, and the service was very nice. The Women's 8-88 Choir sounded really great. Thank you all who had a hand in planning the service.

WELCA gave Mission monies to the following in December: \$100.00 each to Bethany Apartments (shelter for battered women and their children), Emmaus REST, and the Northside Food Pantry.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Martin Nienhaus: \$25.00

Designated memorials & honoraria:

Designated for REST in memory of Nick White: \$20.00

Designated for REST in honor of Betty & Stan Breiwick: \$1,280.00

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The muffin and brownie sale is off to a good start.

### Mitten Tree

The mitten tree collection is going well, also. The basket has been emptied once and brought to Wadewitz. We will continue to collect hats, scarves and mittens for the children.

The next board meeting is Monday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room.



### Letters

## Vocational Ministry Sends Thanks

November 24, 2003

Dear Pastor Mary,

On behalf of the board of directors and the staff of Racine Vocational Ministry, I would like to thank you and the members of Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran



Church for your ongoing support of this ministry. Your prayers, your hosting a Solutions class and your financial assistance have been a source of inspiration to all of us in this organization.

Your November, 2003 contribution of \$150.00 is a significant help to this ministry. To date, we have received close to \$14,000 in donations.

To date, we have placed 281 people in jobs in companies like Jewel-Osco, Lincoln Lutheran, City of Racine, Pioneer Products, Racine County, Johnson-Diversey, Speedtech Int., Allwright Moving Systems, YWCA, Promotions Unlimited, and many more.

We have recently added All Saints Health Care Systems to our list of preferred employers! This is huge for us. They are currently the largest employer in town and are very interested in the way that we do business. This will help to leverage

Racine's other top employers. We have also added Safe Haven to our list of employers.

Thank you again, and may God richly bless you in your efforts to promote the Gospel by supporting the needy in our community and around the world.

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

## Bethany Apts. Thanks WELCA

To the Members of Emmaus Lutheran Church,

In the name of our staff and our women and children, I would like to express my gratitude for your generous donation of \$100 to Bethany Apartments.

This is a very thoughtful gesture on your part. We appreciate your continued interest in and support of our program at Bethany.

People such as you play a big role in the healing our women and children experience. It makes a big difference to them to know that someone cares.

May this Christmas be a blessed time for each of you and your families!

Gratefully,

Lynda D. Jackson,

Executive Director of Bethany Apartments

# Bishop's Message

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born far from home, with no fit place to lay his head. What clearer sign could there be, both of the global power of Augustus and the powerlessness of ordinary people?

Today, even as citizens of a resourceful, powerful nation, we are haunted by a sense of helplessness and insignificance. The reach and unpredictability of global economic forces make every job and livelihood uncertain.

Accelerating change seems to threaten to dissolve community, making us strangers to each other—and even to ourselves. Preoccupation with our own lives often

prevents us from being aware of, and responsive to, suffering throughout the world. As old conflicts endure and new ones spring up around the world, the way to peace is very hard to see, and even harder to walk. The universal reach of terror unsettles us everywhere, leaving no place of sure safety.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

—Luke 2: 10-11, NRSV

God's messenger speaks, and there are universal sequences—no one is excluded

from this promise! The first to hear are those of no apparent account, a band of scruffy shepherds who are sent to see and then become messengers themselves, joining the angels in stirring wonder in all who hear. Wondrous indeed, that God is at work here and now, that this newborn in a manger is, in fact, God with us, deep in the fragility of our flesh, deep in the world.



Messengers are still finding hearers, and hearers quickly become messengers. Baptismal grace ripples in every direction, creating community without borders. For the One who came to meet us in the manger has not abandoned our world or our lives, but is profoundly present, turning even the fractures caused by thoughtless human power into spaces where the Spirit blows and the Word rings, where in the fragile flesh of the body of Christ, new life dawns with saving promise for all.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. —Psalm 98:1, NRSV

## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Thanksgiving Eve attendance	2001: 54	2002: 60	2003: 71
Average weekend attendance, Nov.:	2001: 139	2002: 154	2003: 151
Average weekend Attendance, Dec.:	2001: 146	2002: 154	2003: 151
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:	2001: 111	2002: 138	2003: 124
Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:	2001: 135	2002: 110	2003: 120
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	2002: 130	2003: 141	

## Financial Statistics

	Total for month	Year to date	Last year
General Fund receipts in November, '03	\$15,555.89	\$144,912.49	\$146,497.98
Building Fund receipts in November, '03	\$1,601.00	\$ 5,174.00	\$3,756.00
Unified receipts in November, '03	\$17,156.89	\$150,086.49	\$150,253.98
		<u>Campaign to date</u>	
2001 (Principal) Fund offerings received in November '03	\$225.00	\$105,339.12	
December '03 mortgage payments:			
Principal			\$369.24
Extra principal			\$390.00
Interest			\$206.76
Total			\$966.00
Principal balance as of December 12, 2003			\$46,879.36

## Elsewhere In Our Community

### St. Olaf Choir Sings at Uihlein Hall

The St. Olaf Choir under director Anton Armstrong will give its Milwaukee concert at Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts at 3:00 p.m. January 31, 2004. Tickets range from \$20 to \$32. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with check payable to

Marcus Center Box Office, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Tickets are also available by phone at 1-888-612-3500, or through Ticketmaster at 1-414-276-4545. The concert is sponsored by Lutheran Social Service of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

### Norway Lutheran Hosts Lutefisk Dinner

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, will host a Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner Saturday, February 14. Dinner includes all side dishes, beverages and desserts.

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

and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$16.50 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.

# From Crisis to Opportunity

Thursday, December 11, seemed like a fairly typical day for me. After having to juggle some morning plans to accommodate another person's schedule change, my afternoon meetings went as planned.

However, returning to my car after the last meeting of the day, I was then greeted by the "beep beep" of my cell phone. The message was, "Contact the YWCA Daycare; they need to talk to you right away." Arriving home a few minutes later, I found a similar message waiting on my voice mail.

I soon learned the nature of the crisis: the YWCA Daycare housed at Emmaus was scheduled to close its doors January 30. The reason? A significant shortfall in funding, primarily due to the withdrawal of United Way funds. A similar YWCA Early Childcare Center at Messiah Lutheran Church was also scheduled to close for the same reason.

Over 17 years ago the Teen Parenting program of the Y was established to provide free day care for the children of teen parents. The stipulations were that the mother stay in school, not get pregnant while in the program and that they participate in parenting classes. The goals were in place to help break the cycle of teen pregnancy and poverty.

Through the years the program

has evolved. Through the W-2 Welfare to Work program requirements a co-pay component was added to the program. The program has expanded to serve not only teen parents, but also those W-2 working moms who are currently trying to work their way out of poverty. The Emmaus site currently serves eighteen W-2 families.

The vulnerability of the families served was very apparent as I heard



their concerns voiced. Where would they now turn? How could mothers continue to school or work if there were no place immediately available for infant care?

After initial conversations with Council President Cathy Knuteson, Assistant to the Bishop Sue Ruehle, and with the new YWCA Executive Director, Debbi Embry, a proposal was made that we first seek a short-term solution.

The churches subsidizing the

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YWCA Daycare centers at Emmaus and Messiah for at least two more months would then allow time to identify a longer term solution. A number of meetings and phone calls and a significant commitment of support led to a consensus on December 19 — the child care centers at both churches would remain open beyond January 30!

## Sources of Support

Support has already come in a variety of ways: free rent from Emmaus and Messiah for February and March, some emergency outreach funding from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, donation of supplies from some Emmaus members, over \$3,000 committed by five individual donors from Emmaus. Plans are in progress for a "Gifts from the Heart" weekend Feb 12-15, including a Barnes and Noble Book Fair February 12. Funds are being applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

How will childcare evolve and be strengthened for some of the most vulnerable families of our community? The hard work of visioning

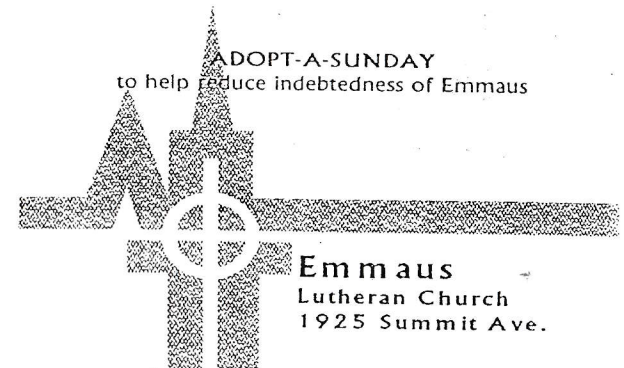
and collaboration begins January 2 as new partnerships are formed and others are nurtured.

Once again Emmaus has been called to provide leadership in our neighborhood and in our community. We pray for the guidance of the Spirit as we are challenged to be faithful partners in the transforming of a crisis into an opportunity. We give God thanks for God's faithfulness as we enter this new year with hope.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY  
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



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

Sunday to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

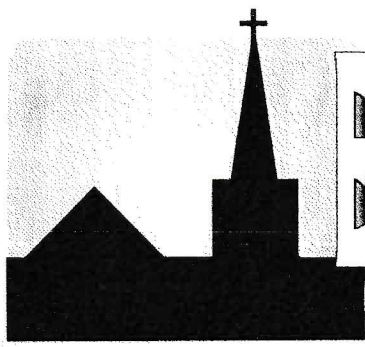
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- \* *Book Fair to Help Keep  
Child Care Center Open*
- \* *2004 Altar Flower Sheet  
Is Posted*
- \* *Annual Meeting  
Scheduled February 1*
- \* *Emmaus to Participate in  
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- \* *Youth to Sell Superbowl  
Sub Sandwiches*
- \* *Sunday School Turns to  
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## February, 2004

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### Annual Congregational Meeting

## Meeting to Be Held February 1

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the congregation will begin 10:30 a.m. February 1 after the worship service. In addition to reports, the agenda includes election of church



council members, and approval of the 2004 budget.

The meeting will be held in the Sunset Room. Copies of the 2003 annual report are available at church.

Sunday School will not meet on February 1.

## Cluster Assembly Meets at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, will host the

annual Racine Mission Cluster Assembly at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24.

### Inside the February *Visitor*:

- ♥ *Communion Ware Dedicated*
- ♥ *Book Fair, Bake Sale Benefit Child Care Centers*
- ♥ *Souper Bowl Sunday*
- ♥ *Book Club Gets Nickel & Dime*

Business items include the Racine Mission Cluster budget, election of officers, and consideration of any resolutions to submit for the synod assembly.

The Racine Mission Cluster is comprised of the fifteen ELCA congregations in Racine, Caledonia and Mount Pleasant.

## Pastoral Acts

### Funeral:

Walter J. Runge  
January 26, 2004

Wally Runge passed away January 24 at age 90. He served as a military policeman in the U.S. Navy during World War II, then in the Racine Police Department, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. He is survived by his wife, Marcie, and daughters Jane Uecker and JoAnn Henrickson, a sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pastor Mary led a private funeral service for the family.

## Lent Begins February 25

Ash Wednesday worship services begin at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. February 25. Both services include the traditional imposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Emmaus will offer midweek worship services beginning Tuesday,



March 2 at 12:15 p.m. All attending the worship services are invited for a light lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Suggested donation for the lunch is \$2.00. Sign up at church or call the church office by Monday in you'd like to join the group for lunch.

## Panel Offers Advice to Lutherans, Mel Gibson

CHICAGO (ELCA) (Jan. 7) — The Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) offered advice to Lutherans, civic organizations, Mel Gibson and "people of good will everywhere" in anticipation of "The Passion of the Christ" — a film to be released on Ash Wednesday, the day Western Christians begin the Lenten season.

Gibson is writer, director and producer of the film about the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ.

"Tragically, portrayals of the Passion over many generations have led to the virulent condemnation of Jewish communities, with Christians lashing out to punish those they had learned to call 'Christ-killers.' This doleful history demands a special

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## Communion Ware Dedicated in Memory of Judy Dykstra

by Kathy Christensen

New communion ware was dedicated in memory of Judy Dykstra at the worship services on January 11. The flagon, two chalices and two patens were made in Spain; the chalices were specially made with pouring lips.

Peter Stemper, vice president of T.H. Stemper Company of Milwaukee, presented the new communion ware to Judy's mother, Gerry Dykstra, at the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center on January 6.

While he was at Emmaus, Mr. Stemper also examined several pieces of old communion ware, including 100 communion cups and two silver-plated vases that had been stored for several years. He advised using the cups and, perhaps displaying the other pieces.

Pat Jensen took all of the cups home and hand polished them in time to be used for the dedication of the new communion ware on January 11. Many older Emmaus members probably remember using these cups in the church on Mound Avenue.

Any information regarding the



Evelyn Larsen and Pat Jensen look on as Peter Stemper presents Gerry Dykstra with communion ware in Judy Dykstra's memory.

old communion ware would be welcomed by the Altar Guild. If you have a memory to share, please contact either Evelyn Larsen at 632-2497 or Pat Jensen at 681-1466.

Pat and Evelyn have been co-chairs of the Altar Guild for several years and we thank them for their continued loyalty and devotion.

Pat also polished the vases and they can be used for special floral offerings. We extend thanks to Pat for her dedication to caring for our treasures and to Gerry Dykstra for her gift of the beautiful new communion ware.

## Emmaus Hosts Solutions for Success Classes

Emmaus will host Racine Vocational Ministries' "Solutions for Success" workshop February 9-12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Racine Vocational Ministries, a non-profit agency in its second year, seeks employment for those who might otherwise not have work opportunities.

Supported by private, church and grant funding, RVM interviews and trains potential employees and also works with a number of local employers. Solutions for Success is the four-day training event that all potential employees must complete



before being considered for employment.

### Baked Goods, Lunches

Volunteers are being sought to provide baked goods for morning coffee and for dessert, and others are needed to make a pot of chile, a pot of soup, a salad, or part of a lunch for

February 9, 10 and 11. Funds are available to reimburse for groceries purchased for the lunches.

Please contact Pastor Mary if you are able to help out. There will be between 10-15 people in the group.

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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. 1).  
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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## 'Gifts from the Heart' Week to Support Day Care

When funding shortages forced the YWCA to announce the January 30 closing of the child care centers housed in Emmaus and Messiah, a number of supporters offered their help. In order to give short-term help in an effort to "buy time" to make longer range plans, a number of individuals pledged monetary support.

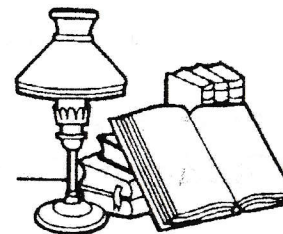
As a result, the child care centers remain open.

The second part of that support will take place February 11-15 at Emmaus. Messiah Lutheran Church and the YWCA will also promote the "Gifts from the Heart" week.

Purchases at Barnes & Noble from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11 (one day earlier than announced last month) using a book fair coupon will earn 20% for the child care support. You can find the coupon on page 6 of the *Visitor*, available in the church office, and on our web site ([www.emmaus-racine.org](http://www.emmaus-racine.org)).

Barnes & Noble gift cards may be used; purchases of consumables in the café are exempt.

A "priceless" bake sale will be held at both Emmaus and Messiah with all proceeds designated to the early child care centers. (See WELCA article on page 8). Matching funds from Thrivent Financial for



Lutherans are also being applied for.

Representatives of the YWCA, the ELCA of Racine and Lutheran Social Services are currently working together to determine how to best address the

child care needs for some of the most vulnerable families of our community.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 5. 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.

### Memorials:

Designated for communion ware:  
In memory of Judy Dykstra:  
\$3,995.00

Designated for upstairs kitchen renovation:  
In memory of Judy Dykstra: \$5.00



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## I support the Bookfair for: YWCA Early Childcare Centers

Date: February 11, 2004  
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Present this voucher at the designated register at the time of purchase. Up to 20% of the net sale will be donated to the YWCA Childcare Centers.

*The following transactions are not included in Bookfair totals: the purchase of Gift Cards, the purchase of Reader's Advantage memberships, or the purchase of café consumables.*

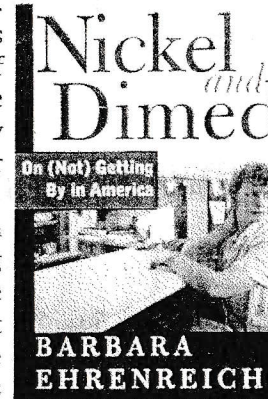
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## Book Club to Discuss 'Nickel and Dimed'

The Emmaus Book Club's book for February is *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. *Nickel and Dimed* is Ehrenreich's account of what it is like to make a living on the salary of a low paid or "unskilled" worker.

Taking jobs as a waitress, cleaning woman, nursing home assistant and Wal-Mart employee in three different cities across the nation, Ehrenreich struggled to make ends meet. Ehrenreich portrays the



generous and gutsy people she worked with and their desperate struggles for survival on minimum wage.

The book stirred controversy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last year when Republican legislators and a conservative student group objected to its selection as required summer reading for incoming freshmen.

The Emmaus book club meets in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of September-November and January-May. The next meeting is on February 19.

### Sunday School News

## Sunday School Takes Break February 1

by Denise Keller

Our January rotation unit on Abraham and Sarah was put on hold and the Sunday School spent four weeks learning the story of the Good Samaritan after the Christmas break. Through art, video, computer and games the children learn that loving your neighbor means helping those in need — even if they don't live next door!

There will be no Sunday School on February 1. The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for 10:30.

The Sunday School will sing at

the 9:15 Service on February 22.

We are looking for volunteers to lead a workshop for upcoming units on Jesus feeds the 5000, February 15 through March 7, and the Easter Story rotation on March



SUNDAY SCHOOL

14 through April 4. We will work around your schedule if you are only available for one, two or three Sundays during the rotation.

If you are available to help out please call Denise at 619-9911.

## We Continue to Collect Mittens and Scarves

With more cold winter in store, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves continue to be collected for our Wadewitz and EASY students. There is a basket in the narthex for these items.

Linda Jaskulske, home school worker at Wadewitz, has expressed appreciation for donations already made — they have been put to good use during some especially cold weather this month.

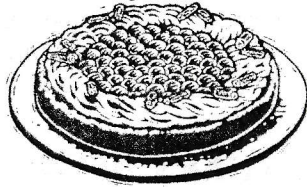
### WELCA Bulletins

## Women Hold 'Priceless Bake Sale'

by Denise Keller

Who says a muffin can't be \$25?

The Women of Emmaus will hold a Valentine's Bake Sale on the weekend of February 14-15. Baked goods will be priceless—and that's not just church newsletter hyperbole.



### Bake Sale

No price is posted on any item. Because all proceeds will be given to YWCA Daycare, it is up to the buyer to determine how much to give for each item.

Anyone wishing to donate treats may drop them off at church before the Saturday service or before the service on Sunday.

### Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar! The annual Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, May 1. The retreat will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25.00, which includes a

light breakfast and a catered lunch.

The Friday evening session, April 30 will be offered to all members of the congregation. This would be a combination of dessert and discussion from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A free will donation will be collected.

Kathryn Koob will be leading us in sessions and discussions on "Reconciliation." Copies of her book *Guest of the Revolution* are in the Sunset Room.

Kate, a former American hostage in Iran, will share how her faith sustained her during her grueling experience as a hostage.

Watch for more details and registration info.

### February Youth Birthdays




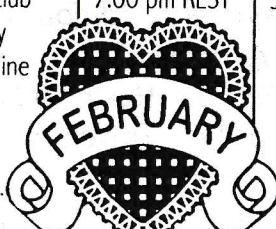

Feb. 3	Krystle Mayer	16
Feb. 4	Cora Balthazar	10
Feb. 5	Jordan Gallagher	5
Feb. 9	Laura Zeleski	8
Feb. 9	April Falaschi	17
Feb. 18	Justin Pipol	15
Feb. 27	Amanda Bloom	18
Feb. 27	Alex Maryland	9

## February Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Jan. 31 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Feb. 1 9:15 am	Bev Hansen, Judy Berndt, Joy Lippmann	Kylee Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman
Feb. 7 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Feb. 8 9:15 am		Lorrie Peterson	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
Feb. 14 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Feb. 15 9:15 am	Kylee & Gregg Albright	Sandi Strini	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kally Jansen Tanya Rasmussen
Feb. 21 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Feb. 22 9:15 am		Celia Bagley	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Jennifer Haman Hailey Sommer
Feb. 25 7:00 pm	TBA		Team 4 John Cook	Patrick Jansen Kally Jansen
Feb. 28 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Feb. 29 5:00 pm		Nathan Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman
Mar. 6 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Mar. 7 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Cindi Larsen	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:15 am Worship service; LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Annual congregational meeting <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>2</b> GROUND HOG DAY 6:00 pm WELCA board meet'g 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>4</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>5</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>8</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service; WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Solutions for Success 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Solutions for Success 9:00 am Pastor Mary at Winter Symposium 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>11</b> 6th-9th confirmation retreat registrations due 9:00 am Solutions for Success 3:30-10:00 pm Barnes & Noble Book Fair 6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class	<b>12</b> LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 9:00 am Solutions for Success 2:30 pm EASY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm REST 	<b>14</b> VALENTINE'S DAY <i>Pastor Mary on vacation</i> 4:30 & 6:00 pm Priceless bake sale 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
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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

## February Worship Assistants

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
Feb. 1	H. Wagner	Pat Jensen		Shirley Velzka
Feb. 8	Yorgans	J. Berndt		
Feb. 15	G. Dykstra, B. Holding	J. & K. Cook	Boots LeRoux	Carol Eschmann
Feb. 22	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>		
Feb. 29	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>		
Mar. 7	C. Weber, S. Velzka	<i>available</i>	Cheryl Dexter	Gregg Albright

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. After coffee and treats, our programs begin at 10:30 a.m. The Center will be closed any time that weather conditions close the public schools.

### Program for February:

Feb. 3 Helen Gill at the piano  
Feb. 17 Travels with Al Beck



### 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
Feb. 24	Stan Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Drive #102	53406

## Youth Collect 'Noisy Offering' on Souper Bowl Sunday

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



Bring your change for a "noisy offering" on January 31 and February 1. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup pot will go toward relief efforts for world hunger.

## Confirmation Retreat Slated March 5-6

Emmaus sixth through ninth graders and youth from eight other ELCA congregations in Racine will join for a confirmation retreat on March 5 and 6 at Timber-Lee Camp.

For sixth and seventh graders, this retreat will replace the annual midwinter overnight at Lutherdale that we normally require for the pre-confirmation kids. Because there are so few kids in those grades, we are combining with other groups from Racine to make the time more fun and worthwhile.

For the eighth and ninth graders, this overnight will replace four of the Wednesday night classes after Easter, and is required.

Mark Carlson, an excellent leader and speaker from Wartburg

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

The Souper Bowl began in a single South Carolina church youth group in 1993. Last year, 12,000 congregations together gave \$3.5 million to charities in their respective areas.

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

Seminary in Iowa will lead the "Lost and Found" retreat. There will also be engaging worship, good music, and fun activities planned for the kids.

Of the \$70.00 actual cost, Emmaus will be covering \$50.00. We have scholarship funds available for families for whom the remaining \$20.00 registration fee(s) would pose a challenge.

Registration forms have been mailed out to parents of 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> graders; they are due back at the church office by February 11.

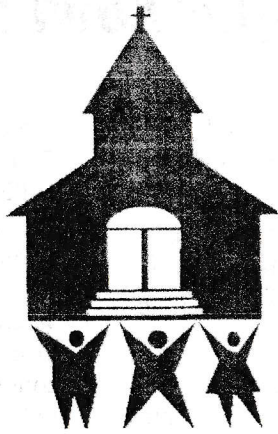
Please contact Pastor Mary or the church office if you need help funding your child(ren)'s retreat fee or if you have not received your registration form.

## Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

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

Mildred Schroth, in honor of daughters Susan Graef and Christine Heggeseth on their birthdays.

Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to memorialize or honor a loved



one, or to mark a special occasion in your life. If you would like to adopt a Sunday at some time this year, please fill out the form included in your Sunday bulletin or *Visitor*. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to us along with your contribution.

### EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, December:	2001: 146	2002: 154	2003: 151
Average weekly attendance, January:	2002: 130	2003: 141	2004: 132
Average weekly attendance, February:	2002: 121	2003: 128	

### Financial Statistics

	Total for month	Year to date
Gen'l Fund receipts in December, 2003	\$20,828.80	\$165,741.29
Bldg. Fund receipts in December, 2003	\$250.00	\$5,424.00
Unified receipts in December, 2003	\$21,078.80	\$171,165.29
		<u>Campaign to date</u>
Principal Reduction Fund offerings received in Dec 03	\$200.00	\$105,539.12
Mortgage payments:		
Principal	\$380.67	
Interest	\$195.33	
<u>Extra Principal</u>	\$1,050.00	
Total	\$1,626.00	
Principal balance as of January 12, 2004		\$46,879.36

## Did You Get Your Offering Envelopes?

Emmaus members should have received their offering envelopes for the months of February, March, and May by U.S. Mail before

the end of January. Please let our secretary, Paul Berge, know if you do not receive your envelopes in the next few weeks.

## Letters

### Northside Pantry Thanks WELCA

January 14, 2004

Dear Women of Emmaus,

Thank you for the \$100.00 donation to the Northside Food Pantry. Your donation is appreciated and will be put to good use.

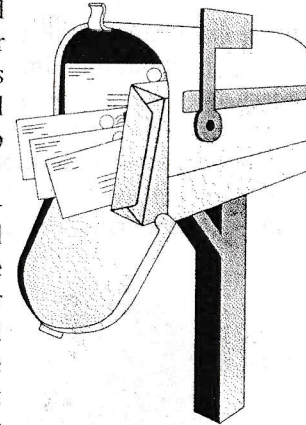
The demand for food continues to be great. Your donation will help us purchase food not donated or available from the Racine County Food Bank. We try to include a few fresh food items in the bags of food we give the people who use the pantry.

We also wish to thank you for the many volunteers your church

provides for operating the pantry. We appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,

Joel and Pat Lamke  
Northside Food Pantry



January 19, 2004

Dear Members of Emmaus,

Thank you for your loving support this Christmas season to the children of Wadewitz School and the After School program. Some of these children have so little, the act of sharing with them meant so much.

I'll share part of a thank you note I received from one of the children: "The present was beautiful. You got me something I always wanted. You are wonderful and your present meant a lot to me. Thank you so much!"

Thank you for your kindness and your thoughtful gifts.

—Valerie Crehan

### REST Volunteers for February

	5 - 8 pm	6 - 9 pm	7:30 - 11 pm	11 pm - 5 am	5 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 6	Atonement Lutheran Church				
Feb. 13	C. Bagley, K. Hegeman Troop 146	Rode, St. Andrew	K. Robuck	T. Roos	Lamberton C. Larsen M. Hanson
Feb. 20	Atonement Lutheran Church				
Feb. 27				T. Roos	Lamberton

## Gibson's Passion

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vigilance from any who portray the Passion today," said a Jan. 6 statement from the panel of six Lutheran scholars and church leaders.

The panel said Gibson "has been widely quoted as aiming to produce the most accurate historical portrayal of Jesus' Passion ever filmed. This goal requires that he give credence to the critique of historical scholars who are expert in the period, cultures and sources of this story.

"We believe that he aspires to produce a film that will neither stir anti-Semitism nor lend itself to anti-Semitic exploitation. Individuals and organizations that work regularly to counter and diminish anti-Semitism can aid him in fulfilling that aspiration," said the panel.

"This film is not the first effort to depict the events of the Passion in dramatic form," said the Rev. Franklin Sherman, the panel's chair and associate for interfaith relations, ELCA Department for Ecumenical Affairs, Allentown, Pa. Passion plays have a long history of oversimplifying dynamics surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, blaming Jews for Jesus' death, "overlooking the role of the Roman overlords and obscuring the fact that Jesus himself and all his initial followers were Jews," he said.

Sherman said the Lutheran became concerned that "The

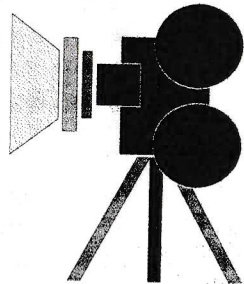
Passion of the Christ" may repeat some of those mistakes when it received reviews from Christian and Jewish scholars who read an early version of the script. That concern continued as publicity was released about the film, he said.

"We want to try to convert what could be an occasion for hostility between Christians and Jews into an occasion for deepened understanding and mutual respect," Sherman said.

The ELCA's Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations was instrumental in drafting the church's three statements on Christian-Jewish relations: the 1994 declaration rejecting those of Martin Luther's 16<sup>th</sup>

Century writings which the ELCA said recommended violence against Jews, the 1998 "Guidelines for Lutheran-Jewish Relations" and the 2002 "Talking Points"— eight discussion-starters for Lutherans on topics in Christian-Jewish relations.

A statement on "The Passion of the Christ" serves "to help the ELCA fulfill the commitments it articulated in 1994 and 1998," said Dr. Peter A. Pettit, a member of the panel and director, Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. "With a project of the scope and visibility of this one, we have an unprecedented opportunity to educate and inform," he said.



## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Valparaiso Choir Visits Wisconsin

Please join the Valparaiso University Chorale Monday, March 1 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa. The ensemble's 2004 Spring Tour program includes works by Schütz, Bach and Bruckner, as well as Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and other works of contemporary American composers.

Phone St. Matthew's at 414-774-0441 for details.

David Kotlewski, performers from the UW-Milwaukee faculty, and dancers from Ballet Center under the direction of Rafael Delgado and Melissa Anderson.

Contact Paul Kasten, 414-771-6586 or the Mt. Carmel church office, 414-771-1270.

### Holy Communion Hosts Children's Concert

by Pastor Kris Capel

Hi all! As I mentioned at one of the cluster meetings, there is a concert at Holy Communion at 3:00 p.m. on February 15. The performer is children's artist, "Mr. Jim" Schattauer. He is the "son of a Lutheran pastor" — a great performer.

This concert is appropriate for about ages 2-10 or 11 (depending on the child!) Look for a feature on this concert in your *Journal Times* the week of February 8.

Holy Communion is located at the west end of Sixth Street overlooking Kinzie Avenue.

### Music Tugs at Harp Strings

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center Street, Milwaukee, presents "Strings, Harps and Dance" Sunday, February 8 at 3:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

This afternoon of music and dance is sure to delight children and the young at heart. The concert will present an ensemble of a dozen harps under the direction of Jeanne Kahn, teacher and administrator of the largest elementary and secondary harp program in the United States.

The program will also feature 75 violinists under the direction of





## Trinity Lutheran Researches Its Founders

Trinity Lutheran Church on Geneva Street in Racine is almost 100 years old. In anticipation of that anniversary, Trinity's History Committee is seeking information about their founders and the members of their first confirmation class.

If any of the following names are familiar to you, please call Trinity at 632-2900:

Frank G White, John H. Phillips, Walter Moe, August Balzer, Anna Dunse, Louise M. Harms, Sophia Kortum, Paulina Oberg, Gretchen Oberg, Frank Oberg.

## Norway Lutheran Hosts Lutefisk Dinner

Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, will host a Norwegian lutefisk and meatball dinner Saturday, February 14. Dinner includes all side dishes, beverages and desserts.

Servings are at 11:30 a.m.,

1:15 and 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$16.50 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.



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

## Warm Fuzzies ... Or Repentance?

Seasons and holidays — they make up so much of the rhythm of our lives, don't they? Some of those holidays have become what we refer to as "Hallmark holidays," holidays promoted by the greeting card and related businesses. Millions and millions of dollars will be spent again this year on Valentine's Day. Everything from greeting cards to roses and chocolates to pretty underwear is marketed. Romantic love is highlighted.

As a kid, I remember Valentine's Day. In our classroom, we decorated little personalized "mailboxes" with our names on them. We labored over red construction paper and paper doilies as we cut and used extra globs of paste. I remember finding the prettiest creations to put in the mailboxes of my favorite friends and giving those that weren't too pretty to those kids who weren't me best buddies!

Then the big day came. We got to open our stuffed mailboxes. Who got the most? Whose were the best and the prettiest? I don't know which year it was, but I remember thinking that it wasn't so much fun after all. Even though I had lots of cards, some of the other kids didn't. That just didn't seem right, and it made me sad. And what was worse, I was participating and contributing

to that inequity.

But, it's more than during that Hallmark holiday that we find ourselves "wanting to get all the Valentines—often at the expense of others."

I look at all the inexpensively made (and therefore affordable) items I have purchased with the



label "Made in China" and realize that while I have more, it's also meant that someone in China was working for

substandard wages. Perhaps the jobs of some Americans are now non-existent because of my greed.

More often than not, I drink coffee that doesn't bear the label "Fair Trade Coffee." After all, I save money that way! Too often what I do is about me, rather than about what is fair, what is just and what God would want for us as a community.

I find myself in need of another season coming up, the season of Lent. February 25, Ash Wednesday, is a time when we of the church gather for a time that's not advertised by any greeting card company. It's not a time of "warm fuzzies," but it is a time of reflection and repentance.

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# Pastor Mary's Column

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We are reminded of our own mortality as we hear the words "...to dust you shall return" and have the ashes imposed on our foreheads in the shape of a cross. We are a broken people.

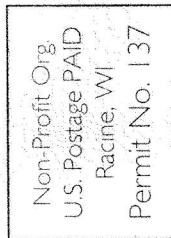
I am so grateful that God meets us in our brokenness with a love that knows no boundaries and shows no partiality. I hope you will focus on that important day in February surrounded by your sisters and brothers of Emmaus.

We worship together February 25 at 12:15 noon and again at 7:00 p.m. Let us begin this season of reflection together. See you in church.

(If you are unable to make it to church and would like to have communion in your home that week, please call the church office.)

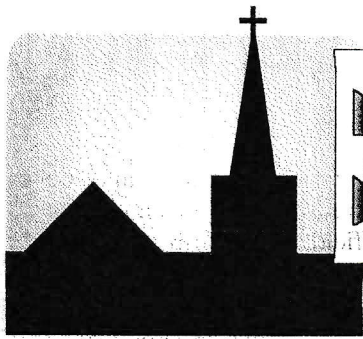
Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary



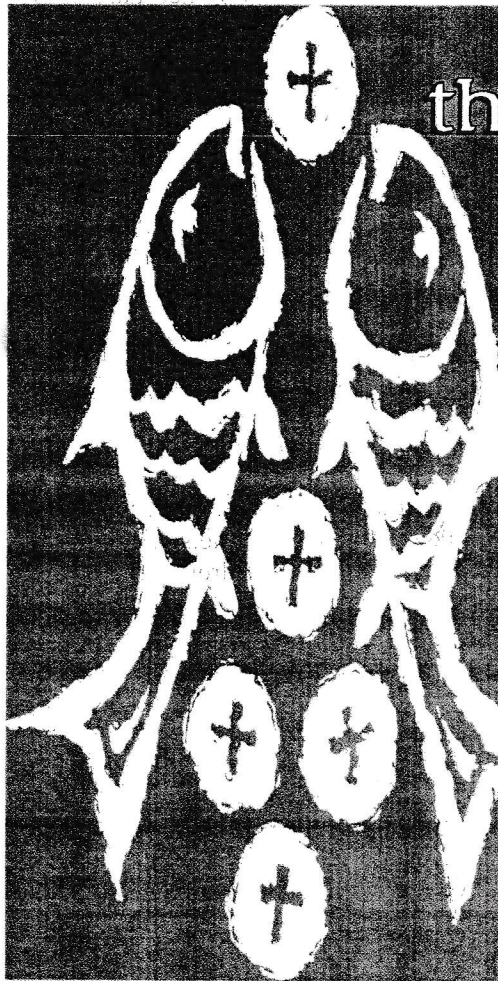
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# Emmaus Visitor

March, 2004



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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Zachary Steven Offield  
February 22, 2004

Zachary is the son of Rodney and Nicole Offield and the grandson of Dennis and Michele Kreimer. The Offields live in Green Bay. His sponsors are Lisa Kaprelian and A.J. Cacciotti.

### Funerals:

Eileen Busse Olson  
February 10, 2004

Eileen Olson passed away February 7. A retired elementary teacher, Eileen was an active member of Emmaus. She participated in Rebecca Circle and in other Bible studies and activities of the church. She leaves her husband of 64 years, Glenn; their children, Lowell and Arlyn Olson, Linelle Gottfredsen, Deanna Crum, and Gloria LaVassor; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to cherish her memory.

Marilyn Binn Nelson  
Anderson  
February 28, 2004

Marilyn Anderson passed away February 23 in Franklin. She and her husband, David, were married at DeKoven in 1990. She enjoyed crafts, cards, and horse races. She and David had lately been faithful members of Emmaus' Senior Citizen Fellowship Center before her move to Elizabeth Residence. In addition to David, she is survived by her sons Peter, Tom and Bill Nelson, as well as her grandchildren and stepchildren.



## **Our Lenten March to Calvary Begins**

Midweek worship services are at 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, March 2-30. Join us for a light lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Please look for the lilac sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office by Monday so that we have an idea of

how many to plan for.

Needed: volunteers to make a pot of soup or chili or a dessert for the following Tuesdays: March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call the church office or sign up in the narthex. Thank you!

## Sunday School Bulletins

# **And a Little Child Shall Feed Them**

by Denise Keller

"Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand" is the story the children will learn in this Sunday School rotation. Through video, art/cooking, story telling and games, the children will learn about sharing. Jesus spent the whole day healing people who were sick, and performing miracles throughout a crowd.

But when it came time to eat, the disciples did not know how they would feed everyone. Jesus fed 5,000 with only a few loaves of bread and fishes.

Jesus had proven that not only could he heal the people of their illnesses, he could provide their basic needs, such as food, as well. And to do this, he used what a little young boy could provide.

It doesn't matter how much or how little we have, Jesus can use us for his work. We simply must be willing to do what we can for Him.

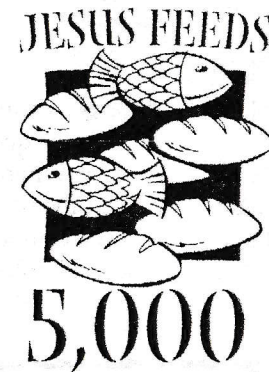
### Hunger Appeal

During this unit and continuing through Lent, the Sunday School offering will be given to World Hunger Appeal. We also will continue to collect non-perishable food for the Northside Food Pantry.

Our Easter Rotation runs from March 14 through April 4. We are looking for volunteers to lead

workshops. We will work around your schedule if you are only available for one, two or three Sundays during the rotation. If you are available to help out, please call Denise at 619-9911.

The Sunday School will sing at the 9:15 service on March 28 and again on Palm Sunday, April 4.



## **Sunday School, Chocoholics Support World Hunger Appeal**

by Denise Keller

This year during Lent, the Sunday School offering will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. This project will tie the stories that the children have been learning over the past few weeks, the stories of the Good Samaritan and Jesus Feeds the

5,000.

This idea came from Pastor Diane Olson from Kingo Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Pastor Diane wrote about their Lenten Challenge: "When I was a kid, we were supposed to give up chocolate for

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## Thanks for Adopting Sunday

Our thanks to Mildred Schroth for adopting Sunday, February 22 in honor of her daughter, Betsy Sellers. Adopt-a-Sunday is part of

Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms appear in the *Visitor* and communion Sunday bulletins.

## M&M Appeal

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Lent. Last year at Kingo, chocolate was encouraged!

"Our Sunday School students each received a small tube of M&M candies at the beginning of Lent. Their instructions were to eat the candy, fill the tube with at least \$10 worth of quarters. When the tube was filled, they could bring the tube in to receive another tube of candies.

"When this was announced to the congregation, one of our adult members asked if the 'adult chocoholics' could participate, too. Many did! By Easter, our Sunday School (with a little help from the adult members of the congregation) had collected \$660.00 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal."

Here's how we will do the Lenten challenge:

Each child (and adults, too!) received a small tube of M&M candies on Sunday, February 22. Lent officially started February 25. The instructions are to eat the candy, and then fill the tube with

loose change (pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters).

When the tube is full, bring the tube back to Sunday School and receive another tube of candies. The second tube may also be brought back and another will be received. Each child can fill as many tubes as they would like.

We will collect offering this way through Easter. There will be no need to do offering in the envelopes during this time. We will continue to collect non-perishables for the Northside Food Pantry. The basket is located in the Temple Room near the altar.

By giving offerings and

participating in the missions, we are demonstrating our love of God and His works.

If anyone has any questions, please call Denise at 619-9911.

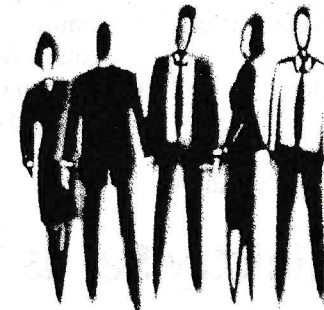


## Anti-Racism Training Set

Crossroads Ministry, a national organization with offices in Racine, Chicago and New York, will lead a 2½-day analysis of racism March 25-27. What is the history of racism in this country? How has it affected our institutions? How is racism defined? Is it the same as prejudice? Is there a way that "institutional racism" can be dismantled?

Pastor Mary would like to have several members of the congregation join her March 25-27 for the in-depth training to be held

in Racine. Scholarship funds are available through the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Pastor Mary, who has previously attended an anti-racism training event sponsored by our synod, says, "This is truly an eye-opening and life-transforming experience; I recommend that all



leaders of the church and all who have a passion for justice consider attending this event with me."

For more information, please contact Pastor Mary.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

Council President: Brenda Gieszler  
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Lenten MIDWEEK SERVICES are held Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
Secretary: Paul Berge  
Custodial staff: Matt Liesch, Kerry Hunter, Jeff White

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

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## Congregation Elects New Council

The members of the church council elected at the annual meeting of the congregation February 1 are:

- President: Brenda Gieszler
- Secretary: Cathy Meyer
- Treasurer: Carolyn Wooster
- Financial Secretary: Michele Kreimer

- Building & Grounds: Bill Irvine
- Congregational Life: The Orth family
- Youth: Gregg Albright
- Women of the ELCA: Celia Bagley
- Worship & Music: Kathy Christensen
- Building & Grounds: Bill Irvine

## Vision for Ministry Set as 2004 Priority

With a solid foundation of outreach ministry in place, it now becomes the task of Emmaus leadership to grow and sustain what has begun to take root.

A Vision for Ministry team will be formed within the next six weeks, and the members will do their work for approximately six months. The team will listen to the community and to the congregation as they discern future ministry direction and focus for Emmaus. As a ministry plan is developed and presented to the congregation, it will then be determined where outside funding might be available to supplement congregational giving.



Pastor Mary is currently in conversation with Greg Van Dunk, Assistant to the Bishop and liaison to the ELCA Division for Outreach. The Division for Outreach is seen as a possible funding source, and our ministry plan will be presented to

them for consideration as soon as it has been completed.

Are you being called to serve on the Emmaus Vision for Ministry team for the coming months? Prayerfully consider the possibility and give Pastor Mary a call if you'd like to learn more.

## Church Council Changes Meeting to Tuesday

Due to major scheduling conflicts of two of our current council members, the regular meeting day of the church council has been changed. Beginning in March, the council will meet at 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month.

If there is an item that any member would like considered at the monthly council meeting, that should be submitted to President Brenda Gieszler a week prior to the scheduled meeting.

## Church Council Discusses Maintenance Needs

Bill Irvine, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, brought some major maintenance concerns before the church council at their February meeting. Among items that need to be addressed are: flooring in Fellowship Hall (asbestos tiles are coming loose on a regular basis); original windows (50 years old) in the parsonage are in need of replacement; leaky parsonage gutters, rotting wood and other outside areas are in need of repair.



the congregation, the council has asked Bill to get estimates on the costs of the needed improvements. Michele Kreimer, financial secretary, was asked to investigate possible financing in the event of a recommendation to make major improvements to the church property.

Before making any recommendations to the

The council will continue discussion of the matter at their March meeting. No final decisions will be made without congregational approval.

## Emmaus, Lord of Life Extend Invitation to Partnership

Two years prior to being called to Emmaus, Pastor Mary completed a year-long internship at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax, Virginia. The large, rapidly growing congregation in the Virginia suburb near Washington, D.C. is involved with mission work in Haiti, Habitat for Humanity, and feeding the hungry through the F A C E T S program.



Nancy and Art Smith, members of Lord of Life, have participated in those and other areas of outreach sponsored by their congregation.

Pastor Ron Qualley, Senior Pastor of Lord of Life, and Pastor Mary have recently been in communication about how the two congregations might partner in

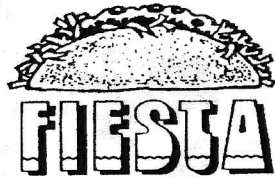
outreach ministry. Members of Lord of Life are being invited to come to Racine this summer to volunteer their time and to share their expertise at Neighborhood Camp. There is also the possibility of financial support from our neighbors from the east.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church has named Outreach as their emphasis in 2004. January was a time to focus on addressing world and local hunger. Each member of Lord of Life is being challenged to commit to volunteering their time and to making an effort to "simplify." Areas of advocacy for the underserved and oppressed are also being emphasized.

We pray that new possibilities will emerge as we focus on God's call for us to reach out to others.

# Fiesta Mexicana Set for April 25

Mark your calendars now for fiesta time Sunday, April 25! Emmaus youth will once again serve Mexican fare in a festive atmosphere.



work there. Plan to attend the Fiesta Mexicana on April 25; 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? (No rummage items, please.) 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.

Fourteen youth under the leadership of Gregg Albright and Natasha Chan-A-Sue will travel to Appalachia in July to do mission

## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

Erin Sommer	March 3	17
Daniel Rieves	March 4	9
Anna Butler	March 9	4
Stephanie Johnson	March 16	4
Greg Gottfredsen	March 17	14
Alex Rangel	March 21	13
Andrew Jaskulske	March 25	9
Isaac Bustamante	March 27	13
Dylan Scoon	March 28	17

## Confirmation Retreat

### 6th-9th Graders Head for Timber-Lee Camp

Emmaus sixth through ninth graders and youth from eight other ELCA congregations in Racine will join for a confirmation retreat on March 5 and 6 at Timber-Lee Camp.

For sixth and seventh graders, this retreat will replace the annual midwinter overnight at Lutherdale that we normally require for the pre-confirmation kids. Because there are so few kids in those grades, we are combining with other groups



**Youth  
Retreat**

from Racine to make the time more fun and worthwhile.

For the eighth and ninth graders, this overnight will replace four of the Wednesday night classes after Easter, and is required.

Mark Carlson, an excellent leader and speaker from Wartburg Seminary in Iowa will lead the "Lost and Found" retreat. There will also be engaging worship, good music, and fun activities planned for the kids.

## WELCA Bulletins

# WELCA Is Calling You

by Celia Bagley

Calling all women of Emmaus Church! Did you know there is a women's group at Emmaus that you are already a part of? It is called WELCA.

Who we are: Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) is a women's ministry organization. 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.

## 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.

Here at Emmaus, we have a board whose members work hard to support numerous programs within our church, our community and our world.

The ministry and fellowship of Emmaus includes:

- small group Bible study/fellowship (Lydia Circle, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room).

- larger group meetings with a special theme, speaker, etc.
- special events (weekend retreat, Thankoffering service, Christmas program/cookie packing, Cluster events and Synod/Cluster conventions).
- special interests and church support (Prayer chain, Altar Guild, quilting group, rummage sale and bake sale).

The board meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room. We are looking for new individuals who are interested in joining.

If you cannot make it but would like to be part of this group, please give Celia Bagley (835-1215) or Denise Keller (619-9911) a call.



Women's History Month

# Former Hostage Koob to Share Faith Story at Women's Retreat

Kathryn Koob, a former American hostage in Iran, will be the featured guest at our Women's Retreat on Saturday, May 1. Kate will share how her faith sustained her during her grueling experience as a hostage. Copies of her book, *Guest of the Revolution*, are available in the Sunset Room.



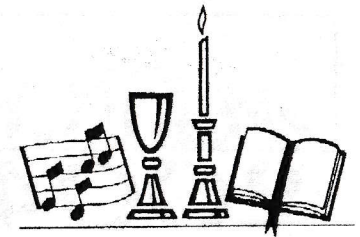
Kathryn Koob

8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00, which includes a light breakfast and a catered lunch.

The Friday evening session, April 30 will be offered to all members of the congregation. This would be a combination of dessert and discussion from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A free-will donation from \_\_\_\_\_ will be collected.

The retreat will be \_\_\_\_\_

# March Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Feb. 28 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Feb. 29 9:15 am		Nathan Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman
Mar. 6 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Mar. 7 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Cindi Larsen	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
Mar. 13 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Mar. 14 9:15 am		John Knuteson	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Brian Field Hailey Sommer
Mar. 20 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Mar. 21 9:15 am	Mildred Schroth Marge Jensen	Marion Keller	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Tanya Rasmussen Kelsey Albright
Mar. 27 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
Mar. 28 5:00 pm		Bev Hansen	Team 4 John E. Cook	Patrick Jansen Kally Jansen
Apr. 3 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Austin			
Apr. 4 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Bev Hansen & Tedine Roos	Drama group	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman

## Thanks to Our Bakers

Thank you to everyone who donated the delicious treats for the priceless bake sale, including Bea Holding, Karen Christiansen, Carol Eschmann, Marion Keller, Marge Jensen, Shirley Velzka and Celia Bagley. \$213 will be given to YWCA Child Care Centers.

## MEMORIALS

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Walter Runge: \$1,030.00

### Designated for Christian Education:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$75.00

### Designated for ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$920.00

### Designated for kitchen renovation:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$70.00

### Given to Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$25.00

**ADOPT-A-SUNDAY**  
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus

**Emmaus**  
Lutheran Church  
1925 Summit Ave.

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

Sunday to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



# MARCH 2004

Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 634-5515

<http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

**1** ST. DAVID  
6:30 pm WELCA Board  
7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.



**2**  
10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:15 pm Lenten midweek worship service  
2:30 pm EASY, to 5:15  
5:00 pm TOPS

**3**  
1:30 pm Lydia Circle

**4**  
11:00 am Bulletin deadline  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS  
7:00 pm Stamp Club

**5**  
7:00 pm REST

**6**  
5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

*6th-9th grade retreat at Timber-Lee Camp*

**7** 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
8:00 am Adult Choir practice  
9:15 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

**8**

**9**  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:15 pm Lenten midweek worship service  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS  
6:30 pm Church Council meeting

**10**  
6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class

**11**  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline  
12:30 pm EASY

**12**  
7:00 pm REST

**13**  
5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

**14** 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
8:00 am Adult Choir practice  
9:15 am Worship Service; WOV Service of Word & Prayer  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

**15**  
April Visitor articles due

**16**  
9:00 am Cluster Clergy  
10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:15 pm Lenten midweek worship service  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**17** ST. PATRICK  
6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class



**18**  
10:00 am Book club  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline  
2:30 pm EASY

**19**  
12:00 noon Linc. Luth. annual mtg., St. Patrick's  
7:00 pm REST

**20**  
5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

**21** 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
8:00 am Adult Choir practice  
9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

**22**



**23**  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:15 pm Lenten midweek worship service  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**24**  
6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class

**25**  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline  
2:30 pm EASY

**26**  
7:00 pm REST



**27**  
5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

**28** 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT  
9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer.  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

**29**

**30**  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:15 pm Lenten midweek worship service  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**31**  
6:30 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class

March 32  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's  
7:00 pm Stamp club

**2**  
7:00 pm REST

**3**  
5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

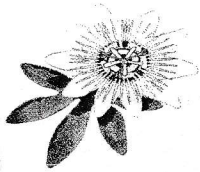
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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	8%	\$25		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$30		
<b>TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
Citgo	2.5%	\$50, \$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		

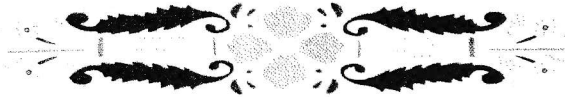
Maurice's	7%	\$20		
Sears	4%	\$25, \$100, \$250		
Shopko	4%	\$25, \$50		
T. J. Maxx	7%	\$10, \$25		
<b>BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY</b>				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
<b>FOOD, RESTAURANTS</b>				
Applebee's	8%	\$20		
Arby's	10%	\$5		
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



## March Worship Assistants

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
Mar. 7	C. Weber, S. Velzka	Pat Jensen	Cheryl Dexter	Gregg Albright
Mar. 14	J. & M. Haanstad	O. & V. Haugsby		
Mar. 21	B. Gieszler	Eschmann-Keller		Caren Lambertson
Mar. 28	A. & J. Svendsen	S. Landis		
Apr. 4	M. Nelson, P. Jensen	Balthazar	Ev. Larsen	Chris Lambertson



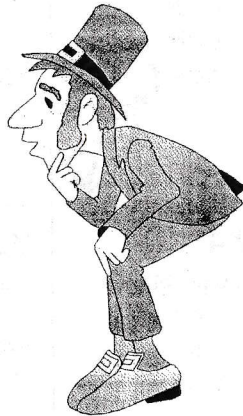
### Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Interim Director: Pastor Mary

The center opens on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Because of Tuesday midweek lenten services, lunch will be served all five Tuesdays this month.

The Center will be closed any time that weather conditions close the public schools.



#### 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. 14	Selma Sorensen	6101 16 <sup>th</sup> Street	53406
Mar. 16	Ginny Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
Mar. 21	Lillian Henrickson	5819 16 <sup>th</sup> Street # 149	53406
Mar. 24	Stan Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Drive #102	53406

## Thanks to Our Cooks and Bakers!

We extend our thanks and appreciation to those who prepared food for the Racine Vocational Ministry Solutions for Success class held at Emmaus February 9-12. Thank you to Marge Jensen, Karen Christensen, Marion Keller, Brenda Gieszler, and to the anonymous kitchen elf who left cake. Thanks, too, to all who brought treats to the February 14-15 bake sale.

A person who deserves special thanks for all her work in the kitchen is Pat Jensen. Every month, Pat prepares a tasty meal for seniors, always with extra touches to enhance the meal. Pat also takes responsibility for coordinating lunches following funerals —

everything from communicating with the family, ordering and preparing food, to recruiting volunteers and serving the luncheon. Thank you, Pat, and all who work with you to provide this important ministry to families of the church.

Others who deserve a word of gratitude are those who provide treats on Sunday mornings, those who prepare casseroles, cakes and jellios for the Community Meal program, and those who prepare meals for our REST guests.

Food and hospitality is a big part of who we are at Emmaus. Thank you to *all* who give so generously of time and tasty treats!

### Emmaus Serves April Fools' Day Community Meal at St. Pat's

It's no joke — Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's is coming up on Thursday, April 1. The meal is served at 5:00 p.m.

9"x13" casserole pans are available for those who want to bake the green bean and hamburger

casserole. If you use your own casserole dish, be sure to put your name on it so we can whose dishes are whose.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex this month for making and serving casseroles, desserts and salads.

### 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).

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

## Book Club Reads *Five People in Heaven*

Emmaus' book of the month for March is *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. In this novel by the author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the protagonist gets to heaven and discovers not a lush paradise, but a place where five



Mitch Albom

people upon whom he had some effect on earth explain his life to him.

Emmaus' book club will meet in the Fireside Room on Thursday, March 19 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.

## Delegates Needed for Lincoln Lutheran Annual Meeting

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine will hold its annual meeting March 19 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1100 Erie Street. The meeting begins at 12:00 with a buffet lunch, followed by a one-hour business meeting.

As a corporate member congregation of Lincoln Lutheran, Emmaus Lutheran Church is an owner of the Lincoln Lutheran Corporation. More importantly, Lincoln Lutheran is an extension of our ministry.

Lincoln Lutheran's Articles of Incorporation state:

"Each member congregation shall be represented at membership meetings by two [lay] delegates who shall be members in good standing of their congregation and designated and certified to the congregation by an appropriate

officer of the member congregation together with all pastors of each such member congregation..."

The main items of business before the annual meeting are the election of members of the Board of Directors and a report on the ministry of Lincoln Lutheran in 2003.



DOVE Carpenter...

## You Can Show We Care at Pick 'n' Save

Emmaus continues to participate in the We Care program at Pick 'n' Save. If you register your Advantage Card with the account number 205100, a percentage of your card purchases will go to help

Emmaus.

If you have already filled out an Advantage card registration form, you may apply for a change in account numbers without having to fill out a new form.

### Letter

## Thanks from Vocational Ministry

To Emmaus Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the board, staff and participants who took part in the February 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 delicious snacks and lunches! A special word of thanks to the Howard Jensen family

for their participation and assistance during the week.

We look forward to working with you again, soon.

Thank you again for everything you do.

God Bless you,

—Sherry Hartog, Program

Director

Racine Vocational Ministry, Inc.

## EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	2002: 133	2003: 141	2004: 132
Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	2002: 121	2003: 127	2004: 121*
Average weekly attendance, March:	2002: 171	2003: 123	

\*Average calculated as of Feb. 22, 2004

## Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
Genl. Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$12,089.77	\$12,679.77*
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$335.00	\$535.00*
Unified receipts for Jan. ....	\$12,424.77	\$13,204.77*

\*Year-to-date figures include offerings given in 2003 for 2004.

	Campaign to date	
2001 Fund offerings received in Jan. ....	\$145.00	\$105,684.12
Mortgage payments 2004:		
Feb. principal .....		\$382.26
Feb. interest .....		\$193.74
Extra principal .....		124.00
Total .....		\$700.00
Principal balance as of Jan. 12, 2004 .....		\$46,879.36

# Synod Prepares Child Care Options at Assembly

by Rev. Kristin Nielsen

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" is the theme of this year's Synod Assembly at the Country Inn, Pewaukee, June 3 - 5.

"Every voice" in our synod includes the voices of Assembly voting members who have childcare needs during the Assembly days. In order to provide these parents the maximum opportunity to attend all of the Synod

Assembly, childcare options are being organized. A meeting room will be reserved exclusively for childcare and the goal is to have it staffed for the entire assembly (excluding meal times). Childcare persons will be paid for their time.

In order to create an inviting and positive place for the children, we are looking for responses from individuals and congregations in the following three areas:

1) Help us identify persons who would be willing and able to provide childcare during the Assembly. The number one obstacle to providing childcare in the past has simply been finding persons willing to do it.

If there are people who would be willing to help serve in this way during our Assembly, interested childcare persons should contact

Mary Meyer at the synod office by phone (414-617-1212) or email (mary@milwaukee-synod.org)

2) Help us think creatively about how the voices of the children present among us during the Assembly can be included in our gathering. Perhaps you or someone you know would be willing to teach some of the older children a song, write a poem, or create an art project with them that can later be shared with the entire Assembly during worship or at another time?

If you have some ideas about this, please contact Rev. Kristin Nielsen, Good Shepherd, Milwaukee by phone (414-445-7447) or email (krismark@execpc.com).

3) All voting members who have children in need of care during the Assembly, let us know what would best support your participation in the Synod Assembly so that we can plan now!

## Prayer

Lead me from Death to Life,  
from Falsehood to Truth.  
Lead me from Despair to Hope,  
from Fear to Trust.  
Lead me from Hate to Love,  
from War to Peace.  
Let Peace fill our Heart,  
Our World, Our Universe.

—Mother Teresa



# Fund Raisers Help Support Child Care Centers

As part of our commitment to help the YWCA with a financial shortfall in the operation of their child care centers, a series of fund raisers were held in February.

Sunday, February 8, Messiah Lutheran Church held a bake sale with netted \$200.00. The "priceless" bake sale at Emmaus February 15 earned an additional \$213.

Also a part of the "Gifts of the Heart" fund raising week was a Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Friends of the Y and members of the ELCA churches presented vouchers when making Barnes & Noble purchases on February 11. A total of \$236, a percentage of the sales that day, will be added to the amount to be received by the YWCA.

A check in the amount of \$2,650 was presented to the Y on January 30, Thanks to several

generous donors who gave designated gifts. In addition, Emmaus and Messiah are waiving the monthly rent for the months of February and March.

All of our financial support, together with restructuring at the Y and an increased enrollment, means that the doors will remain open at the child care centers! Long range

plans and assessments are being made to determine how the Y can best serve the most vulnerable families of our community, including the teen parents and those in the W-2 program.

Thank you to each and everyone who has made a financial commitment and to all who have supported the child care centers in your prayers. It has made a difference.



## Emmaus Helps Make Winning Touchdown for 'Souper Bowl'

Emmaus' "noisy offering" on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1, raised \$328.45. This money will go toward the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

As of February 19, 11,502 congregations and organizations had reported raising a total of

\$3,961,760.

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 partnership has grown from 22 churches in 1990 to more than 12,000 congregations in Canada and in every U.S. state.





**F**lowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We have a wide variety from Milaeger's Flowers to choose from again this year. We invite you to 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 11. Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on the form below and return it to the church office *with payment* today!

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers) .....	\$8.25
_____	7" azalea .....	\$12.00
_____	7" chrysanthemums .....	\$7.50
_____	7" daffodil (3-4 flowers) .....	\$8.25
_____	7" hyacinth (3-4 flowers) .....	\$8.25
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers) .....	\$12.00
_____	7" regal geranium .....	\$8.75
_____	7" tulip (6-7 flowers) .....	\$8.25
	Total enclosed: _____	

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

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

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



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### Elsewhere In Our Area

## It's Unified Kindergarten Registration Time

Parents of children eligible for kindergarten in September of 2003 are asked to register them on Wednesday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Register at the school your child will attend in the fall. If you have questions as to which school your child will attend, please call 631-7063.

Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004. 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: The church does not keep copies of baptismal certificates, but we can provide a photocopy of the page on which your child's baptism was recorded in the church register.



Garfunkel and the Ramones. Michael Bridges plays guitar and George Baum plays piano. "It is obvious that we don't play 'heavy metal' music since we do not have any metal instruments," says Bridges. "Our music is not exactly 'heavy wood,' it is more like 'speed wood.'" Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or in advance by calling 632-7267. To find out more about Lost and Found, check out their web

site at [www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com)

## Thome Gives Piano Concert March 4

On Thursday, March 4, Kathy Thome will offer a musical presentation including piano pieces by Mozart, Bach, Schumann, Schubert Debussy and Liszt. The principles of Dr. Alfred Tomatis will give the audience a chance to play with their ability to "hear" vs. "listen."

The audience will be encouraged to focus on specific elements in the music that have been acknowledged for centuries to enhance healing, thinking, devotion and creativity.

Refreshments are served at 10:00 a.m.; the presentation begins at 10:30 a.m. in the DeKoven Center's Great Hall, 600 - 21st St., Racine.

## Lost and Found Comes to Racine

The popular and well-traveled Christian music duo Lost and Found will perform at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 S. Green Bay Road, Sunday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. Winners of the 1999 John Lennon Song Writing Contest, Lost and Found have performed together since 1986.

Their music has been described as a blend of Simon and

## Redeemer Preschool Holds Open House

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Cooperative Preschool will hold its annual Open House and carnival on Sunday, March 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Families with preschool age children are welcome to visit the facility, meet the staff, and enjoy carnival activities.

The church and preschool are located at 2417 Drexel Avenue. For more information or a free brochure, please contact the Preschool office at 633-4300.

## Latessa Addresses Jail Overcrowding

Professor Edward Latessa of the University of Cincinnati, will present "What Works to Reduce Jail Overcrowding" in a town hall forum 7:00 p.m. March 4 at Case High School theatre, 7345 Washington Avenue.

The Racine County Citizens' Criminal Justice Advisory Task Force Report and the Racine County Board's Public Protection and Justice Committee support this presentation as part of its public education initiative on the criminal justice system.

## Concert Features Music of Hildegard

Unity Lutheran Church, 1025 E. Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee, will host "The Healing Medieval Chants of Hildegard von Bingen"

performed by Norma Gentile at 7:30 p.m. March 27.

Hildegard (1098-1179) was an abbess, writer, philosopher and scientist as well as the earliest European composer whose biography is known today. In an era when most women were treated little better than property, princes, kings, bishops and popes regarded the "Sybil of the Rhine" as a foremost sage.

## Lincoln School Apts. Lists Amenities

Centrally located, close to shopping. Unique, individual floor plans. Heat included with rent. Elevator service. Secured, gated parking with security camera. Pool table and library. Free monthly transportation for shopping. Dining room with hot lunch Monday through Friday from the adult nutrition program. Trash receptacles located on each floor. Laundry facilities on each floor. Small pets are welcomed here. Sunny patio areas. High ceilings and wide corridors. Planned social activities.

Affordable with rents starting at \$385. Located in Racine's historic Clover Hill neighborhood at 1130 Carlisle Avenue. You must be 55 or older and income must be under \$27,300 (single person) or \$31,200 (couple). Appointments available during office hours, Saturdays; phone 633-9355.

## Pastor Sharon's Column

# The Two Sides of the Cross

The other day, I stood in our driveway, waiting for our dog to identify all of the various smells that had accumulated overnight on the perimeter of his territory. I noticed that the snow was melting and in just a day or two, there now was grass showing through what had just been a foot of icy crystals.

Then I realized that it was more than just last year's old brown grass. In the midst of the dry yellow blades, there were fresh green ones... new life that was taking place even under the layer of cold, where we would not expect anything to be able to live.

I smiled to myself and said, "Spring!" To my right was the field of dirty snow and patches of mud, and 95% of the world around me was still frozen, but just these few green blades struggling up through last year's dead blades symbolized a promise of things to come, if I only wait and trust.

Have you noticed how "symbols" play a large part in our faith? For instance, the cross that hangs on the front wall of our church, water for baptism, the star on top of the Christmas tree. I remember conducting a Bible study during the Christmas season, and mentioning that angels in the Bible

are not described as having wings. One of the women was shocked and said, "No wing, but what am I going to do with the angels on my nativity scene? They all have wings!" We talked and I explained that it really didn't matter; it symbolized the idea that they are messengers from God.

We are entering a period now of Lent, a time to be reflecting on our lives and our relationship with our God and his creation, of which we are an integral part. It begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday, symbolizing our mortality. Those ashes are made by burning last year's palms (from Palm Sunday). Palms in the Bible represent God's blessings/prosperity. But even from that, eventually comes an inevitable end.

Our processional cross (the small one standing next to the lectern) has two sides. On one side is an image of Jesus dying. I am told crucifixion is one of the most horrible ways for a human being to die. This is the side that is turned toward the congregation during Lent and Holy Week.

The other side, which is turned toward the congregation on

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## Pastor Sharon's Column

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Easter morning and for the rest of the church year, is empty, symbolizing Christ's triumph over that suffering and death. Just in viewing the two sides of a symbolic cross, we have the story of Christ's life and the promise of God.

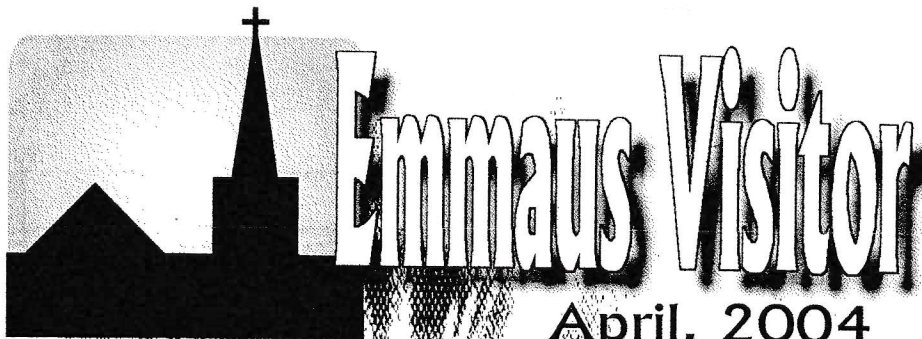
Like the green blades of grass, emerging against all odds, like the angels (with or without wings) we have a message from our God. We are loved/forgiven, precious; and despite what may seem the

impossible, God will prosper us and bring forth new life from the ashes of the old.

The old saying, "This isn't an end, it is a new beginning" is so true; it all depends upon which side of that symbolic cross we want to look at.

I always choose the Easter side.

*Pastor Sharon*



# Emmaus Visitor

April, 2004

## Holy Week Services

9:15 a.m. "The Cry of the Whole Congregation"  
Palm Sunday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Communion service  
Maundy Thursday, April 8

12:15 p.m. Service of word and song  
7:00 p.m. Service of darkness and shadows  
Good Friday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Sunrise service with Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. Festival service with Holy Communion  
Easter Sunday, April 11

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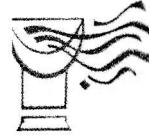
## Pastoral Acts

### Baptism:

Tyler Anthony Johnson  
March 14, 2004

Tyler was the 5,000<sup>th</sup> person to be baptized into membership at Emmaus according to church records.

Tyler is the son of Ryan Johnson and Angela D'Alie. His sponsors are Raelin D'Alie and Nicholas Mogden.



### Funeral:

Dorothy Orttel Holtz  
March 9, 2004

Dorothy Holtz passed away March 7 at Ridgewood. She was a member of Emmaus' prayer chain for several years up to her death. She is survived by her husband George, her brother Richard Larsen, sister Rosemarie Larsen, daughter-in-law Gloria Holtz, and by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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E-mail: Church — emmaus@execpc.com  
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Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.

MAUNDY THURSDAY worship will be at 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY services are offered at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. There will be no Saturday service on April 10.

EASTER SERVICES are at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m., with breakfast served around 8:10.

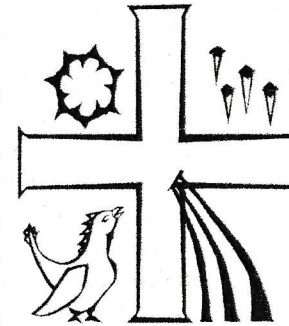
Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School April 11).

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed Friday afternoon, April 9.

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

# Emmaus Journeys Together From Palm Sunday to Easter

The worship service on Passion Sunday, April 4, will begin with the traditional Procession of Palms. The congregation will then participate in the reading of Dr. Walter Wangerin's "The Cry of the Whole Congregation." Nathan Albright, Jess Sedgwick, John Knuteson and Suzanne Landis will portray some of the principals in this dramatic account of the story of Holy Week.



## Maundy Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maundy Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. April 8. The Last Supper is the focal point of this worship service, which concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

## Good Friday

You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at 12:15 p.m., or at the Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m. The Adult Choir will sing at the evening service.

There will be no Saturday

worship service on April 10.

## Easter Morning

We celebrate the empty tomb at the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 11 with festive floral decorations, music by the Adult Choir and the Brass Nickel, and the proclamation of the Easter message. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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

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

## Join Us For Easter Breakfast

A breakfast of fruit pastries, juice, milk and coffee will be served in the Fireside and Sunset Rooms between worship services on Easter Sunday, April 11. A free-will offering will be taken to support our youth going to Bluefield, West Virginia this July.



## Easter Rotation Wraps Up April 4

by Denise Keller

Our Easter Story rotation began on March 7 and ends April 4 (Palm Sunday.)

Through video, art, drama and cooking the Sunday School kids will hear the stories of Holy Week and learn the real meaning of Easter. Each Sunday that leads up to Easter represents a day in Holy Week.

We would like to invite all parents to come with their children to Sunday School on April 4. The fourth and fifth graders will perform a part of the Easter story. The kids will have an Easter egg hunt.

There will be no Sunday School

### Sunday School Calendar

- April 4 Sing at 9:15 a.m. service — Palm Sunday Easter celebration
- April 11 No Sunday School
- April 18 Sunday School resumes with Lord's Prayer unit
- April 25 Sing at 9:15 a.m. service. Lord's Prayer
- May 2 Lord's Prayer
- May 9 Lord's Prayer
- May 16 Last day of Sunday School

on Easter Sunday, April 11. Sunday School will resume on April 18.

#### What Is Easter?

The following were taken from the Easy Fun School website.

Children need to know what

Easter really is. As adults, we are obligated to demonstrate the meaning of Easter to our children.

The word Easter is actually derived from Old English and means "spring festival." For the Christian, it is the heavenly jubilation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This celebration is an ancient Christian holiday that is the prominent triumph of the church year. For all the faithful, it is an observance of new life and deliverance and redemption through Jesus Christ.

#### Why Is Easter Meaningful?

The heart of the Christian philosophy is the remembrance of Christ's resurrection and promise of his everlasting presence. Easter is the time for remembering. As Christians, we must bear in mind the last days of Jesus on earth.

We remember his acts of love for all of us — his suffering, anguish, and agony. We recall his crucifixion for us.

Above all else, we remember his triumph over death. In celebrating Easter, we are also experiencing faith, hope and renewal. We have a reason to celebrate triumph over transgression.

So let us make Easter as blessed as we can, while teaching our children its true meaning.

## Fiesta Mexicana Raises Funds for Appalachian Trip

by Kylee Albright

The fifth Annual Fiesta Mexicana will be held on Sunday, April 25 this year. Just like in years past, there will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction.

Each year the Fiesta raises money for our youth trips and a portion is donated back to the church to support our Neighborhood Camp outreach program during the summer. This year, a group of fourteen middle and high school youth are traveling to Bluefield, West Virginia for a week of service in the Appalachian Mountains. They will be accompanied by Gregg and Kylee Albright and Natasha Chan-A-Sue.

"I'm really excited to have a larger group this year," said Gregg Albright. "We are actually the largest group that will be at our site during the week we're going. There will be five other churches there at the same time for about 60 kids. The Fiesta is a lot of work, but all the kids have a great time and it teaches them hard work and team-building."

The menu for the evening includes tacos, enchiladas, non-alcoholic margaritas, chips and salsa, dessert and beverages. Raffle tickets



are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Auction items already in hand include: an electronic blood pressure monitor, electric razor, an ear thermometer, stadium blanket, his and her bathrobes, and other items.

Gift baskets to be auctioned off will include themes such as: chocolate, a night at the movies, kids' art basket, gardening and much more! You can find some of these baskets in the narthex.

Just like every other year, it's sure to be a great time!

## 8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes Finish

The last 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes for the spring is the 6:30 p.m. class on Wednesday, March 31. Classes will start up again in the fall.

## Youth Birthdays

- Apr. 1 Chris Krug, 2
- Apr. 4 Sarah Albright, 4
- Apr. 7 Jennifer Haman, 10
- Apr. 9 Diane Lasko, 4
- Apr. 12 Brian Field, 14
- Apr. 14 Natalie Longrie, 9
- Apr. 15 Kelsey Albright, 15
- Apr. 18 Michaela Keller, 6

## Emmaus and Five Others Host Neighborhood Camps in 2004

Emmaus and five other Racine ELCA congregations will host Neighborhood Camps in the summer of 2004.

The six congregations are Bethania, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Our Savior's and Zion.

The goals of Neighborhood Camp are to provide a safe, fun and stimulating place for kids during summer free time by sharing the love of Jesus through story, music and play; to build positive relationships with neighborhood families; to provide leadership training and work experience to teens; and to further develop ELCA identity in Racine.

### Camp Is Free

The summer day camp is free to campers. Weekly field trips, generally offered on Thursdays, are included in the program. The camps meet Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for two to five weeks, depending on the site. Emmaus' camp will run for five weeks.

Partial funding for the six

camps will come from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and other grants. Individual donors and gifts are needed to defray approximately \$25,000 of the total cost of the program.

### Program Details

The camps are open to children aged 6 to 11. A light breakfast, a lunch and a snack are served daily.

Weekly themes include:

- ▶ Under Construction
- ▶ TEAM
- ▶ Express Yourself
- ▶ Walk'n' in My Shoes
- ▶ Piece of Peace

Valerie Crehan is the overall director. Each church will have its own site coordinator and three paid teen interns. Pastors of the host churches will lead "God Time" each morning. Volunteers and outside resource persons will also be on site at each church.

Applications for teen intern positions at Emmaus will be taken here at Emmaus in April and May. Contact Valerie at 634-5515 or by e-mailing the church at [emmaus@execpc.com](mailto:emmaus@execpc.com)

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Fiesta Mexicana**  
**Sunday, April 27th**  
**5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Here's how YOU can help...

-Buy tickets to the dinner

-Buy Raffle tickets

-Donate an item for a Silent Auction  
 basket (see display in narthex)

-Donate a new item for the silent auction

**-INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

## Thrivent Announces Support of Day Care and Neighborhood Camp

Thrivent's Care in Communities annual funding of approximately \$60,000 for Racine is being disbursed in a variety of ways. Application was made and granted for Thrivent support for subsidy of the YWCA day care centers housed at Emmaus and Messiah. Further requests were made for support of this summer's ELCA Neighborhood Camps hosted by Emmaus, Bethania,



Our Savior's, Redeemer, Emmanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches.

A total of \$1,600 will be granted to the day care, representing matching funds from the "Gifts from the Heart" fund raising week in February.

Neighborhood Camp will receive a total of \$5,400 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

## Challenge Gift Pledged to Neighborhood Camp

Once again this spring, a generous donor has come forward offering a \$6,000 challenge gift for Neighborhood Camp. This donor will match, dollar for dollar, all donations made to Neighborhood Camp through the end of May.

In its third year, the ELCA Neighborhood Camp offers fun and challenging hands-on activities for 6-11-year-old



children. The camp is free of charge to the children and depends entirely on donations and grants. The overall operating budget for the camps hosted by six ELCA congregations is slightly over

\$50,000.

Emmaus will be the site of the day camp from June 22 to July 22. The camp, which will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00, is open to all members and neighborhood children between the ages of 6 and 11 years. Contact Valerie Crehan for registration forms; children may register for as many weeks as they would like.

To make a donation to Neighborhood Camp, please forward your gift to the church office to the attention of Valerie Crehan. Gifts may also be included with your regular weekly offering. If the gift is a memorial or is given in honor of someone, please include that information.

## Finances Present New Challenge

When the church council presented the proposed 2004 budget at the annual meeting on February 1, they recommended that only the first six months of the year's budget be approved. Although Emmaus ended 2003 in the black, projections indicated that operating without grant funding beginning in January would significantly affect the overall financial picture of the congregation, creating a shortfall by June.

Weekly income is falling short of needs, and we are facing the shortfall earlier than originally anticipated. Payroll is the largest monthly expense. Pastor Mary is the only full-time employee. The part-time positions include: Visitation Pastor, secretary, groundskeeper, custodian, organist, Outreach Coordinator, Adult Choir director, Sunday School coordinator and children's music director.

In addition to payroll expenses, there are regular expenses for office, cleaning and other supplies, telephone, maintenance of office machines, repair and maintenance of the building. We also make a monthly mortgage payment of \$700 and monthly payments to the synod for benevolence support of the ministries of the wider church (seminaries, missionaries, etc.).

In March, we made a payment of \$2,387.87 to WE Energies for gas and electricity for the church and parsonage, and we also paid \$2,010.00, a portion of our annual insurance expense.

The average giving most weeks

falls under \$3,000, which is insufficient to meet our current obligations.

### May Congregational Meeting

The executive committee and the church council will meet in April to discuss recommendations to the congregation. A congregational meeting will be held in May to consider the budget for the remainder of the year. Short and long term maintenance needs will be addressed, as will ministry needs.

Meanwhile, to avoid falling further in arrears, each member who is able is challenged to make a gift beyond their regular giving — to adopt an unpaid bill that is posted in the narthex, or simply to make an "above & beyond" special gift of cash or stock to the general fund of Emmaus.

Pastor Mary, the church council and the staff are doing everything possible to be responsible stewards of the resources they have been entrusted. Additional grant support is being sought, and it is hoped that even more members will remember Emmaus in their wills as a legacy to the future ministry of the congregation.

Prayer support is also being requested, praying not only for generous giving, but also that Emmaus heed God's will as future decisions are made regarding Ministry. We pray that God help us meet the many challenges and opportunities that lie before us.

## What's New in the Narthex?

This month, you will find an opportunity to contribute to Fiesta gift boxes and baskets — help fill the gift baskets with prizes at the April 25 Fiesta Mexicana. Pick up card/s of items needed, purchase the item/s on the card and return them to the gift table. *iGracias!*

### Adopt-a-Bill

In the past weeks, income has been lagging far behind expenses,

## Memorials

### Designated for ELCA World Hunger Appeal:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$140.00

### Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$25.00

In memory of Marilyn Anderson: \$25.00

In memory of Walter Runge: \$25.00

### Designated for upstairs kitchen renovation:

In memory of Marilyn Anderson: \$550.00

In memory of Eileen Olson: \$10.00

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Dorothy Holtz: \$100.00

leaving us with many unpaid bills. Can you help?

Adopt a bill by taking one of the post-it notes from the board. Make your check out to Emmaus for the amount of the bill (or add the amount to your regular offering) and include the post-it note with your gift. Place your gift in the regular offering or leave it at the church office.

Thanks for your help!



## Valerie Crehan Attends Anti-Racism Training

St. Andrew Lutheran Church hosted a 2½-day anti-racism training event March 25-27. Valerie Crehan, Outreach Coordinator for Emmaus and administrative director of the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp, participated in the training led by Crossroads Ministries.



Valerie Crehan

Also attending were Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers, members of the synod staff and other clergy and lay people from the area.

Participants were led through an analysis of the systemic racism in this country and were challenged to consider how the church and other institutions have been shaped and influenced by racism.

## April Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 3 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Christman			
Apr. 4 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Bev Hansen & Tedine Roos	Drama group	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nathan Lamberton Justin Haman
Apr. 8 7:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen		Team 1 Harold Miller	
Apr. 9 12:15 pm		T. Roos, M. Liesch, L. Woodward, C Lamberton, G. Albright, A Svendsen, Christiansen		
Apr. 9 7:00 pm			Team 2 Rich Christensen	
Apr. 11 7:00 am	Pat Jensen	Gregg Albright	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Brian Field, Hailey Sommer, Tanya Rasmussen, Nathan Lamberton
Apr. 11 9:15 am	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Ron Jensen	Team 4 John E. Cook	Katie Zeleski, P.J. & Courtney Jansen, Jennifer Haman
Apr. 17 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Apr. 18 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Kathy Christensen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Justin Haman Kelsey Albright
Apr. 24 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Apr. 25 5:00 pm		Brenda Gieszler	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
May 1 5:00 pm	TBA			
May 2 9:15 am	TBA	Lyle Christensen	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Hailey Sommer Tanya Rasmussen

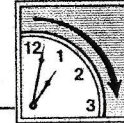
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**1** OCTOBER FOOLS' DAY  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin  
deadline  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm Community Meal  
at St. Pat's  
7:00 pm Stamp Club

**2**  
7:00 pm REST

**3**  
5:00 pm Worship service  
with Holy Communion  
2:00 am Daylight  
Savings Time begins



**4** PASSION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY  
8:00 am Adult Choir rehearsal  
9:15 am Worship service: *The Cry of  
the Whole Congregation*; Holy  
Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School

**5**  
6:30 pm WELCA  
Board mtg.  
7:00 pm Worship  
& Music  
committee

**6** PASSOVER; ELECTION  
10:00 am Senior  
Citizen Fellowship  
Center  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**7**  
9:00 am Sunday  
bulletin deadline  
1:30 pm Lydia Circle

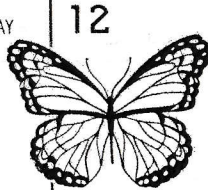
**HOLY WEEK**

**8** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
12:30 pm EASY  
7:00 pm Worship service  
with Holy Communion

**9** GOOD FRIDAY  
*Office closed after noon*  
12:15 pm Worship  
service  
7:00 pm Service of  
Shadows  
7:00 pm REST

**10**  
*No Saturday worship  
service*

**11** RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY  
7:00 am Sunrise worship service  
with Holy Communion  
8:10 am Fellowship breakfast  
9:15 am Festival worship service  
with Holy Communion  
*No Sunday School*



**13**  
5:00 pm TOPS  
6:30 pm Church council  
meeting

**14**



**15**  
10:00 am Book club  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin  
deadline; May *Visitor*  
deadline

**16**  
7:00 pm REST

**17**  
5:00 pm Worship service  
with Holy Communion

**18** 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
9:15 am Worship service: Chicago  
Folk Service with Holy  
Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
1:00 pm REST Thank-you Brunch at  
Roma Lodge

**19**

**20**  
9:00 am Cluster clergy  
meeting  
10:00 am Senior  
Citizen Fellowship  
Center  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**21**

**22** EARTH DAY  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin  
deadline  
2:30 pm EASY



**23**  
7:00 pm REST

**24**  
8:30 am WELCA Racine  
Mission Cluster  
Brunch at St. Andrew  
5:00 pm Worship service  
with Holy Communion

**25** ST. MARK  
9:15 am Worship service:  
*WOW* Service of Word  
& Prayer  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana



**26**

**27**  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**28**

**29**  
11:00 am Sunday bulletin  
deadline  
2:30 pm EASY

**30**  
6:00 pm Atonement  
REST Picnic  
7:00 pm Kate Koob  
speaks, followed by  
dessert  
7:00 pm REST

May 1  
8:00 am Women's  
retreat at church  
5:00 pm Worship service  
with Holy Communion



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Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
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## More April Worship Assistants

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
Apr. 4	M. Nelson, P. Jensen	Balthazar		Chris Lambertson
Apr. 8				Cindi Larsen
Apr. 11	<i>Easter flower garden</i>		Ev. Larsen	J. Sedgwick, G. Albright, K. Christensen; N. Brown, P. & R. Jensen
Apr. 18	Kellers	K. & K. Albright		Shirley Velzka
Apr. 25	A. & D. Rode	C & L Larsen		
May 2	Kellers	<i>Please sign up</i>	C. Lambertson	Carol Eschmann

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Interim Director: Pastor Mary

The center opens on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served at noon.

The Center will be closed any time that weather conditions close the public schools.

April 6 program: Signs of Spring with Al Beck

April 20 program: TBA

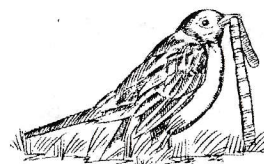


### April Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

Apr. 14	Mavis Agerholm	2332 Arlington Street	53403
Apr. 18	Alfred Hermann	1926 Prospect Street	53404
Apr. 19	Lloyd LeRoux	3418 St. Clair Street	53402
Apr. 21	Celia Weber	1718 High Street	53404
Apr. 26	Arvilla Nemer	4930 Chester Lane # 5	53402
Apr. 26	Donna Rode	1402 Douglas Avenue # 204	53402

## Al Beck Brings Springtime to Seniors

Tuesday, April 6, Al Beck will show a series of slides portraying signs of spring. Coffee will be served at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunset Room, and Al's presentation will



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begin at 10:30.

A catered lunch from Infusino's will be served at 11:45 a.m. To help with planning for lunch, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office by noon on April 5.

## 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 have an offering statement in the marked box in the narthex.

## EMMAUS ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

Average weekly attendance, Feb.:	2002: 121	2003: 127	2004: 124
Average weekly attendance, March:	2002: 171	2003: 123	2004: 121
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	2002: 133	2003: 141	2004: 132
Ash Wednesday attendance:	2002: 77	2003: 51	2004: 87
Average Lenten midweek attendance:	2002: 19	2003: 16	2004: 19*

\*Average calculated as of March 23, 2004

## Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
Genl. Fund offerings received in Feb. ....	\$14,789.41	\$27,469.18**
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Feb. ....	\$410.00	\$945.00**
Unified receipts for Feb. ....	\$15,199.41	\$28,414.18**
**Year-to-date figures include offerings given in 2003 for 2004.		
	<u>Campaign to date</u>	
Principal Reduction offerings received in Feb. ....	\$325.00	\$106,009.12
Mortgage payments 2004:		
Mar. principal .....		\$388.76
Mar. interest .....		\$187.24
Extra principal .....		\$124.00
Total .....		\$700.00
Principal balance as of March 12, 2004 .....		\$44,938.06



## Former Hostage Koob to Address Topic of Reconciliation at Women's Retreat

It has been 23 years since Kathryn Koob and the 51 other hostages were released from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

Having spent 444 days as a hostage in Iran, Koob brings that experience as a context for her focus for the weekend retreat: Reconciliation.

Koob will be the featured speaker at the Emmaus women's spring retreat here at the church on Saturday, May 1. The retreat will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00, which includes a light breakfast and a catered lunch.



Kathryn Koob

Besides having taught a course called "Reconciliation" at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, Koob gives presentations internationally. The American Legion Auxiliary named her Woman of the Year in 2002.

The Friday evening session, April 30 will be offered to all members of the congregation. This would be a combination of dessert and discussion from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A free-will donation will be collected.

The Emmaus book club will discuss her book, *Guest of the Revolution*, at their meeting at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 15.

Koob will also speak at Adult Forum on Sunday, May 2.

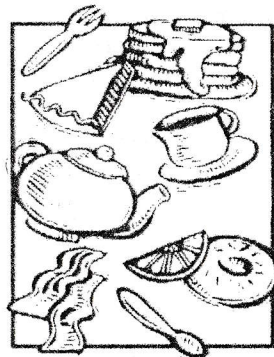
## St. Andrew Will Host Cluster Brunch

St. Andrew Lutheran Church will host the Racine Mission Cluster Women of the ELCA Brunch on Saturday, April 24.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Brunch is served at 9:00, and a communion service will conclude by 12:00 noon.

Jody Pease and Joannie Williams, both Registered Nurses from Atonement, will share their unforgettable adventure as part of a group of 31 caring souls who helped build Tumaini Health Clinic in Tanzania in

2002. Tumaini means "hope" in Swahili.



**BRUNCH**

Reservations are required. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex at church. Please get your paid reservation (\$4.00 per person) to Celia Bagley by Sunday, April 18.

St. Andrew is located at 1015 Four Mile Road.

## Crehan, Smith to Attend Grant Workshop

Valerie Crehan and Nancy Smith will attend a two-day workshop offered by the Division for Ministry of the ELCA May 14 and 15. The workshop will be held in Florida.

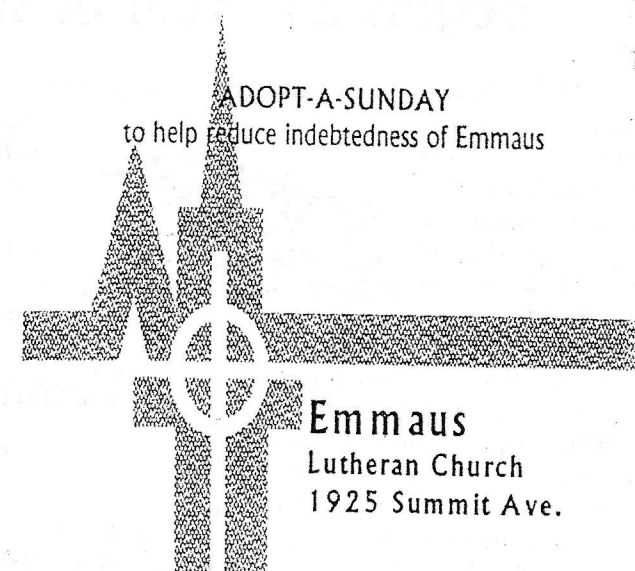
There will be a morning session on faith-based grant writing, and the remainder of the time will focus on grant writing/possibilities within the ELCA.

The \$300 per person fee, which includes air fare, hotel accommodations, and the conference registration, is partly subsidized by the ELCA Division for Ministry. The remainder of the costs for Valerie and Nancy are being covered by special gifts made by donors, thereby eliminating any expense to Emmaus for the event.

It is hoped that new grant possibilities for Emmaus will emerge from this specialized workshop and training. During the past four years,

start-up grants have allowed EASY, KidsHope, and Neighborhood Camp to be launched and to flourish.

New funding is now necessary to sustain these outreach ministries in the coming years.



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

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

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

## Emmaus Directory Listing Is Available

We've printed up several copies of a directory listing of Emmaus members as an update to the last

pictorial directory. They are free for the taking in the red binders in the narthex.

## Community Meal Program Begins 24<sup>th</sup> Year of Service

This month, the Community Meal Program begins its 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

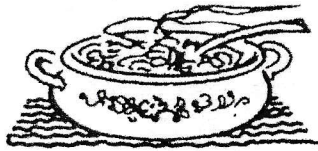
In January, 1981, Father Don Richards of St. Patrick's Catholic Church sent a letter to various churches in the community who had expressed an interest in helping with a Community Meal program hosted at St. Pat's. The meal would be served one night per week.

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 1 this month).

We need volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make either a casserole, jello or cake; the casserole recipe is printed below.

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 them in the bottom of a 9"x13" pan.

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

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

## REST Salutes Volunteers at Brunch

The Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) volunteer appreciation brunch and raffle will be Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring Street.

Tickets are \$15 per person; contact Donna Bumpus at 681-1441 or at the REST offices at 2015 Prospect Street.

## REST Plans Announcement on Site Plans

by Matt Palmer

The Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce (REST) Board of Directors announced plans March 22 for a single shelter site for the REST Program. The REST Program shelter sites currently rotate between seven Racine area churches whose mission is to "provide a warm, clean place of shelter seven nights a week in a supportive, non-discriminating, non-coercive environment for all single persons or persons of any family structure."

"The establishment of a single site facility will allow better delivery of services and donated resources, and has been a goal for everyone involved for many years," said Ron Thomas, President of REST.

The REST Board of Directors announced that while they are reviewing more than one potential site, they have designed a program that is the most "people friendly and staff efficient" design possible, which they will incorporate into a single site facility."

Details of our single site plan will be unveiled at the upcoming

Volunteer Appreciation brunch on Sunday, April 18, 2004 at the Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring Street, Racine at 1:00 p.m.

"Our intent is to operate a single site utilizing a combination of REST employees as well as volunteers from the churches whose

long-time support has been so invaluable," said Donna Bumpus, REST Executive Director. REST will continue to offer emergency shelter, as well as

provide services in an effort to help homeless clients gain independence from our program.

The REST Board anticipates working in conjunction with the efforts of the ongoing Transition Advisory Council toward playing a key role in the coordination of services to the entire homeless population.

The cost of the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is \$15 per person. All persons interested in attending are encouraged to contact the REST office at 262-638-1441 by April 14.

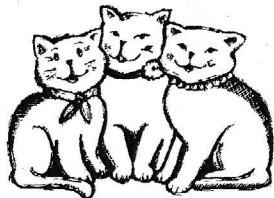


### Homeless Shelter

## Keep Those Kitties Away from Your Lilies

by Rev. Cheryl Peterson

If you're thinking about buying an Easter Lily, think twice if you own a cat. Easter lilies and other variations in the lily family (tiger lily, rubrum lily, Japanese show lilies, and day lilies) cause kidney failure in cats



which can be fatal. All parts of the plant are toxic, and ingestion of even one leaf can be deadly.

For more information about plants which are poisonous to pets check out the website of the Animal Poison Control Center [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)

## Sexuality Studies Group Reports Its Progress to Synod Bishops

WOODLAND HILLS, CALIF. March 22 (ELCA) — Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Studies on Sexuality want church members and clergy "to be secure in their information level" as the study process moves toward development of recommendations for consideration by the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, said the Rev. Rebecca S. Larson, executive director, ELCA Division for Church in Society (DCS).

The leaders want plenty of communication with the church so that there will be "no surprises" and "maximum transparency," by sharing as much information as is possible, Larson said in a report to the Conference of Bishops, which met here March 4-10.

Both DCS and the ELCA Division for Ministry are working

together as the churchwide units directly responsible for directing the studies, Larson said. She urged the bishops widely distribute a series of upcoming e-mail updates on the studies to other professional leaders in the church.

On April 15 leaders of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality will meet with ecumenical representatives in Chicago about the progress of the ELCA's work, she said. Some hearings on the studies are being planned throughout the ELCA, Payne said. The first hearings were scheduled March 27 at Faith Lutheran Church, Castro Valley, Calif., and at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Va.

Payne said the task force's October 2004 meeting is "pivotal" because at that meeting the task force will begin considering proposals for resolutions to be considered at the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.



Bishop Hanson's Easter Message

## Tomb Rings with Good News and Promise

by The Rev. Mark S. Hanson,  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

"But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16: 5-7)

For many today, the future seems to hold no hope. Time moves on, yet our lives feel immobilized by the weight of suffering and sorrow. We long for a sense of direction but are uncertain of whom to follow and where to go. Could it have been so for the women who went to Jesus' tomb that Easter morning?

Not long before, they had left familiar Galilee to follow Jesus.

Inspired by his words, astonished by his deeds, filled with hope, yet increasingly alarmed by his talk of coming suffering and death, they followed as day after day Jesus pressed ahead. They had come to what seemed the end of the road -- a final resting place for both Jesus and their hopes, a cold stone chamber built for tears and silence.

But the grave is alarmingly open. A mysterious messenger

speaks.

The tomb rings with good news and promise! Their journey is not over after all. Once again Jesus is ahead, still leading the way. The women are sent to call the other disciples to follow anew, this time to Galilee — a homeland no longer familiar but suddenly strange, awash in resurrection light.

### Called to the Way of the Cross

The Crucified and Risen One also goes ahead of us. Even now Christ unsettles us with the call to the way of the cross, leading us not out of the world but straight to the heart of its brokenness and suffering. Even now Jesus unsettles us with the news that death has not had the last word, that the Resurrected One is on the loose and that he calls us to follow.

How differently every day and every corner of the world appear when we see them as places where Christ has already been. Every sorrow, wrong and injustice leap out of the shadows into sharp and painful focus: here, precisely here, we see the Crucified one. But the light in which we see Christ's presence is that of Easter's dawn — full of promise, charged with life, blazing with the very love of God who makes all things new. We are gifted with a world rich with significance and with lives that are holy callings.

For the Crucified One is risen. Christ bids us follow!

## North Cape Women Host Craft Fair

The women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event of Saturday, April 17.

The craft and bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. North Cape will have outside crafters in addition to their own. They will feature a vintage hat display.

An all-you-can-eat salad buffet luncheon will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring chicken and shrimp salads and an array of other main dishes. The price of the luncheon is \$7.50 per person (\$4.50 for ages 4-12) and includes a beverage and a large selection of homemade desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased in advance or at the door. For tickets, reservations, or information, please call North Cape at 262-835-2206.

## McCann Discusses Capital Punishment at Siena Center

Milwaukee District Attorney E. Michael McCann will present "Capital Punishment: A Prosecutor's View" at the Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 17.

The implications of capital punishment are serious for all of

society, encompassing moral, social, economic and political realms. What is the role of the Christian citizen in confronting capital punishment on the legislative agenda?

Contact Sr. Rita Lui at 639-4100, extension 1230.

## Choir Performs in Wauwatosa

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents its annual spring concert Sunday, April 25, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa.

Tickets for "It Is Well With My Soul" at \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance for seniors and students. Call 262 521-4545 for tickets.

## Milwaukee Church Celebrates Organ's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3022 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, is celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of its Casavant organ with monthly concerts.

John and Mary Seboldt will perform in recital, demonstrating the organ's many tonal colors, Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10; call 414-342-5252.

## Not for Members Only

Recently I was talking to confirmation students about what they thought "church" meant. They created a long list, including building, pews, pastors, Bibles, candles, music, preaching, sacraments, Sunday School teaching about God, programs, outreach and volunteer opportunities as well as several other church-related topics.

They said church was a place for Baptisms, weddings and funerals. Not once, in the compilation of that list, did they mention the word "members."

When the conversation moved on to what an ideal church would be like, they answered "welcoming, caring, where people know each other, where people are devout and loyal to God and active in the community."

When asked what they'd like to see in their church, the teenagers indicated that they would like Emmaus to have more upbeat, singable music during worship (with a band, if possible!), more visuals and drama in worship, and more activities like the confirmation retreat they were a part of in early March.

What is "church" to you? Beyond the building and structure, how are we "church"? What happens when we come together to worship God, to pray together, to learn together, to serve together? As the body of Christ, how do we reflect God's love, and how are we

sustained by God's promises to us?

Frankly, I'm glad that the confirmation students didn't focus on membership, but rather focused on hospitality and mutual caring when they talked about the church.

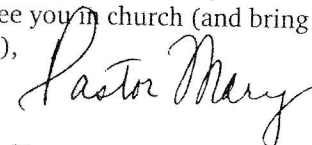
During the past several days, I have met with two young couples, one who plans to be married in the fall and the other who plans to have their daughter baptized. In both instances, they went elsewhere first, only to be told, "No, you are not a member of this church, and you are not welcome to celebrate these special times in your lives in *our* church."

Both couples are, in their own ways, longing for a place that welcomes them for who they are. As they test the waters, they will best learn about and experience a welcoming and loving God when they are welcomed by other people of the church.

It is our responsibility to let each and every inquirer and seeker know that God's love and hospitality is something that can be expected and experienced at Emmaus, no matter one's previous affiliation or background. As the body of Christ and following his example, we can do no less!

The good news of the resurrection is for *all* people!

See you in church (and bring a friend!),



**In the April  
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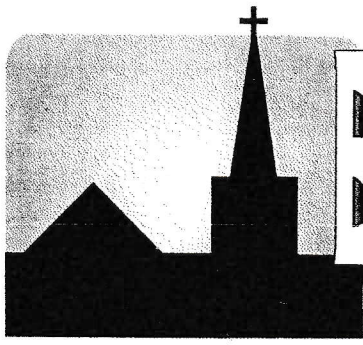


- ▷ *Holy Week Services*
- ▷ *Fiesta Mexicana April 25*
- ▷ *Racine Churches Prepare Neighborhood Camps*
- ▷ *Neighborhood Camp Matching Challenge*
- ▷ *Former Embassy Hostage Speaks Here*
- ▷ *WELCA Cluster Brunch April 24*
- ▷ *REST Plans to Announce Single Site Plan*

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## Letter to the Congregation from Pastor Sharon

April 30, 2004

Dear Friends:

It is very hard for me to write this letter, but I must let you know that I will be resigning my call as your Visitation Pastor, effective June 1, 2004. I have prayerfully considered this decision for some time now, and more and more, I feel that God is calling me into chaplaincy. Therefore, I have applied for a 9-month Clinical Pastoral Education residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. At the end of this time I will be able to apply to the National Association of Professional Chaplains for national certification.

I am grateful that God gave

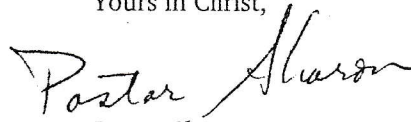


Rev. Sharon Georgi

me the opportunity to be with you over these past two years. I have enjoyed serving as one of your pastors, and will take with me many warm and wonderful memories of our time together. I have agreed to serve as a supply pastor for Emmaus, as my schedule permits. My last service with you will be May 22 and 23, 2004.

I wish God's blessings upon you.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Sharon

Inside:  
Congregational Meeting  
10:30 a.m. May 16

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funeral

Leone Clark Wiley  
April 12, 2004

Dolly Wiley, the mother of Judy Yorgan and four other adult children, passed away April 7 at St. Monica's. She had been a member of the Adult Choir, and she enjoyed gardening.

## Milestones and Congratulations

Emmaus congratulates Howard and Marge Jensen on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary coming up May 15.

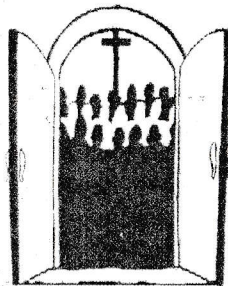
## Council Calls Congregational Meeting May 16

Sunday morning, May 16, immediately following the 9:15 a.m. worship service, a congregational meeting will be held. As was indicated at the February annual meeting, budget decisions will be made for July-December at the May meeting.

Because there has been no new grant funding during 2004, all designated funds for outreach have now been depleted. The future of the Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) and the mentoring programs will be discussed, as will funding for Sunday School.

To assure adequate financial support for Sunday School, the Council has already reallocated some funds for that area requesting that an additional \$800 in Thrivent matching funds raised through the

Fiesta Mexicana also be earmarked for Sunday School.



Congregational MEETING

Other topics to be discussed at the May meeting include: budget and staffing for pastoral visitation, the REST program, the status of the YWCA Day Care program, and church maintenance.

Your voice is important! Plan to

attend this important congregational meeting.

### Also in the May Visitor:

- ✿ Neighborhood Camp
- ✿ Kathryn Koob
- ✿ Spring Cleaning
- ✿ Proposed REST Site

## Emmaus Offers Communion Classes in May

All young people who are fifth graders or older who have not yet participated in the three sessions regarding the sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to the May classes.

Pastor Mary will lead these classes, offered to those who have received Communion prior to the fifth grade as well as to older children who have not yet received

Communion. The classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

At least one parent is encouraged to attend the classes with their son or daughter. The classes will be held May 5, 12 and 26.

Sunday, June 6 has been designated as First Communion Sunday.

## REST Proposes Move to Massey Ferguson Site in 2005

At a volunteer appreciation dinner April 18, officials of the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force announced tentative plans for REST to settle at a single site by the end of next year. The proposed site, at DeKoven and Taylor Avenues, was once part of the Massey Ferguson building.

Since REST was begun in 1992, the homeless shelter site has rotated among seven church buildings every week from the beginning of October to the end of April. Some churches have dropped out of the program and others have joined during those years; Emmaus was the Friday night REST site from the beginning. Other congregations have contributed volunteers and materials.

The new site is being offered for lease by Jeff Neubauer and Sara Neubauer, owners of Kranz, Inc., an industrial paper goods and chemicals distributor. Jeff Neubauer represented southern Racine in the state assembly during the 1980s.

By Christmas, 2005, REST hopes to move into a part of the building already occupied by the Racine County Food Bank. Before that is possible, several things will need to be accomplished: joint agreement between REST and Transitional Advisory Council on Homelessness in Racine County (TAC), representing the United Way



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## Pastor Mary to Attend Preaching Conference

As part of Pastor Mary's annual continuing education, she will attend a week-long conference on preaching the week of May 17. Nationally renowned preachers from several denominations lead the event.

The weekend following the conference, Pastor Mary will visit friends at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax, Virginia, where she served as a pastoral intern for a year. She will have the opportunity to speak with some of the Lord of Life members during their Adult Forum time



about Neighborhood Camp and other outreach programs of Emmaus.

She returns to Racine Monday, May 24.

Pastor Mary is also planning a "36-hour escape" to Minneapolis on May 9 and 10. Mary's longtime friend, Naomi Thomsen, will be

receiving a special award from the French consulate the afternoon of May 9. College classmates, Mary and Naomi spent some time working together in the student travel business.

## Register for Neighborhood Camp

by Valerie Crehan

Registration forms for this summer's Neighborhood Camp are available at the church. The camp has a capacity of 30-35 campers and openings are filling fast.

If you think that you want to send your child to camp this summer, please fill out an application and drop it off at the church office as soon as possible.



Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The camp at Emmaus runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from June 20 to July 22 for children ages 6-11. (Neighborhood Camp will not meet Monday, July 5.)

Donations of time and goods are appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Valerie at 634-5515.

## Full Speed Ahead; Neighborhood Camp Donor Challenges Again

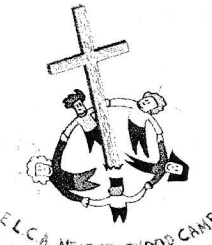
by Nancy Smith

Meetings have been held since January; six ELCA churches have said an enthusiastic "yes" to another camp season. Themes have been selected. Applications for teen interns have been returned; interviews are being scheduled. Registration forms have been completed; thus far, Emmaus has 16 campers ready to go.

Emmaus will hold camp for five weeks with a different theme each week beginning June 19. You, the members of Emmaus, have been supportive of this vital ministry as volunteers and with generous financial contributions. We need your help

once again.

The projected budget for this summer is \$56,400. An individual donor who taught children her entire working years, who believes so strongly in giving kids encouragement and enrichment, is again challenging the members of Racine ELCA congregations. For every dollar donated, she will match up to \$6,000.



Please consider how you will respond. Your donation will support staff, training, field trips, and supplies.

Most importantly, your support will help a child to grow in the love of Christ.

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
 Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan

Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
 Youth Music Dir.: Karla Bielewicz  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: Matt Liesch, Kerry Hunter,  
 and Jeff White

EMMAUS VISITOR

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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## Goodies Sought for Wadewitz Staff Appreciation

Bakery items are needed for the Wadewitz staff appreciation luncheon on May 3. We're looking for cookies, bars, brownies and the

like. Please see Pastor Mary or Valerie Crehan or drop baked goods at the church on May 2 or at Wadewitz on the morning of May 3.

## Six Sites Host Neighborhood Camps

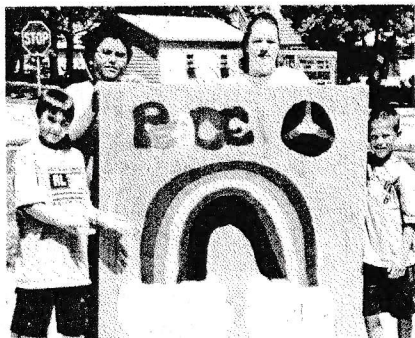
Bethania, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Our Savior's, Zion, and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will also open their doors to 6- to-11-year-olds for this summer's day camp experience. As in previous years, the camp is offered free of charge.

The ambitious financial goal for the six churches sponsoring camp this summer is \$54,000.

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 \$6,000!

In addition, a portion of the proceeds of the Fiesta Mexicana go to Neighborhood Camp, as will proceeds of the May 9 bake sale, which will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Neighborhood Camp Coordinator Valerie Crehan is leading a planning team from the participating ELCA congregations as they work on publicity, staffing and curriculum. Each site will have its own staff, including a site coordinator, three teen interns, resource persons and other volunteers.



Nancy Smith will serve as coordinator for Emmaus. The Emmaus camp is offered Monday through Thursday from June 21 to July 22. The camp will not meet on Monday, July 5.

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.

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

Pre-School Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 26 to 30. Daily sessions for the pre-schoolers, led by Nancy Smith, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

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.

## Thanks to All Our EASY Staff and Volunteers

by Valerie Crehan

The After-School program at Emmaus will end for another season this May 11. We had 23 children attend the program this year, which was a significant increase from the year before. Many of the attendees have made plans to come to Neighborhood Camp this summer, and one child joined our Sunday School program.

I wish to thank Ashley Lamberton, Nathan Albright, Katie Douglas and Will Crehan for a terrific job staffing the program. They were very responsible and reliable models for the children.

A special thank-you goes out to Ruth Copeland, who volunteered

many, many hours to the program. Her reliability and expertise were invaluable to the program. Thank you, Ruth, you were a true blessing!

Many other volunteers helped to make the program a success. The readers (who were more often listeners), some of whom came every Tuesday to make the day special for the children: Bev and Vic Johnson, June and Al

Beck, Dolly and Don Orth, Shirley Velzka, and Marian Keller.

A heartfelt thank-you to Mrs. Keller, not only for the time she devoted to the children, but also for thinking of them with a very thoughtful and special gift. You are a real friend to the program!

Thank you, Emmaus, for all your support.



## Sunday School Wraps Up May 16

by Denise Keller

The last Sunday School Rotation unit, Prayer with the emphasis on The Lord's Prayer, began on April 18 and will run through May 9. The children will have video, music and art workshops to learn what is faith and prayer.

"What is Prayer?"  
"Talking to God."

Yes, it is talking with God, but it is more than that. It is also listening to God. When we pray, you not only tell God what is on your mind, but you stop and listen to what God has to say to you.

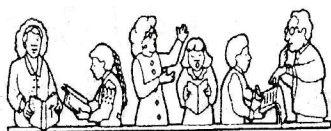
God talks to us in many ways. Stop and listen to what He has to say. God wants to hear from you and he wants to talk to you. The more you pray, the closer you will come to God and more you will learn to hear His voice.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 16. The Sunday School will Sing at the 9:15 service and gather for the end of the year celebration after the service.

### Thank You Thank You Thank You

Thank you to the parents for bringing your children to Sunday School so we can share the stories of Jesus and Bible with them. Thank you to all the families that have provided our morning snack.

Thank you to Celia Bagley for organizing the snack each week. Many Thank you-s to the Shepherds, Kris Smith, Cathy Knuteson, Sandi Zeleski, Traci Jansen, Ruth Copeland, Jackie Orth, and Jamie Toslek. Thank you for stepping up and going above and beyond.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to Karla Bielewicz for leading are morning openings and teaching us songs to sing each month in church. Thank you to everyone who has helped make Sunday School successful!

Mark your calendar for a Sunday School Staff/ Parent appreciation Brunch on Sunday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. More details to come.

## Youth Birthdays in May

- May 2 Lauren Longrie, 7
- May 4 Erin Keller, 4
- May 4 Nate Robinson, 4
- May 10 Celina Rodriguez, 9
- May 14 Joe Devine, 17
- May 17 Austin Barker, 9
- May 18 Alyssa Yorgan, 18
- May 19 Justin Haman, 14
- May 20 Pat Sovelenko, 11
- May 24 Ashley Villalobos, 5
- May 29 Courtney Jansen, 14

## Former Hostage Koob Brings Message of Reconciliation to Women's Retreat

It has been 23 years since Kathryn Koob and the 51 other hostages were released from the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran. The effects of the experience far outlasted the 444 days of their captivity, and not just for the hostages alone.



Kathryn Koob

Dr. Koob says that her experience strengthened her faith, and she brings her experience to Emmaus in a discussion of the need and the means for reconciliation.

Dr. Koob will be the featured speaker at the Emmaus women's spring retreat here at the church on Saturday, May 1. The retreat will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00, which includes a light breakfast and a catered lunch.

Besides having taught a course

called "Reconciliation" at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, Dr. Koob gives presentations internationally. The American Legion Auxiliary named her Woman of the Year in 2002 for her efforts to help the families of American service members.

Koob will also speak at Adult Forum on Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

## Book Club Meets May 20

The Emmaus Book Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 20. The book club meets on the third Monday of the month September to May.

## LSS Offers Help to Sexual Assault Victims

Sexual Assault Services, a program of Lutheran Social Services in Racine, serves victims of sexual violence. SAS offers a 24-hour crisis line, 637-SAFE, and hospital response, legal advocacy, counseling and prevention education.

All services are free of charge.

Two crucial services, crisis line and hospital response, are provided by trained volunteer advocates.

SAS is actively seeking new volunteer advocates. If you are a compassionate individual interested in serving in this way, please contact Jes at 619-1634.

## Fiesta Mexicana Is Huge Success

"Each year is even better than the year before!" exclaimed one Emmaus member. The fifth annual Fiesta Mexicana enjoyed many accolades again this spring.

Organized by Gregg and Kylee Albright, Carol Yust and Lisa Ziehlke, the fund raiser for youth brought together over 230 people for fantastic food, fun and generous prizes.

After all expenses were met, the event netted over \$4,000, plus an additional \$800 in Thrivent matching funds. The youth will give \$800 to the Sunday School, and they also plan to donate a percentage of what was earned to Neighborhood Camp.

The major portion of their earnings will be designated for this summer's mission trip to West Virginia. Gregg and Kylee Albright and Natasha Chan-A-Sue will lead the group of fourteen young people during their mission trip to Appalachia.

### Raffle Prize Donors

Over 150 raffle prizes were donated; our thanks to Warren Industries, Aurora Pharmacy, Guaranty Bank, Oreck Vacuums, Devine's Sporting Goods, Unique Floral Design Inc., the Bank of Elmwood, Miller Brewing, Office Depot, Positive Images, Hav-a-hart



## Cinco de Mayo

Pet Store, Sherwin Williams, and Douglas Supply for their generous donations. Thanks also to these donors: the Lange-Pruitt family, Chuck Christophersen, Karla Bielewicz, Bill Meteyard, Kathy Cook, Chris Lamberton family, Carol Yust, and the Albright family.

*Muchísimas gracias* to all who supported the Fiesta with prizes and prayers; raffle tickets and running errands; cooking and cleaning; donating and dessert making; selling, schlepping and serving ... not to mention attending! The hundreds of hours paid off: \$1,900 was made in the silent auction. A total of 1,086 raffle tickets and 84 super raffle tickets were sold.

*¡Muy bien hecho! ¡Gracias a todos!*

## Spring Cleaning Slated May 8

This year's spring clean-up is slated for May 8. Please come between 10:00 a.m. and noon in your old dungarees with your yard



tools (especially rakes). Sign up on the pink sheet in the narthex or phone the church office.

## YWCA Day Care Remains Open

The YWCA early child care centers housed at Emmaus and Messiah Lutheran Churches faced a grim future in December. Lack of funding prompted the Y to announce the closing of both sites after the first of the year.

However, since that announcement, a number of factors have allowed the centers to remain open. Both churches waived rent in February and March, individual donors gave generously, a Barnes & Noble book fair was sponsored, bake sales were held, and a \$1,600 Thrivent matching grant was announced. Not including the rent, the YWCA will receive a total of over \$6,400 from those efforts.

While the Emmaus site will remain open, changes are now in progress for the second center. Messiah has announced a new partnership with another day care provider beginning June 1, which means some of the children under

the Y's care at Messiah may be transferred to the Emmaus center.

The new location of a second site for the YWCA-sponsored child care is yet to be determined.

The YWCA child care centers serve children of teen parents, W-2 families and other children of the community.

Thank you to each and everyone who has

supported this needed service through your gifts and your prayers. Gratitude has been expressed by families, the YWCA administration and the day care staff for the strong partnership and support offered.

**"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four peices of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."**

—Tenneva Jordan



# Nuechterleins Seek to Adopt; Rummage Sale at Holy Communion Helps Raise Funds

by Ellen Nuechterlein

Pastor Paul and Ellen Nuechterlein, members of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, are in the process of applying to adopt two children from Liberia. The following press release provides a small glimpse of the need:

“(PRWEB) January 2, 2004—Orphans and abandoned children in Liberia are in dire need of the basics of life. These young ones lack food, shelter, clothes, medication, among others. They are the poorest of the poor in one of the poorest countries of the world. Liberia has sunk deep into poverty and despair due to a bloody 14-year-old civil war. There are about 50 orphanages in the capital, Monrovia with many more in other parts of the country.”

A rummage sale fund-raiser will be held at Holy Communion on Saturday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help cover the high cost of an international adoption. Donations of household items, crafts, toys, books, baby items, and seasonal children’s clothing (sizes birth to 14) — clean and in good repair — are needed.

Drop off is Friday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Holy Communion in the Mark Hurn Room (drive around back to the downstairs entrance).

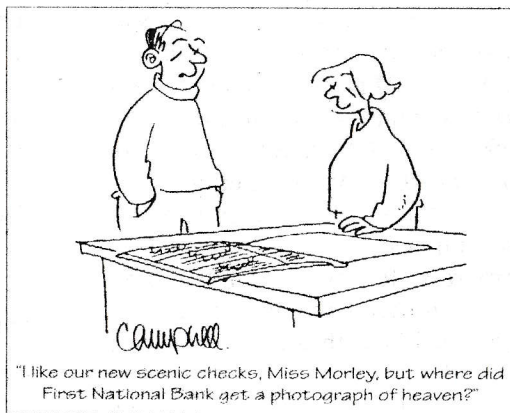
Please no early donations! If you have items that need to be picked up, please let Ellen know ASAP.

Volunteers are also needed for Friday and Saturday. If you would like help, or to arrange the pick-up of a donation, please call Ellen at 637-0671, 994-4675 (cell) or e-mail her at nelle\_treggals@earthlink.net.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, a fund has been set up at Holy Communion. Please make check payable to Holy Communion Lutheran Church clearly marked for “Adoption Fund.” Thank you!

Pastor Paul served Emmaus Lutheran Church as co-pastor for 7½ years, and currently serves as interim Pastor at Grace Lutheran, Kenosha.



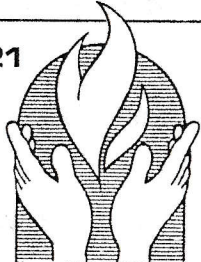

NOTE: Emmaus is not planning a rummage sale for 2004; if you have items to donate, drop them off at Holy Communion May 7.



“I like our new scenic checks, Miss Morley, but where did First National Bank get a photograph of heaven?”



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
May 1 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
May 2 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson, Linda Meteyard, Grace Falaschi	Kelsey Albright	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Hailey Sommer Tanya Rasmussen
May 8 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen			
May 9 9:15 am		Sandi Zeleske	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Patrick Jansen Courtney Jansen
May 15 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
May 16 9:15 am	Evelyn Larsen Joy Lippmann	Carol Eschmann	Team 4 John E. Cook	Nate Lamberton Kelsey Albright
May 22 5:00 pm	Marion Anderson Judy Berndt			
May 23 9:15 am		Sandy Strini	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Justin Haman Brian Field
May 29 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Christman			
May 30 9:15 am		Jackie Orth	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Courtney Jansen
June 5 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
June 6 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Karen Sedgwick	Team 2 Rich Christensen	

Sunday <b>May, 2004</b>	Monday Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church	Tuesday 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374	Wednesday Phone 262 634-5515 Fax 262 633-0726 emmaus@execpc.com	Thursday	Friday	<b>1</b> STS. PHILIP & JAMES 8:00 am Women's retreat 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
<b>2</b> GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 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 10:30 am Adult Forum: Kate Koob	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Teacher Appreciation lunch at Wadewitz 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm <b>Worship &amp;</b> Music cmte.	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>5</b> CINCO DE MAYO 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm First Communion class	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> Benefit rummage sale at Holy Communion 10:00 am Spring cleaning, to noon 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
<b>9</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHERS' DAY 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am <b>Worship Service: WOV</b> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee, bake sale 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>10</b> <i>Pastor Mary out of town</i>	<b>11</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>12</b> Pastor Mary at Synod Boundaries workshop for clergy 7:00 pm First communion class	<b>13</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Santos- McIntosh rehearsal	<b>15</b> ARMED FORCES DAY 2:50 pm Santos-McIntosh wedding 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
<b>16</b> 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 Congregational meeting 10:30 am Sunday School (last day)	<b>17</b> SYTTENDE MAI June <i>Visitor</i> articles needed in church office 	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Cluster Clergy meeting 10:00 am Seniors 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ASCENSION DAY 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion
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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		
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  
February 29, 2004

## More May Worship Assistants

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candles	Communion Asst.
May 2	Kellers	C&B Hansen	Caren Lamberton	Carol Eschmann
May 9	Julia Durand	O&V Haugsby		
May 16	H. & M. Jensen	Halberstadts		Gregg Albright
May 23	R. & R. Rommelfaenger	H&M Jensen		
May 30	C. & C. Lamberton			
June 6	D. & C. Eschmann	C.Bagley	TBA	Nancy Brown

### Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Interim Manager: Pastor Mary

The center opens on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon.

May 4 program: Nancy Smith; lunch served by Pat Jensen

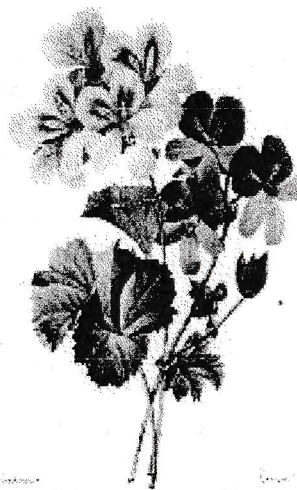
May 18 program: TBA

#### May Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

May 1	Ruth Hlavka	1237 Isabelle Avenue	53402
May 1	Arlene Nielsen	200 S. 7 <sup>th</sup> St., #112, Waterford	53185
May 8	LeRoy Protheroe	2015 Prospect Street	53404
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	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 St. #305	53402
May 15	Don French	2301 Summit Avenue	53404
May 20	Lydia Jensen	926 Riva Ridge Drive	53402*
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

\*Recent address change

## Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement



Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 31. These geraniums from Milaegers will be 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 May 31.

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 May 23.**

Office use:  Pmt.  Order list

## Crehan, Smith Attend Grant Workshop

Valerie Crehan and Nancy Smith will attend a workshop offered by the Division for Ministry of the ELCA May 14-15 in Florida. The workshop will focus on writing grant proposals.

During the past four years, start-up grants have allowed Emmaus to launch EASY, KidsHope, and Neighborhood Camp. New funding will be necessary to keep these outreach ministries running.

## MEMORIALS

### Designated memorials:

For upstairs kitchen renovation, in memory of Marilyn Anderson: \$150.00

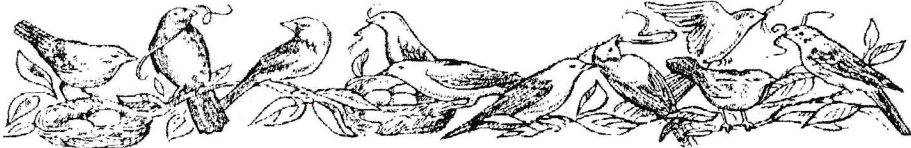
For ELCA World Hunger Appeal, in memory of Eileen Olson: \$25.00

For Choir, in memory of Dolly Wiley: \$50.00

For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Dolly Wiley: \$25.00

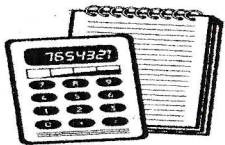
### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Dolly Wiley: \$375.00



## Financial Figures

General Fund offerings in March, 2004	....	\$14,527.94	YTD \$41,997.12
Building Fund offerings in March, 2004	.....	\$320.00	YTD \$1,265.00
Unified receipts for March, 2004	.....	\$14,847.94	YTD \$43,262.12
Principal Reduction offerings in March, 2004	..	\$309.00	CAMPAIGN TD \$106,318.12
April 1, '04 mortgage payment:			
Principal	.....	\$390.38	
Interest	.....	\$185.62	
Extra principal	.....	\$124.00	
Total	.....	\$700.00	
Principal balance as of 3/12/04	..	\$44,938.06	



## Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance March:	2002: 171	2003: 123	2004: 121
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	2002: 144	2003: 178	2004: 169
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2002: 165	2003: 138	
Average midweek Lenten services	2002: 19	2003: 16	2004: 16
Maunder Thursday attendance:	2002: 52	2003: 49	2004: 45
Good Friday attendance:	2002: 125	2003: 119	2004: 98
Easter Sunday attendance:	2002: 279	2003: 289	2004: 241

## Synod Assembly to Meet in Waukesha

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly will meet June 3-5 in the Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Pewaukee.

The 2004 Greater Milwaukee Synod's assembly theme is: "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The synod assembly is the annual gathering of the synod's highest decision-making body.



You are invited to join voting members at the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly June 3-5 for shared conversation, learning, worship. See the synod in action! Contact the church office if you'd like more details.

## Letters

## REST Thanks Volunteers

Dear REST Volunteers,

We have just successfully completed another year of REST, all because of your collective volunteer efforts. Whether you prepared meals, served food, registered guests, folded sheets, stayed awake so others could sleep, or cleaned up—all of your efforts are greatly appreciated. The program couldn't run without you! Thank you so very much for all of your efforts!

Next fall, our REST season will start out as usual, with REST being held in your church, and we need your continued support. Your church will hold REST on the same night as

before, with the same shifts you have always had, with hopefully the same volunteers as before. Somewhere during the season, we hope to move the REST program to our new single site! The only thing that will change next season will be the location of the program, but the program will continue just as before. We will still need your help throughout the whole season.

For those of you who are new to REST, this is an ideal time to find out more about the program. Talk to your ministers or fellow parishioners. Ask them why they volunteer for the REST Program. Please consider joining them next year, when we open up on October 1. Thanks and God Bless.

—Ron Thomas  
President, REST Board



News of Our Members

## Alyssa Yorgan Performs at UN Venue

Alyssa Yorgan, daughter of Judy and Jim Yorgan, performed with a chamber ensemble at the United Nations Cultural Center on March 31. The group played Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring" for delegations representing the French and Romanian embassies.

Yorgan is a sophomore at New

York University, majoring in music performance. She is the Assistant Principal Cellist with the university's symphony orchestra and has been named to the Dean's list.

Next spring, she plans to go to Dublin, Ireland, as a member of the Dean's Research Travel Colloquium.

## Sommers Lead Vault Scores at State Gymnastics Meet

Rachel and Erin Sommers competed at the State meet team finals on the All-Racine County Girls' Gymnastic team. Rachel won the state vault title for her second straight year, an event in which Erin placed second.

Rachel is set to represent Wisconsin in the High School National Championship Meet in Fort Worth, Texas this month. Both girls attend Horlick High School, where Rachel is a senior and Erin is in her junior year.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Friendship Day Is This Month!

Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

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Answer: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.



## Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp

This summer, six Racine Lutheran churches will participate in the neighborhood summer camp program. Bethania, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Our Savior's, Redeemer and Zion are the sites that have been chosen for this outreach ministry in 2004. Each site will provide a safe and nurturing place for children ages 6-11 to play, to learn and to experience the love of Jesus Christ. Last year, there were approximately 200 children served by these camps. There will also be a week of leadership training for the twelve teen interns hired to assist with camp.

Camp sessions will be held in June and July and last from two to five weeks, depending upon the site. The sites will choose from the following themes:

- Under Construction    What God and people can build
- Express Yourself        How we express ourselves
- TEAM                      Team building and motivation
- Walk'n in My Shoes     Exploring different cultures and times
- Piece of Peace          Peace and goodwill in our community

The camp will be free of cost to the participants. In addition to in-kind donations, approximately \$45,000 is needed for the running of the six 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*

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### 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 \$6,000)

#### Financial:

1 week staff at one site (includes site coordinator, 3 teen interns)	\$750	_____
1 week's food at one site	200	_____
1 day's food at one site	50	_____
Bus for weekly field trip	200	_____
Campership for 1 child/week	85	_____
Cash donation: \$100 _____ \$40 _____		
\$20 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____		

#### Donations of Goods/Supplies:

Snacks for 35 persons	_____
Dessert/treats for 35 persons	_____
Fresh fruit	_____
Juice and powdered drinks	_____
Paper products (plates, cups, paper towels)	_____
Milk/chocolate milk	_____

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Emmanuel Hosts Walk Thru New Testament

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725, High Street, will host a "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminar 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22.

The seminar is designed to identify the major people, places and events of the New Testament. Placing these events in an easy-to-understand, chronological order, a trained instructor of Lutheran Bible Ministries uses drama, overhead visuals, hand signs and loads of humor. This event will be fun and educational. Beginning Bible students will find a framework for further Bible study and advanced Bible students will discover new insights as well.

The cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 for students grade 3-12, or \$30 per family. This includes the seminar, notebook, lunch and coffee breaks. This program is inter-generational.

Child care is available for children over 2, provided you pre-register before May 14. Parents utilizing child care are asked to bring a bag lunch for their children.

To register, or for additional information, please call Emmanuel at 633-4949.

### Jazz Pianist Plays at Mt. Pleasant

The Music at Mt. Pleasant series invites you to attend their next

Sunday afternoon concert. Sunday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m., Joe Utterback, nationally acclaimed jazz pianist,

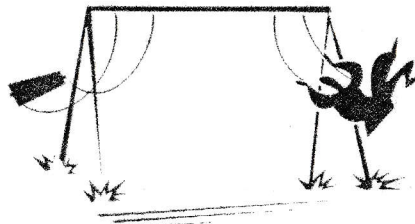


Joe Utterback

will present a program of blues, ballads, Broadway, spirituals, traditional jazz and original compositions.

His playing has been described as "a roller coaster of sudden and surprising changes... finger-breaking flight... boogie-woogie and barrelhouse styles, Tatumesque wild chases, Garneresque right-hand chording, and more pianist licks and tricks than should be squeezable into five minutes."

For more information on Dr. Joe Utterback, visit [www.joeutterback.com](http://www.joeutterback.com). For additional information on this free concert, please contact Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church at 634-6669. Mt. Pleasant is located at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Green Bay Road.



## Lutherdale Springs Into Summer

In celebration of sixty years sharing God's love and as an Open House and fund raiser for the ongoing ministry of Lutherdale, you are invited to an all-day event and celebration Saturday, May 29, rain or shine.

Festivities start with groundbreaking for a new cabin at 10:00 a.m. and continue with the second annual T.E.A.M.S. race, a tour of the facilities, a checkers tournament (\$2 per person), a scavenger hunt, and a Cookies by the pound sale.

Tickets for the chicken dinner, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., are \$6 in advance for adults, \$7 at the door, or, for children age 3-12 and seniors, \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Kids under 3 eat free. There will be an ice cream social (\$2 per person) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Lutherdale is seven miles

north of Elkhorn on Hwy. 12. Send reservations to Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

### Local Day of Prayer Service Salutes Military

Racine's observance of National Day of Prayer will take place outside City Hall, 730 Washington Avenue, Thursday, May 6 at noon. City officials and military personnel will pray for our country.

Cheryl McCrary will lead the worship service. The "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony will include a presentation of the Colors by the 951<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Air Force Junior ROTC program from Milwaukee.

### REST Proposes Move

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and several agencies working with the homeless population of Racine; major donor and fund raising efforts; renovation of the proposed site; and coordination and training of volunteers and paid staff.

Eventually, REST's goal is to establish a year-round site to be open 24 hours per day. Some of those who use the program will take responsibility for cleaning, food

preparation, and laundry. REST will offer employment counseling and legal aid services, according to REST officials.

Meanwhile, sponsoring churches have been asked if they are willing to continue as hosts for the REST program next fall. Further discussion will take place at Emmaus' May 16 congregational meeting.

# Lutherans Manage Tornado Relief Work

CHICAGO (ELCA) — Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), is organizing relief and recovery work in Utica, Illinois, after 19 tornadoes struck the town and the nearby towns of Joliet and Granville April 20. Utica is 90 miles southwest of Chicago.



Tornadoes in Utica killed eight people, aged 18-81, when the 100-year-old tavern in which they sought shelter collapsed. The storm also damaged dozens of Utica homes and businesses.

"National Weather Service officials in Oklahoma said they received reports of 51 tornadoes, most clustered in Illinois and Indiana, but some as far as Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma," said the Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, LDR director. Utica was the hardest hit, he said.

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS), River Forest, and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Des Plaines, are coordinating LDR's response, said Furst. Both agencies are in contact with local congregations to assess damages.

"As part of the immediate response, LCFS has been asked

by the American Red Cross to provide a mental health worker," Furst said. LCFS is also preparing to provide a counselor to a pre-school ten miles outside of Utica.

"As LDR responds to the survivors of this latest disaster, please offer your prayers for the safety and well-being of those affected, as well as those who are responding. Donations will help the church offer God's help and hope now and for the long haul," said Furst.

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>



**"Walk past Spring & Run into Summer!" Race**

**5K RUN / 2K WALK  
MAY 29, 2004 8:00 A.M.**

\$12.00 per person (Includes T-Shirt!)

\$15.00 day of Race (T-Shirts available until Gone)

Lutherdale Bible Camp is the perfect spot for a 5K Run / 2K Walk.

This beautiful scenic campus is right on Lauderdale Lakes!

Join us for the 2nd Annual

"Spring into Summer!" Fund-raiser at Lutherdale Bible Camp.

Many activities held that day.....

- ◆ CHICKEN DINNER 11a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- ◆ Camp Tours - Check out a YURT
- ◆ Zip Line, Swimming, Scavenger Hunt, etc.
- ◆ Something for the whole family.....



**CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

(262) 742-2352

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

[lutherdale@lutherdale.org](mailto:lutherdale@lutherdale.org)

Lutherdale is located 7 miles North of Elkhorn on HWY 12

**An out and back course with a few rolling hills.  
call today for a detailed map and description**

Registration forms are available from the church office. Phone 634-5515.

## Pastor Mary's Column

# Connected by the Holy Spirit

During the month of May, I will be traveling out of town twice, once to Minneapolis and once to Fairfax, Virginia. Both are places where I once lived and both have become places of deep relationship for me.

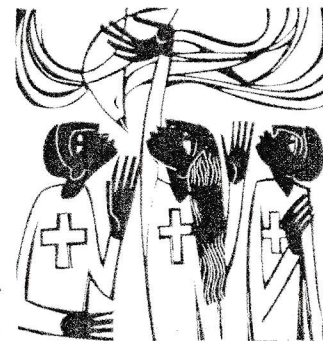
It will be a privilege to see my friend Naomi Thomsen one more time. On May 9, she will receive a prestigious award from the French government for all her work in promoting international understanding through education and travel. Naomi has always been a true ambassador, building strong relationships with people from all over the world and inviting many of those people into her home and into her life.

And now, as Naomi loses physical strength (cancer has invaded all parts of her body, and doctors are in awe that she has lived this long), she draws inner strength from those relationships that nurture her — relationships with family, friends and most of all with God.

As I drive to and from Minneapolis and as many of us will be celebrating Naomi's contributions, her courage and her faith, I know that that 36-hour trip will be an inspiration to all of us. There we will experience God's Spirit at work.

Then, later in the month, I will be reconnecting with another place of relationship, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, the place of my internship fifteen years ago. Little did I know then that the Smith family from Fairfax would become a second family for me.

I hadn't expected that a number of those parishioners from Lord of Life would become friends of the congregation I would later serve. Emmaus has received many generous gifts of time and money and prayer from Lord of Life folks throughout the past thirteen years.



God's Spirit has moved and touched many lives

in Racine through those brothers and sisters in Christ. Just recently I opened my mail to find a \$1,000 check from Lord of Life congregation. That gift to Emmaus is part of their focus of outreach.

Kids from Racine who attend this summer's Neighborhood Camp will be impacted by the generosity of Lord of Life. I will have the opportunity to thank those friends when I visit Lord of Life Lutheran May 23 and tell them a bit more about the ministry with Racine they help to support.

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## Pastor Mary's Column

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The movement of God's Spirit continues to awe and inspire me.

In this season of Easter, we prepare for Pentecost. As we celebrate the resurrected Christ, we are reminded of the promise that we will not be left orphaned. Together we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 30.

It will be a time to be reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to work in and through those relationships God has given to

us in the first place. And, we will again be challenged to ask ourselves, "Where is God now calling us to be in relationship, touching lives with hope and the promise of life in Christ?"

We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we take the next steps. Who knows where the Spirit will move and flow next?

In the Spirit's love,

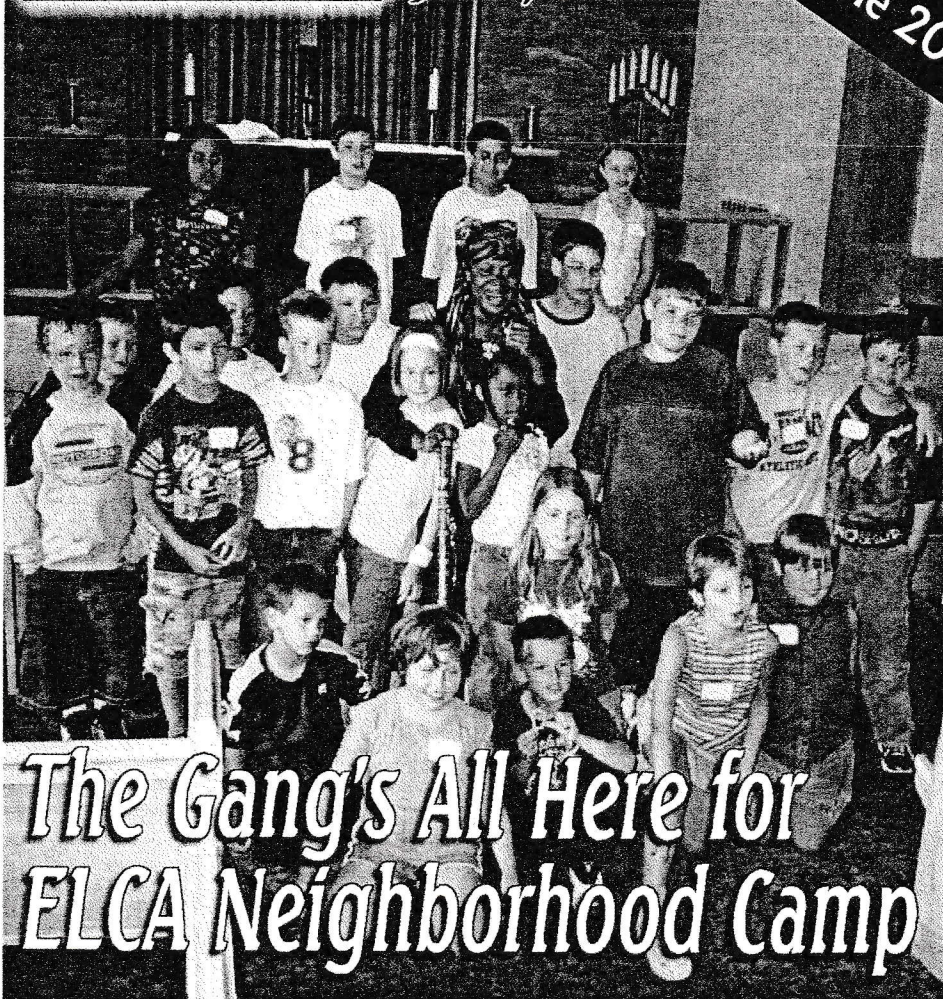
*Pastor Mary*

Pastor Mary

Congregational Meeting June 20

# Emmaus Visitor

June, 2004



## The Gang's All Here for ELCA Neighborhood Camp

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine  
"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Office: 262 634-5515  
e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com Fax: 262 633-0726  
<http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Wedding:

Beth Santos and  
Garland McIntosh  
May 15, 2004

Beth and Garland live across the street from the church. Garland helped out this past winter with some of our snow removal. Beth is a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

### Memorial Service:

Esther Hansen Jensen  
May 15, 2004

Esther Jensen was taken home in the arms of her Lord May 10, forty years to the day after the passing of her husband, the Rev. Clarence Jensen.



She had served as president of the Emmaus congregation and the Emmaus Women of the ELCA, and was long active in the Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center, managing its Cheer Fund.

She is survived by daughters Lois Pedersen of Racine and Lydia Dix of Dallas, son Paul (Lynda) Jensen of El Cajon, California, and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Funeral:

Lawrence F. Steinman  
May 18, 2004

Larry Steinman, 60, died unexpectedly at his home on May 13. He lived near Emmaus on Shoop Street and came to worship at our Saturday evening services several times. He is survived by a sister, Donna Nelson and brother, William Steinman, both of Racine.

## **Former Member Chester Poniatowski Remembered**

Former Emmaus member Chester Poniatowski passed away May 10 at age 75. Chet and his wife, Jean, moved from Racine in 1986 but have maintained friendships with members of the Emmaus congregation.

Chet remained active in retirement, working as a volunteer

at Circus World Museum in Baraboo. He is survived by two sons, Steve (LaVerne) Poniatowski of Blaine, Minn. and Ron (Sue) Poniatowski of Baraboo, as well as by his wife, grandchildren, and other relatives. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo on May 14.

## **Congregational Meeting to Convene June 20**

There will be a special congregational meeting after the 9:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 20 to consider major maintenance needs of the church.



At the May 16 congregational meeting, Pastor Mary presented an update of the 2004 budget for June through December. She announced the rental agreement with the YWCA's Child Care Center has been renegotiated, and that we have received a \$10,000 gift from a couple in the congregation as well as a \$25,000 Siebert Lutheran Foundation Grant to cover Outreach salaries.

Members approved a ministry plan as presented by Pastor Mary. The plan will be the framework for a grant proposal being submitted to the Division of Outreach of the ELCA.

The congregation elected Dave Douglas as Vice President of the congregation. He will serve through December, 2004.

On behalf of Bill Irvine, Dave

presented a brief summary of some major church and parsonage maintenance needs, including roofing, insulation, window

repair in the church, new flooring for Fellowship Hall and windows and doors for the parsonage. Bids for all repairs and maintenance total over \$80,000.

A full presentation will be made at the June 20 meeting, including slides and a recommendation from the council. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 20.

## **Thanks to Everyone But the Weatherman**

Bill Irvine wishes to thank everyone who signed up to help with spring clean-up this month. If the weather hadn't forced us to cancel both clean-up days, we might have gotten a lot done. Thank you for your willingness to help!

## **Thrivent Hosts Coffee Hour June 27**

by Joyce Kaiser

On June 27, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will host the coffee hour. Our special guest will be Darrell Reynolds, our Thrivent

representative.

Please join Darrell, Cheryl Dexter, Barb Toslek and Joyce Kaiser and ask any question you might have regarding Thrivent.

## Christensen, Gieszler, Pastor Mary Represent Emmaus at Synod Assembly

Brenda Gieszler, Kathy Christensen and Pastor Mary will attend the annual Assembly of the Greater Milwaukee Synod June 3-5. The theme of this year's assembly is "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The assembly will meet at the Country Inn Hotel in Pewaukee. The assembly will begin with dinner followed by worship in the hotel's Grand Salon. Visitors and



voting members are invited to attend opening worship at 6:30 p.m on Thursday. Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers will preach at worship.

The order of business includes the election of voting members to the national ELCA assembly in Orlando, Florida in August, 2005.

For more information, visit the synod web site, <http://www.milwaukee-synod.org>.

## Neighborhood Camp Set to Open June 21

by Valerie Crehan

Camp is all set to begin this month! We have had a tremendous response this year. There are 37 children already registered for five weeks of camp. Many were here last year and many were involved in our after school



interviewed for this summer's positions. We will have five interns here at Emmaus since we have opened our doors to more children.

We can always use more volunteers. We will need more help in the kitchen this summer since Don and Dolly Orth will be unable to help us.

program and are continuing their relationship with Emmaus.

We also had a wonderful response to our request for teen interns. Eleven interns from last year reapplied and 14 new teens

If you would like to spend a little time with some great kids, please think about joining our crew! I'm sure you will have a good time and will see how God has certainly poured His blessings on Emmaus!

### EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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262 634-5515  
Fax: 262 633-0726

E-mail:  
Church — [emmaus@execpc.com](mailto:emmaus@execpc.com)  
Pastor Mary — [mljanz@aol.com](mailto:mljanz@aol.com)

Council President: Brenda Gieszler  
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan  
Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
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.  
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 VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the July-August VISITOR is June 15.

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## Base for Neighborhood Camp Broadens

In addition to commitments from Siebert Lutheran Foundation and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Neighborhood Camp has received checks from Lord of Life Lutheran of Fairfax, Virginia (\$1,000), Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church (\$2,206.74), and Our Savior's Lutheran Foundation (\$2,000).



The Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA churches and the Synod Outreach Fund of the Greater

Milwaukee Synod have also pledged their support.

### Matching Funds Challenge

Donations made to Neighborhood Camp through June 15 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$6,000. That matching challenge has been made by an individual donor.

Gifts in memory or in honor of a loved one may be made to Neighborhood Camp. Checks made payable to Emmaus should not "Neighborhood Camp" on the memo line. For more details, call Valerie at 634-5515.

## Calling All Volunteers!

For the past two summers, Dolly and Don Orth and their family

provided tasty, creative meals for our Neighborhood Campers. This summer, however, their time and energy will be dedicated to making a move out of state.

To replace the Orths, the consensus is that we will need at least a dozen willing volunteers!

A Sunday, May 30 meeting was scheduled at 10:30 a.m. to discuss how a collaborative effort can be made to feed our hungry campers for the five weeks this summer. Each day, Monday through Wednesdays, we will serve breakfast, lunch and a snack.

Can you help plan menus? Do



Don Orth serves a lunch at Neighborhood Camp

some shopping? Provide juice, snacks, desserts, or paper products?

Are you available to prepare or serve lunch June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 or July 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 or 21? Your help on one or more days will be very welcome! Call Valerie

(634-5515) for more details.

We again thank the Orths for their incredible contribution to Neighborhood Camp in 2002 and 2003. There were many happy campers because of all their hard work! We will miss their smiling faces, but we do wish them Godspeed in their new venture.

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

Pre-School Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 26 to 30. Daily sessions for the pre-schoolers, led by Nancy Smith, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

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.

## Siebert Lutheran Foundation Funds Outreach

Exclamations of delight could be heard in the hallways of Wadewitz School one afternoon while Pastor Mary was there tutoring.

A call on her cell phone had just notified her that both Emmaus and the Racine Neighborhood Camp would be recipients of generous grants from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation.

The first grant, in the amount of \$25,000, would be designated to

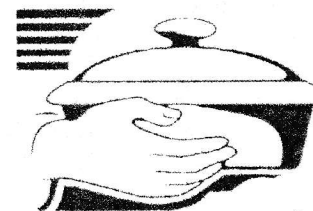
pay the salary of the Emmaus Outreach Minister, Valerie Crehan. The additional \$15,000 grant was awarded to help defray expenses of the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps.

The six campsites have their administrative headquarters at Emmaus. The camps sharing the resources are Emmaus, Our Savior's, Bethania, Emmanuel, Redeemer and Zion.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal June 3

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, June 3. 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 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.

## Local Diner Offers REST Deal

On Mondays in June, the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) asks you to

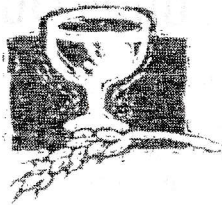


consider breakfast or lunch at Ham 'n' Egger, 1401 N. Main Street. Ham 'n' Egger will give 10% of proceeds from sales on June 7, 14, 21 and 28 to the REST program.

Ham 'n' Egger is open 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 631-0020.

## June 6 Set for First Communion

Six young people have completed instruction on the background and meaning of Holy Communion. Those who have attended the classes, together with their parents, are: Katie Zeleski, Patrick Jansen, Amy Jaskulske, Ryan Lamberton, Mariah Lang, and Andrew Orth.



June 6 has been scheduled as a time for a time to receive First Communion for those who have not already done so. Moriah, a seventh grader, will also be baptized that day.

## Shouting Out to All Graduates

We would like to acknowledge this year's high school and college graduates in the next issue of the *Visitor*. A letter has been sent out to most of our graduates requesting information we can put into the newsletter.

Since we haven't heard back from some people and may have overlooked others, we're offering one more chance to our graduating students. Please send word to the church office by mail or e-mail (emmaus@execpc.com) telling Paul which school is graduating you, any school activities or honors you'd like

to share, and something of your plans for your summer, fall, or career. Thanks!

## Youth Birthdays

- June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 15
- June 8 Katelyn Harris-Lange, 15
- June 9 Zachary Smith, 6
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 10
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 11
- June 23 Ken Krug II, 4
- June 23 AnnMarie Liesch, 17
- June 30 Ariyah Brooks, 2

## Sunday School News

# Come to Appreciation Brunch

All Sunday School parents and staff of the past, present and future are invited to the Sunday School Staff/Parent Appreciation Brunch in the Sunset Room at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 13.

Please sign up in the narthex or call Denise Keller at 619-9911 by June 6 if you are able to attend. It will help a lot with the planning.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

### Designated memorials:

- For Choir, in memory of Dolly Wiley . . . . . \$25.00
- For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Dolly Wiley . . . . . \$37.50
- For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Esther Jensen . . . . . \$137.50
- For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Judy Dykstra . . . . . \$10.00
- For Neighborhood Camp, in memory of Laurier Durand . . . . . \$50.00
- For Principal Reduction, in memory of Esther Jensen . . . . . \$25.00

### Designated honoraria:

- For Kitchen Renovation, in honor of Howard & Marge Jensen \$90.00
- For Neighborhood Camp, in honor of Ken and Eric Larsen . . \$100.00

### Non-designated memorials:

- In memory of Esther Jensen . . . . . \$25.00
- In memory of Dolly Wiley . . . . . \$65.00

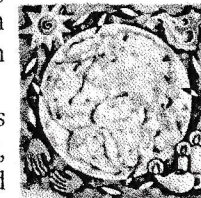
## Global Mission Event Calls for Teachers

by Susan Cyr

I am looking for teachers who would be interested in being part of the children's program at the Global Mission Event in Milwaukee July 29 to Aug. 1.

The curriculum is planned, materials are ready, all that is needed is committed teachers for the event!

This is a sizable time commitment, so registration and meals will be covered for those who accept this service. Times a



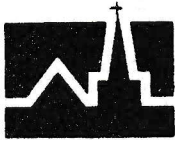
volunteer teacher needs to be available for sessions: Thurs. July 29 (6:45 p.m.-9:15 p.m.), Friday, July 30 (8:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m., 6:45-9:15 p.m.) Saturday, July 31 (8:30-11:45 a.m., 1:45-4:45 p.m.) Sunday Aug. 1 (8:30-10:15 a.m.) We also need assistants on those days.

If interested, please contact Sue Cyr at 414-423-1726 or at susancyr@execpc.com



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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Emmaus Lutheran Church**  
1925 Summit Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404-2374



5-12-04

Dear Members and Friends of Emmaus:

I bet you're surprised to see our logo AND the logo for a popular fast-food restaurant at the top of this letter. No, we haven't "sold" our name to a corporate sponsor (the *Chick-fil-A Emmaus Lutheran Church* doesn't sound quite right). And no, Chick-fil-A will not be served at morning coffee hour every Sunday. But, the restaurant does play a role in our youth fund-raising.

The owner of the restaurant, located inside the Southwest entrance at the Regency Mall has graciously offered 5% of the proceeds from Tuesday night sales, ALL Tuesday night sales, in the months of June and July toward our summer mission trip to Appalachia. He has said that sales on a weeknight would net us \$25-\$40 a week for 9 weeks. This means an extra \$225 to \$375 toward our youth mission trip.

Here's what you can do to help:

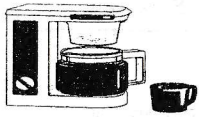
1. Visit the Chick-fil-A at the Racine Regency Mall **between the hours of 5 & 8pm** on any Tuesday night in the months of May and June.
2. Place your order.
3. Eat.
4. Call all your friends and family and tell them you just had a great meal at Chick-fil-A **AND** you helped the youth of Emmaus!

Now, don't you feel better? Your stomach's full, you've helped 14 kids going to West Virginia, and... you can do it again NEXT Tuesday!

As always, the youth thank you for your thoughtfulness and gifts.

Yours in Christ,

Gregg Albright  
Youth Chairman



## June Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
June 5 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
June 6 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Karen Sedgwick	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Tracy Christensen
June 12 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
June 13 9:15 am		Randy Sanders	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Dave Schulz
June 19 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
June 20 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Tedine Roos	David Christensen	Team 4 John E. Cook	Jill Lomasney
June 26 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
June 27 9:15 am		Carol Yust	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Gary Wee
July 3 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
July 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Arvilla Nemer	Ruth Hlavka	Team 1 Harold Miller	Loren & Cindi Larsen

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
June 6	D. & C. Eschmann	C. Bagley		Nancy Brown
June 13	Cathy Meyer			
June 20	Gerry Dykstra		TBA	Kylee Albright
June 27		Thrivent		
July 4	A. & D. Rode		Jan Svendsen	Karen Sedgwick

## Seniors to Experience Virtual Tour of World War II Memorial

by Nancy Smith

Tuesday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m., all are welcome to view a walking tour of the new World War II Memorial, which was dedicated this Memorial Day in Washington, D.C.

Nancy and Art Smith (Pastor Mary, too) visited the memorial in May and took many photos. Art



composed a moving DVD tribute to this newest addition to our nation's Capital.

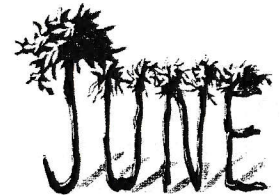
It is a timely and long-awaited tribute to the 16 million Americans who served their country. The construction of this monument has been paid for mostly from private funds.

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The center meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The center opens with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30.

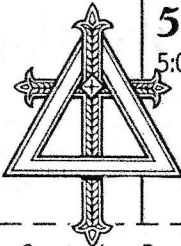





Interim manager: Pastor Mary



### Birthdays this month:

June 1	Marcie Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404-1433
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	10441 S. Nicholson Rd. O.Crk.	53154-6421
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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE 2004</b> Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine ☎ 262 634-5515  On the web at <a href="http://www.emmaus-racine.org">http://www.emmaus-racine.org</a>		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Seniors 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>2</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	<b>3</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
				<i>Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, Country Inn, Pewaukee</i>		
<b>6</b> TRINITY SUNDAY 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>9</b> Lincoln Lutheran Spring Socials, multiple sites	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>11</b> ST. BARNABAS 	<b>12</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>13</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>14</b> FLAG DAY	<b>15</b> July-August <i>Visitor</i> articles due 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 staff training</i>						
<b>20</b> 4 <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 10:30 a.m. Congregational meeting	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>25</b> PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530	<b>26</b> 5:00 pm Worship service w/HC
<i>Neighborhood Camp — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: "Under Construction"</i>					<i>Pastor Mary out of town June 25-27</i>	
<b>27</b> 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> STS. PETER & PAUL 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>30</b> 	July 1 CANADA DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary out of town</i>		<i>Neighborhood Camp—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: "Express Yourself"</i>				

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

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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		
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  
February 29, 2004

# Kathryn Koob

## Speaks at Women's Retreat

Photos by Nancy Smith



# Members and Friends Adopt Sundays to Help Retire Emmaus Debt

We extend our earnest thanks to the following for adopting Sundays this spring as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program.

Earl Lakvold, in memory of Carolyn Lakvold.

Howard & Marge Jensen, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

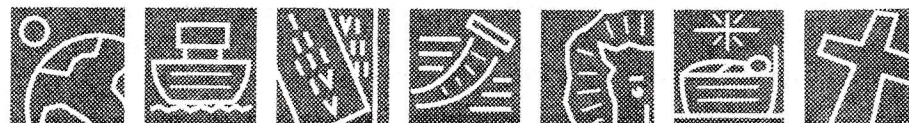


Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the Visitor and in Sunday bulletins.

## Did You Get Your Envelopes?

You should have received your offering envelopes for June, July, August and September in May. If your envelopes have not yet arrived,

please alert Paul in the church office (634-5515) so we can send you another book of envelopes as quickly as we can.



### Financial Figures

Gen'l Fund offerings in April, 2004	.... \$16,811.78	YTD \$58,808.90
Bldg. Fund offerings in April, 2004	.... \$ 385.00	YTD \$ 1,650.00
Unified receipts for April, 2004	..... \$17,196.78	YTD \$60,458.90



2001 Fund offerings in April, 2004	... \$ 100.00	..... CAMPAIGN TO DATE \$ 106,418.12
6/1/04 mortgage payment:	Principal .....	\$394.68
	Interest .....	\$181.32
	<u>Additional principal</u> .....	<u>\$124.00</u>
	<u>Total</u> .....	<u>\$700.00</u>
	Principal balance as of 5/12/2004	..... \$43,910.41

### Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance April:	2002: 144	2003: 178	2004: 169
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2002: 165	2003: 138	2004: 133*
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance June:	2002: 111	2003: 124	
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance July:	2002: 120	2003: 121	

\*Average calculated as of May 23, 2004

## Rodes and Kellers Relay for Life

Art and Diane Keller and Brian and Denise Keller will participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Case High School on June 11 and 12. They are part of the WE Energies team.

The Relay for Life is an annual worldwide effort to raise funds for cancer research and patient services. Team members take turns walking the track over 18 hours.

In 2003, the WE Energies team raised \$4,648.00; together, all teams participating in the Racine relay raised \$261,437.00.

The Kellers and Rodes invite you to participate by giving any amount you are comfortable with;



all participants are asked to raise at least \$100.00. They will collect donations through Sunday, June 6.

Please make checks payable to The American Cancer Society.

You can also purchase luminarias in honor of anyone who has battled cancer. The luminarias will line the track, lighting the way for relay participants through the night. The cost is \$5.00 per luminaria. There will be a lighting ceremony June 11 at 10:00 p.m.

Please pray for the people who are battling cancer at this time, those who are survivors, and their families. The walkers ask for your prayers, too.

## Lutherans Respond to Midwest Storms

CHICAGO (ELCA), May 25 — Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), is assessing damage this week after tornadoes, storms and floods struck Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska and Wisconsin. Parts of the Des Plaines River valley in Kenosha County and northwest Illinois have experienced serious flooding.

“At the moment, a network of LDR coordinators is busy assessing the damage and determining appropriate responses,” said the Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, LDR director. “Many

devastated areas are still inaccessible or closed to relief efforts because of dangerous debris that must be removed.”

“The prayers of God’s people are more powerful than these deadly storms and tornadoes,” Furst said, adding that contributions will “enable the church to respond at once and make it possible to offer help and hope for the long haul.”

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>

## Vocational Ministry Aids Unemployed

by Sherry Hartog

Racine Vocational Ministry, Inc. is growing rapidly. Many thanks to each of you for your help and support. We have broadened our horizons since opening nearly two years ago!



As a member of the Homeless Assistance Coalition, we have begun to work more with Racine County’s homeless population. We have also strengthened our relationship with the Workforce Development Center and are working much more closely with them.

Since opening, RVM has made 342 employment placements. Our preferred employers include: All Saints Healthcare System, Midwest Airlines, Express Personnel, Lincoln Lutheran Homes of Racine, Warren Industries, Speedtech International, City of Racine, Racine Public Library, Safe Haven of Racine, Pick-n-Save, Jewel-Osco, Bank of Elmwood, Monroe Services, Lakeside Curative, MacPhail Restoration, Racine Journal Times, Quiznos, M&I Bank, Siena Center,

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and YMCA.

The Solutions For Success workshop was conducted at Emmaus Lutheran in February. We will be at Zion Lutheran Church in May, Our Saviors in August and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in September. Moving the workshop around the community offer participants the opportunities to see other churches and maybe worship there on Sunday, too.

If you’re interested in finding out more about RVM, please call! We’d love to talk with you! Whether you’re a business, a person interested in volunteering at our agency or a person looking for meaningful work, please call Barbara at RVM at 262-633-8660.

### Attention: Senior Adults Lutherdale Travel Ministry announces

#### A Summer Excursion August 9-14, 2004 ... 6 Day Trip for \$569

Come join us for a delightful summer time trip to the beautiful and historic Lake Chautauqua region of Western New York state. The trip includes:

- Roundtrip transportation on chartered deluxe motor coach.
- 5 nights lodging
- 12 meals
- All admissions and tours

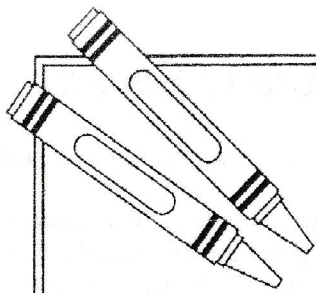
**Trip highlights:**  
Kellogg’s Cereal City, Battle Creek MI...Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn MI...Lake Chautauqua cruise on the Summer Wind with dinner at the Athenaeum Hotel followed by a evening of special entertainment...Lucy-Desi Museum in Jamestown, NY, the birth place of Lucille Ball... evening with the Chautauqua Symphony...Menno-Hof center in Shipshewana IN and tour of Amish country area.

For complete trip information and registration form, contact:

Lutherdale Travel Ministry  
N7891 US Hwy 12  
Elkhorn, WI 53121  
262-742-2352  
or visit our web site at  
[www.lutherdale.org](http://www.lutherdale.org)



Bulletin Insert



# Just for **KIDS**

## Fathers and Sons of the Bible

Proverbs 13:1 says,  
 "A wise son heeds his father's instruction."

In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of these fathers and their sons from the Old Testament. Names may be forward, backward, diagonal, → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↙ up or down. Circle them.

ADAM	JAPHETH	ISHMAEL	JUDAH	JOSEPH
CAIN	ELKANAH	ISAAC	LEVI	MANASSEH
ABEL	SAMUEL	ESAU	GAD	EPHRAIM
SETH	AARON	JACOB	NAPHTALI	SAUL
NOAH	NADAB	REUBEN	SIMEON	JONATHAN
HAM	HUR	DAN	ISSACHAR	DAVID
SHEM	CALEB	ASHER	ZEBULUN	SOLOMON
	ABRAHAM		BENJAMIN	

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 H A M I M N H S L M S F I T  
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## National Council of Churches Deplores Iraq Violence

May 11, 2004

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:  
 Grace to you and peace from  
 God our Creator and the Lord Jesus  
 Christ!

We, leaders of the thirty-six member communions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, write this joint pastoral letter at a time when the threat of violence hangs over the earth and warfare involving United States forces is increasing in Iraq. We write out of a deep love for this country, but also out of a profound concern at the direction this cycle of violence is taking us. This concern has been brought home to all Americans and indeed the world in the horrific pictures of prisoner abuse.

Two central claims of the Christian faith are crucial in our thinking: that every person, as a child of God, is of infinite worth; and that all persons, as participants in God's one creation, are related in their humanity and vulnerability. This is why the World Council of Churches has asserted that "war is contrary to the will of God" — because it destroys that which God has made sacred.

In a sinful world, some of us may hold that there may be times when war is a necessary evil. But Christians should never identify violence against others with the will of God and should always work to prevent and end it.

We believe, with these things in mind, that the guiding principle of U.S. foreign policy must be to build up the whole, interdependent human family and to promote reconciliation whenever possible. Yes, this means standing firmly against all acts of terror, but it also means envisioning a world in which war is truly a last resort.

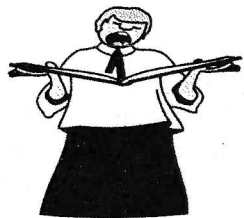
Current U.S. foreign policy, however, is not aligned with this principle. Many people see our policy as one based on protection of our country's economic interests narrowly defined, rather than on principles of human rights and justice that would serve our nation's interests in deep and tangible ways. We are convinced that current policy is dangerous for America and the world and will only lead to further violence.

We, therefore, call for a change of course in Iraq, and we encourage you to do the same. Specifically, we are calling upon our country to turn over the transition of authority and post-war reconstruction to the United Nations — and to recognize U.S. responsibility to contribute to this effort generously through security, economic, and humanitarian support — not only to bring international legitimacy to the effort, but also to foster any chance for lasting peace. We would ask that members of our

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## Lutheran A Cappella Choir Opens Auditions

Auditions for singers for the Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will be held in the morning and afternoon of Saturday, June 12 and Sunday afternoon, June 13, at St. Matthew's Lutheran



Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa. Call for an appointment: (414) 421-8988.

The choir will sing Bach's St. John Passion on Palm Sunday, 2005.

## Council of Churches Letter

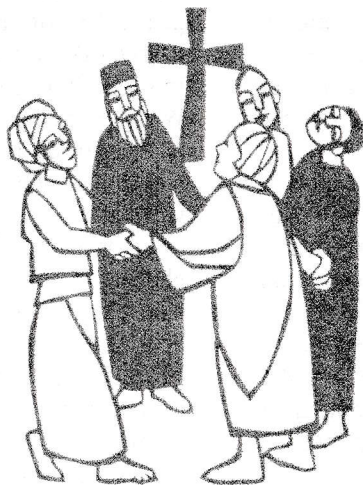
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churches, as they feel appropriate, contact their respective congressional delegations to urge the U.S. to change course in Iraq.

We certainly recognize that faithful Christians of good will may disagree with one another when it comes to questions of national policy. We trust, however, that all Christians will pray and work for peace, remembering the words, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

We also urge all of our congregations and parishes to pray not only for the soldiers of this nation, as we surely do, but for all people, military and civilian, caught in this and other cycles of violence.

When possible, join in prayer, discussion, and action with ecumenical and interfaith neighbors. Materials to assist in this are available from many of our churches and from the National Council of Churches.



As ecumenical partners, we know that it is a scandal that the body of Christ remains so visibly divided, often by those things that divide the world. Let us, however, be united as followers of Christ in our hope for that day when swords are beaten into plowshares and mourning and crying and pain will be no more!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

—Signed by eighteen ecumenical leaders of the National Council of Churches

## Where Are We Going?

Having recently returned from a trip to the Washington, D.C. area, I'm more aware than ever that one has to know the destination in order to get there.

I used Metro guides and maps to negotiate my trips between the suburbs and the city. I then needed another map to get me from the Metro stop to the church where the preaching conference was being held.

On the return drive back to Wisconsin, I not only needed a map, but I also had to follow the detour signs routing traffic around the flooded Des Plaines River valley off of Highway 41 in the Waukegan area.

Sometimes we *think* we know where we're going! While in D.C., I confidently jumped on the Metro car that I thought would take me to the Dunn Loring-Merrifield station. However, I didn't know that at that place, the orange and blue cars shared the same tracks. Listening to the announcements, I soon learned I was on a blue car rather than on an orange one, which was what I needed to take me to my destination. So, I jumped off at the next stop and waited for a car from the orange line. Back on track, I did get to where I was going.

It's a little like ministry, I guess. With a Bible in one hand, a

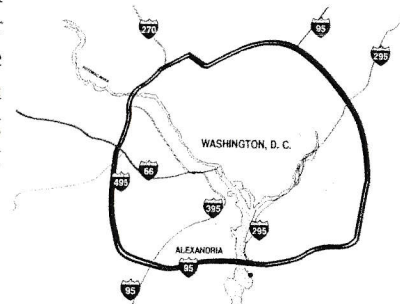
newspaper in the other and ears alert not only to newscasts and announcements, but to those around us, we set out. We hear the mandate, "Go, make disciples of all nations..." and we venture out. Since the mandate doesn't say, "Stay... wait for the people to come to you," we go.

We go to where people are hungry or hurting or lonely. We go to where kids are yearning for affirmation

and loving support. We go to places we've never traveled before.

Emmaus is hearing more clearly than ever the call, "Love your neighbor." Our neighborhood must not remain an unknown territory for us, because that is where we are called. We are called to keep our eyes and ears and hearts open. We are challenged to trust the Holy Spirit more than road maps or sophisticated GPS systems. We are called to "go."

We have the Pentecost promise that we are not traveling alone, either individually or as a church. The Spirit is our traveling partner, guiding, encouraging and nudging us. The Spirit helps us remember whose we are and where we are going.



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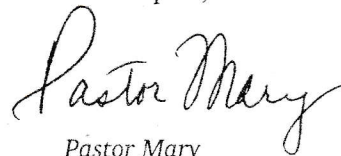
## Pastor Mary's Column

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In a war-torn world, filled with fear, hatred and death, we have a message that proclaims, "There is another way!" We have been entrusted to share this word of promise, life and peace to people who are so yearning for a power greater than greed or death and destruction or fear.

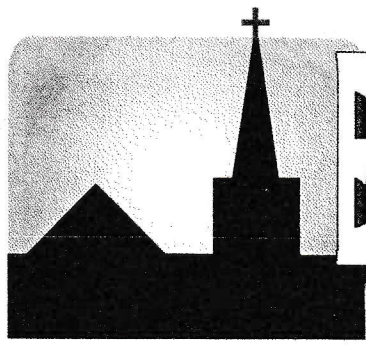
May God's Spirit guide and lead us as we go out and share the Good News!

In the Spirit,



*Pastor Mary*





# Emmaus Visitor

Summer, 2004

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## ***Celebrate 'Mass on the Grass' Sunday, July 25***

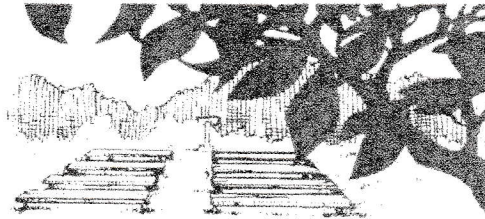
July 25 is the date set for Emmaus' annual outdoor worship service, "Mass on the Grass." The worship service will be held on the front lawn, weather permitting.

Chairs will be provided for those not bringing their own lawn chairs.

Music for the service with Holy Communion will be provided by a band of which Nathan Albright is a member. The worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Following Mass on the Grass will be an all-church/neighborhood picnic. Hot dogs, soda and chips will be provided. Those attending are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. It is not necessary, however, to bring anything to participate.

Dress casually. Bring a friend.



## **Outdoor Worship**

Come for a time of worship and fellowship and food with your Emmaus family.

**July 25 schedule:**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Worship service**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Neighborhood Picnic**

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms:

Mariah Nicole Lang  
June 6, 2004

Mariah is the daughter of Lynn and Jill Lang, originally from San Diego. Her sponsors are Kevin Lang, Diane Lang, Steve Immekus and Jill Immekus.

Kira Sodke  
June 6, 2004

Pastor Mary participated in the baptism of Pat and Jim LeRoux-Sodke's daughter at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Kira is the granddaughter of Boots & Lloyd LeRoux.

Jackson Robert Tepley  
June 20, 2004

Jackson is the son of Eric and Beth Tepley. His sponsors are Christine Veranth and Kari Berens.



### Funerals:

Gary Field  
July 2, 2004

Gary Field passed away June 28 at the age of 52. A lifelong resident of Racine; Gary was employed as a pharmacist at Walgreens. He is survived by his wife, Julie (Psiones) and sons Ben and Brian.

## Angie Henning Is Guest Organist July 4

Angie Henning will be our guest organist for the July 4 Sunday worship service. Angie is the daughter of Al and June Beck.

Angie and her husband, Herb, have been living in Seattle, Washington for the past several



years. She has been a church organist for 25 years at various churches.

Angie Henning

## Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Bay Pointe Opening

Lincoln Lutheran invites the community to join them as they celebrate the grand opening and

dedication of Bay Pointe at the Atrium 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 3950 N. Main Street.

## Congregation Approves Maintenance Program

Thirty-eight voting members of the congregation gathered after the worship service on Sunday, June 20 to discuss maintenance and renovation projects for the church building and the parsonage.

Bill Irvine outlined the main areas that should be improved which are the roofs on all buildings, the Fellowship Hall flooring, the parsonage windows and doors, and the insulation of the church. Bill showed photos that he had taken of the areas of concern.

Estimates for the project include \$12,988 for tiling basement and stairway areas; \$4,268 for improvements to the church insulation, doors and windows; \$39,152 for the parsonage and its garage; \$3,205 for painting; \$1,200 for roofing of the storage garage; and \$32,350 for replacement of the church roof.

Participants in the meeting

## Synod Assembly Receives New Congregation; Approves Giving Increase

WAUKESHA (milwaukee synod.org) June 8 — The Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to increase proportionate share giving to ELCA by 1 percent to 62 percent



unanimously approved proceeding with the proposed maintenance and renovation plan.

Congregation President Brenda Gieszler stated that the present mortgage would be refinanced to include the \$95,000 needed to pay for the work proposed. The

council will initiate a capital fund drive to pay down the new mortgage principal.

## Council Meetings Scheduled

The church council meetings this summer will be at 6:30 p.m. July 13 and August 3 (Tuesdays).

Minutes of council meetings are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and are available in the church library.

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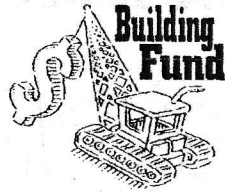
# Thanks for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following members and friends of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in June:

Chester & Mabel Meyer, celebrating their 62nd anniversary.

Hilda Greenquist, honoring Mildred Schroth on her birthday.

Mildred Schroth, honoring Carolyn Van Otten on her birthday.



John & Cathy Knuteson, honoring John Karl Knuteson and celebrating their 31st anniversary.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.

## MEMORIALS

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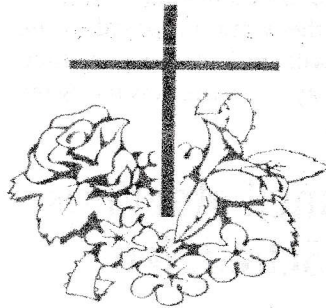
In memory of Esther Jensen: \$105.00

### Designated to Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of Esther Jensen: \$535.00

In memory of Josh Kudrna: \$25.00

In memory of Naomi Thomsen: \$100.00



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 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
 Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan

Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
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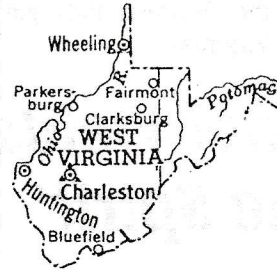
EMMAUS VISITOR

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# Emmaus Youth Head for West Virginia

Fourteen Emmaus youth will leave bright and early at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, July 11 on a mission trip to Bluefield in the heart of the Appalachian region of West Virginia.

Natasha Chan-A-Sue, Gregg and Kylee Albright will lead the following group of young people: Ashley Valerio, Nathan and Kelsey Albright, Brian Field, Justin Haman, Isaac Hargrove, Katelyn Harris-Lange, Kally and Courtney Jansen, Stephanie and David Lopez, Amy Meteyard, Tanya Rasmussen, and Frank Williams.



Bluefield straddles the West Virginia-Virginia border, blossomed as the industrial, financial and corporate center of the region in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. By 1940, Bluefield had a population over 25,000. Postwar technological advances led to the closing of many area businesses, stores and schools; today the population is only 11,000. The region has the highest median age of residents in the country.

Deep in the "hollers," proud families struggle with illness, unemployment, and putting food on the table. YouthWorks! mission trip participants help residents with everything from painting walls to adding wheelchair ramps, working

with children's programs to assisting at nursing homes.

Our kids will return around 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18.

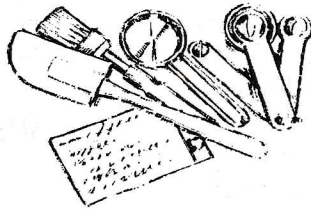
## Summer Youth Birthdays

July 1	Mariah Lang, 14
July 7	Klerissa Kossack, 14
July 7	Stephanie Lopez, 16
July 12	Tina Yust, 18
July 15	Katherine Zeleski, 11
July 18	Kadin Purath, 1
July 19	Vanessa Kossack, 16
July 20	Patrick Jansen, 12
July 23	Kaitlyn Krug, 7
July 26	Alexis Austin, 8
July 26	Ken Soens, 13
July 27	Amy Meteyard, 16
Aug. 2	William Yunker, 1
Aug. 7	Alex Karbulka, 1
Aug. 12	Ashley Valerio, 15
Aug. 15	T.J. Andersen, 10
Aug. 25	Allen Bowers, 18
Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 5
Aug. 26	David Lopez, 15
Aug. 30	Marissa Connet, 15



## Tuesday Dinners at Chick-Fil-A Benefit Mission Trip

The owner of the Chick-Fil-A at Regency Mall has graciously offered 5% of the proceeds from Tuesday night sales in June and July toward our youths' mission trip to Bluefields, West Virginia. He has said that sales on a weeknight would



net us \$25 to \$40 a week for the nine weeks of the offer.

This means an extra \$225 to \$375 toward our youth mission trip.

Thank you from the fourteen kids going to West Virginia!

## Sunday School Yields 'Fruit of the Spirit'

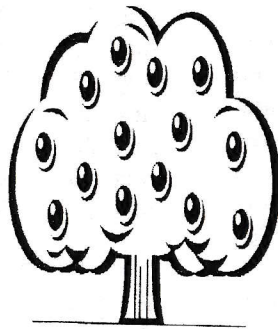
by Denise Keller

Welcome to the opening of the 2004-05 Sunday School year. We have a terrific time planned!

"Fruit of the Spirit" is this year's theme. Sound yummy? Well, we will be studying stories about how the Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus.

We will learn that as we grow in Christ, the Holy Spirit helps produce fruit that is pleasing and glorifies God. We have lots of new ways to have fun, and learn about God's love, at the same time!

Parents: included is a form for to pre-register your child/ren.



Although it is not necessary, if you can bring it back to church and place it in the box in the narthex, it will be helpful for us to get an idea of the size of our classes. Forms will also be available in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Keller at 619-9911.

### Rally Day

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. We want this day to be for the *whole family* and if you have a friend, bring him or her, too.

Parents: this means *you* — come and share a little fun with the kids, for we are *all* His children! You are your child's best role model! After our opening, we will have games for the whole family.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

—Galatians 5:22-23

### "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"

Rally Day — Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

For parents and children to share in an orientation, food and games. Please fill out and return to church as soon as possible. It would help us in planning our classes. Additional forms are available in the narthex.

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ School attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' names \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings' names & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical information \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in becoming involved in Sunday School in *any* way, we can talk! Whether it is the desire to teach a particular area (i.e., cooking, computers, etc.), provide snacks one week or simply offer your talents, when you are

available. If you have a particular skill or interest, we need to know! If you want to know more about what you can do, or about our program, please attach a note to this form and I will get back to you. Thanks!  
—Denise.

## Karla Bielewicz Steps Down as Children's Music Director

After leading the children's music for Emmaus for the past six years, Karla Bielewicz has stepped down from that position. Karla began as the director of the children's choir and later assumed the role of director of Sunday School music.



Karla Bielewicz

Karla was involved with the weekly opening worship for Sunday School, teaching the kids songs that they sang once a month in Sunday worship. She was a key person in the preparation of the annual Christmas pageant.

Karla was recognized at the June 13 worship service and later at a brunch for Sunday School staff held at the Chancery Restaurant.

## YWCA Day Care to Move in August

Debbi Embry, Executive Director of the YWCA, acknowledges that the strong financial support and the partnership from Emmaus members and friends have made it possible for the Y's early childcare center to continue without interruption. In addition to Emmaus waiving two months of rent in February and March, donations and Thrivent matching funds were contributed to the Y to subsidize shortfalls.

The daycare center is now in another phase of its development: the programs from the Messiah Lutheran and Emmaus Lutheran sites have been merged. Because a larger space is needed for the combined program, the Y is making plans to move to the

building which is now occupied by Manpower on Olive Street just west of Lathrop.

Pending timely city and state approval, the proposed move should take place by mid-August.

Leaders from the YWCA, Pastor Mary and Valerie Crehan have been discussing the possibility of future collaboration in an after-

school program for middle schoolers. The Y has applied for grant funding, and if that materializes, there will be on-going conversations about that potential partnership.



## Congratulations to 2004 Graduates!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2004!

Danielle Pipol is graduating from Union High School, where she was in the National Honor Society, captain of the Varsity Dance Team, a class officer and student council executive member. She was also a peer mediator, reported for the school newspaper, and a member of the Key Club and Spanish Club. She will attend UW-Milwaukee this fall, and has been chosen for the UW Panther Dance Team.

Valerie Yorgan is graduating from Prairie School as Valedictorian. She will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall to study engineering.

Nathan Albright is graduating from the Prairie School. He has been active as captain of the basketball and tennis teams, student body treasurer, and in jazz band and musicals. He is the recipient of the Senior Male Career Athlete Award and shared the Senior Music Award with Austin Schultz. This fall Nathan will attend Butler University pursuing a major in elementary education. Butler has awarded him an academic scholarship and their "Faith and Vocation" scholarship.

Austin Schultz was graduated from The Prairie School on June 12. He will return to Ohio to be with his mother and will attend college at Miami University of Ohio in the fall.

Rachel Sommer is graduating from Horlick High School, where she was captain of the State Champion Racine Combined Gymnastics Team. She will be attending UW-Milwaukee in the fall, majoring in the health field, possibly nursing or P.A.

Tina Yust graduated in May and has begun studies at Gateway to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Matt Liesch was graduated from UW-Parkside *cum laude* in May. He plans to attend the UW in Madison in the fall to pursue

an advanced degree in geography. To these, and all the graduates we may have missed, congratulations, and best of luck with your plans for this summer and fall!

"Saying I can forgive but I cannot forget is only another way of saying, 'I will not forgive.' Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note — torn in two and burned up, so that it never can be shown again to anyone."

—Henry Ward Beecher



# Book Fair Set for July 15

If you present the coupon below to Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Thursday, July 15, 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. A printable version of the coupon is available on-line through our web site, <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

Note: only purchases made after 10:00 a.m. on July 15 will qualify for this special offer.

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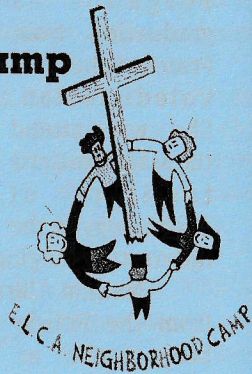
**I support the Bookfair for:  
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Date: Thursday, July 15, 2004

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**Present this voucher at the designated register at the time of purchase. Up to 20% of the net sale will be donated to the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps.**

*The following transactions are not included in Bookfair totals: the purchase of Gift Cards, the purchase of Reader's Advantage memberships, or the purchase of café consumables.*

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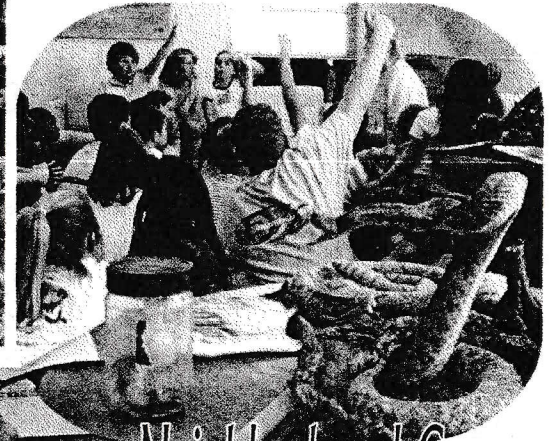
# Everyone's Invited!

Come for hot dogs and a chance to meet our Neighborhood Campers and their families Thursday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. Stay for a fun-filled closing program at 7:00.

This is an opportunity for

Emmaus folds to offer a word of welcome and hospitality to our neighbors.

Can you help with shopping, grilling, serving or clean-up? Call Valerie at 634-5515 and offer an hour or two of your time!



Neighborhood Camp  
Photo Album



# Pre-School VBS Offered Week of July 26

All 3 to 5 year olds are invited to participate in five full mornings of Vacation Bible School. Beginning July 26, 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!

## Letters

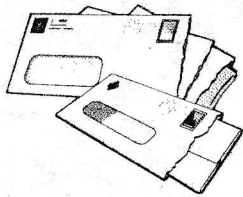
### Thanks from Bea Holding

To the pastors and Emmaus members,

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and visits during and after my recent surgery. It helps to be remembered and I'm sure God listened, too.

Bless you.

—Bea Holding.



Programs like our mission trips, E.A.S.Y., and Neighborhood Camp have provided me with opportunities for leadership, working with children, and "hands-on" service to others.

I am sure that my participation in these programs and what I have learned as a member of this congregation was largely responsible for the Faith and Vocation Scholarship I received from Butler. By participating in the mission trips, E.A.S.Y. and Neighborhood Camp, my faith has been strengthened and my plans to pursue a teaching career have formed.

So thank you for your love, support, and the opportunities you have given to all the youth of Emmaus and the many young children who have benefitted from your help. You have made a difference, without which my faith would not be what it is today.



Sincerely,

—Nathan Albright

### Emmaus Outreach Inspires Vocation



To the Emmaus Congregation,

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your constant love and support of the many outreach programs through Emmaus these past years. The opportunities that you have provided have made a significant impact in my decision to attend Butler University, majoring in elementary education, in the fall.

	<b>1 CANADA DAY</b> 9:00 am Neighborhood Camp 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>2</b> 10:30 am G. Field funeral pm Mason-Schultz rehearsal	<b>3</b> 3:00 pm Mason-Schultz wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
	<b>8</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>9 JULY</b> 	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>In My Shoes. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</i>			
	<b>15</b> 10:00 am-10:00 pm Barnes & Noble book fair 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</i>			
	<b>22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Neighborhood Camp picnic 7:00 pm Neighborhood Camp closing program	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</i>			
	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pre-School: 9:00 a.m. to noon</i>			

# AUGUST 2004

Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church <http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service; <i>LBW</i> setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm WELCA board meet'g 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>4</b>	<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>	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>8</b> 10 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service; <i>WOW</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 p.m. Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation, August 11 - 20 →</i>						
<b>15</b> ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD; 11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service; Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship	<b>16</b> September <i>Visitor</i> deadline	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>20</b> DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary on vacation, August 11 - 20</i>						
<b>22</b> EMMAUS FOUNDED, 1851; 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service; <i>WOW</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> ST. BARTHOLOMEW	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>29</b> 13 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service; <i>LBW</i> setting 2 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:00 pm TOPS	Sept. 1 1:30 pm Lydia Circle	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3	4 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	8%	\$25		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piqgly 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		
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>	

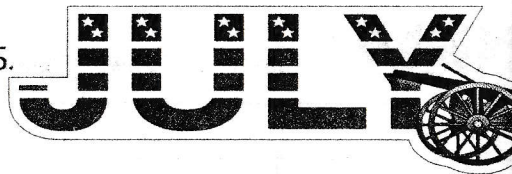
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February 29, 2004

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**4** INDEPENDENCE DAY; 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
9:15 am Worship service: *LBW*  
Setting 2 with Holy Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship



**5**  
7:00 pm Worship  
& Music  
committee

**6**  
10:30 am Senior Citizen  
Fellowship Center  
meets at River Run  
2:30 pm EASY  
5:00 pm TOPS

**7**

*Neighborhood Camp: Walkin*

**11** 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
6:00 am Mission trip sets off for  
West Virginia  
9:15 am Worship service; *WOW*  
Service of Word and Prayer  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship

**12**

**13**  
5:00 pm TOPS  
6:30 pm Church council  
meeting

**14**

*Neighborhood Camp: T-E-A-M. 9*

**18** 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
9:15 am Worship service: Chicago  
Folk Service with Holy  
Communion  
10:15 am Coffee & fellowship  
8:00 pm Mission trip group  
expected home

**19**

**20** DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST  
9:00 am Cluster clergy  
meeting  
10:00 am Senior Citizen  
Fellowship Center  
5:00 pm TOPS

**21**

*Neighborhood Camp: Piece of Peace*

**25** ST. JAMES THE ELDER; 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
10:00 am Mass on the Grass with  
Holy Communion  
11:30 am Church - Neighborhood  
picnic

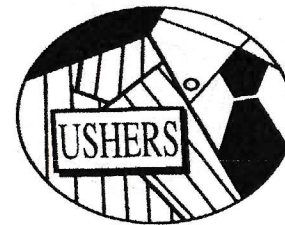
**26**



**27**  
5:00 pm TOPS

**28**

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# July Worship Assistants

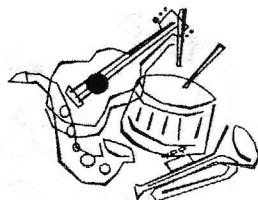


	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
July 3 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
July 4 9:15 am	Lael Richter Arvilla Nemer	Ruth Hlavka	Team 1 Harold Miller	Loren & Cindi Larsen
July 10 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
July 11 9:15 am		Tedine Roos	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Jeremy Kriedeman
July 17 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Evelyn Larsen			
July 18 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Nancy Smith	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Suzanne Landis
July 24 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
July 25 9:15 am		Lyle Christensen	Team 4 John E. Cook	TBA
July 31 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
July 4	A & D Rode		Jan Svendsen	Karen Sedgwick
July 11	J & N Brown	Hansen-Christensen		
July 18	H & E Larsen	Keller-Rode		Caren Lamberton
July 25	Toslek	<i>Mass on Grass</i>		



# August Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Aug. 1 9:15 am	Pat Jensen Joy Lippmann	Julie Hansen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	TBA
Aug. 7 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Christman			
Aug. 8 9:15 am		Jackie Orth	Team 1 Harold Miller	Karla Bielewicz
Aug. 14 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Aug. 15 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Nathan Albright	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Erin Tussler
Aug. 21 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Aug. 22 9:15 am		Cindi Larsen	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Michelle Feierstein
Aug. 28 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Aug. 29 9:15 am		Al Svendsen	Team 4 John E. Cook	Kylee Albright

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Aug. 1	M Nelson	Christensen-Johnson	Evelyn Larsen	Chris Lamberton
Aug. 8	L Dudek			
Aug. 15	G Dykstra			Ciindi Larsen
Aug. 22	K & J Sedgwick			
Aug. 29	C Weber			

## Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

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

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee; programs begin at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mary is the interim Center Director.

July 6: We'll meet for lunch at River Run, 3616 Northwestern Avenue, 10:30 a.m.

### July-August Birthdays

July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street	53402
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 27	Joyce Toslek	3919 Ruby Avenue #316	53402
July 29	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 30	Ralph Rasmussen	221 SW 44 <sup>th</sup> Terr. Cape Coral	33914
July 31	Edna Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
July 31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
Aug. 8	Norm Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Aug. 10	Margaret Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Aug. 11	Betty Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Dr. #102	53406*
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

\*Address change since last year

## Lutherans Respond to Sudan Violence

CHICAGO (ELCA) June 15 — Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have sent \$75,000 to support humanitarian efforts in Sudan, where fighting and militia attacks have led to a massive displacement of people.

The situation in Sudan is being described as one of the world's worst humanitarian crises in recent times. "There are fears that the situation... could be reminiscent of the Rwanda genocide," says the Rev. Y. Franklin Ishida, director for leadership

development and mission personnel recruitment, ELCA Division for Global Mission.

In Darfur, the western region of Sudan, militia attacks have caused 830,000 people to be internally displaced and more than 110,000 people — 75 percent of them women and children — to flee to neighboring Chad.

Through the ELCA International Disaster Response, members of the church sent \$25,000 to Action by Churches Together

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# Many Scrip Certificates Available

by Cathy Meyer

Using Scrip store certificates is a great way to contribute to Emmaus while shopping at your local businesses.

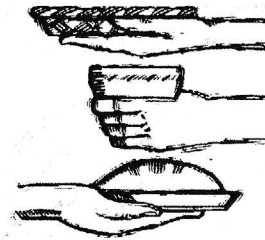
We currently have the following certificates available.

AT&T PrePaid Phone Card	Gap	Menards
Barnes & Noble	Hollywood Video	Office Max
Bath & Body Works	Home Depot	Olive Garden
Bed Bath & Beyond	JCPenney	Piggly Wiggly
Best Buy	Jewel/Osco	Pizza Hut
Blockbuster	Jiffy Lube	Red Lobster
Burger King	Jo-Ann Fabrics	Sears
Casual Corner	KFC	Shopko
Chi-Chi's	KMart	Speedway
Denny's	Kohl's Department Store	Starbucks
Dick's Sporting Goods	Kwik Trip	T.J. Maxx
Domino's Pizza	Marcus Corporation	Toys R Us
		Wendy's

Please take a look at this list of stores and consider planning for your future purchases. Some certificates may even be used to pay on charge accounts. See Rick and Amy Haman or Cathy Meyer after worship services to buy certificates or if you have any questions.

# Emmaus to Serve Community Meal August 5

It's Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday, August 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. 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.

# Churches Will Open REST Sites in Fall

by Rev. Kevin Mieczkowski

Meetings between the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST) and the Transitional Advisory Council (TAC) have been on-going. At this time, the REST Board intends to become a part of the TAC-HALO plan.



R.E.S.T.

It has not yet been decided which plan will be in place when we open as a single site — the smaller or the larger plan. Once TAC and Homeward Bound come to some sort of agreement regarding their relationship, then a definite plan for REST will go forward.

REST will need our seven churches as their volunteers back to help during the 2004-05 REST season. We will need to open up in

your churches on October 1. We hope to have our single site in place by Christmas; TAC estimates that a February opening would be more appropriate. At any rate, we would open in our churches on October 1, just like the past years, and move the program into the single site when it is ready for habitation.

Our mission of service to the homeless is worthy and necessary. We greatly appreciate your commitment to continue on with us.

"Christianity ... ultimately offers no theoretical solution [to the problem of evil] ... It merely points to the cross and says that, practically speaking, there is no evil so dark and so obscene — not even this — but that God can turn it to good."

—Frederick Buechner

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

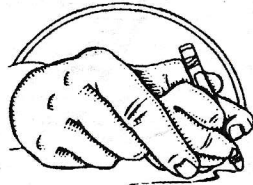
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# Emmaus Receives Friend of Education Award

Emmaus was chosen to be one of the recipients of the Friend of Education award given by the Racine Administrators Association. Pastor Mary and Valerie Crehan received the award on behalf of the congregation at a special breakfast held at the Racine Yacht Club on June 17.

Patricia Limburg, principal of Wadewitz Elementary School, nominated Emmaus for the honor. When presenting the engraved plaque, Limburg cited the strong

Emmaus has with the school, describing the mentoring, after school and Neighborhood Camp programs.



She also told the group of the endless supply of warm caps, scarves and mittens provided by Emmaus members for kids who need them each winter. Other

recipients of the 2004 award were the Gang Diversion Task Force from Safe Haven and CNH Global.

## Emmaus Is 'Jewel in the Neighborhood'

by Patricia Limburg,  
Principal, Wadewitz Elementary

Emmaus Lutheran Church is a jewel in the Wadewitz Elementary School neighborhood. Four years ago the church approached Wadewitz School asking what they could do for us. We asked for tutors, winter hats and mittens and school supplies.



A year later they had put together a corps of twenty mentors who committed themselves to the school and the children. We have had the pleasure of their participation ever since. When Lighted Schoolhouse put a limit on enrollment, the church offered after school activities two days a week for

those families needing someplace for their children to go.

The church offers a summer camp aimed at neighborhood children. They help us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week by providing lunch for the entire staff. They come and play with the children on Field Day. They also continue to meet our other spoken needs of school supplies (which they provide each fall) and winter

hats and mittens and scarves (which they refill as we need all winter long).

Emmaus Lutheran Church definitely enriches the lives of the children in our neighborhood.

*This letter was submitted to the Racine Journal Times as part of a proposed article on Neighborhood Treasures.*

WELCA Bulletins

# San Antonio to Host Triennial Gathering

by Carole LaFond

The Women of the ELCA will hold their Sixth Triennial Gathering at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio July 5-10, 2005.

The convention center is right by the Paseo Del Rio and near the Alamo and numerous other historic and cultural attractions. If you want to plan a family vacation around the Gathering, there are attractions for the young such as Fiesta Park (a Six Flags Theme Park).

You will be treated to inspirational speakers and will be able to choose from a number of spiritual growth workshops. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your Christian family. So many wonderful new friendships are made at these gatherings.

Please put the date on your calendar as a must for the summer of 2005. This early announcement is meant to give you time to plan ahead and to start saving. (Suggestion: just setting aside a few dollars each week will go a long way toward the cost.)

The synodical organization of WELCA does not yet have pertinent information about speakers, workshops, registration costs, hotels, transportation, etc., but as additional information is available, it will be passed on to you.

If any of you are interested in being a delegate, contact our Synod Convention Promoter, Carole LaFond (E-mail: jelca@myexcel.com, Phone: 414-421-9488). The delegates' names must be submitted by August 15, 2004.

## Attendance Statistics

Average Sat.-Sun. attendance May:	2002: 154	2003: 138	2004: 130
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance June:	2002: 111	2003: 124	2004: 135
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance July:	2002: 120	2003: 121	
Average Sat.-Sun. attendance August:	2002: 123	2003: 124	

## Financial Figures

Gen'l Fund offerings in May, 2004	.... \$16,076.00	.... YTD \$74,884.90
Bldg. Fund offerings in May, 2004	.... \$ 375.00	.... YTD \$ 2,025.00
Unified receipts in May, 2004	..... \$19,451.00	..... YTD \$76,909.90
2001 Fund offerings in May, 2004	.... \$ 245.00	..... CAMPAIGN TO DATE \$106,663.12
6/01/03 mortgage payment:	Principal .....	\$592.44
	Interest .....	\$373.56
	Total .....	\$966.00
	Principal balance as of 6/11/2004	..... \$42,873.66

## Synod Assembly

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Pensions to enter a churchwide discussion on health care costs and delivery.

The assembly, the synod's highest legislative body, gathered under the theme "Lift Every Voice and Sing" June 3 - 5 at the Country Inn Hotel in Waukesha.

In his bishop's report, Stumme-Diers stated, "At such a time in the life of the church, we have the unique opportunity to demonstrate leadership. Increasing our giving to 62 percent will say that we are not informed by fear." The resolution on benevolence states, "in times of difficulty, the church is compelled all the more to be a community of generosity and grace."

The Greater Milwaukee Synod is the leader in proportionate giving among the ELCA's 65 synods.

Cristo Rey Lutheran Church was officially received as the synod's newest congregation during the assembly opening worship on June 3. The worship space was standing room only - nothing new for the 50 members of Cristo Rey present. Cristo Rey (or "Christ the King" in English) regularly packs more than 200 worshipers in 5 services each weekend in a small sanctuary on Milwaukee's south side.

Cristo Rey was designated a synodically-authorized worshipping

community in 2002.

Stumme-Diers also urged congregations to take seriously their commitment to worship and pray together. The bishop affirmed that holy communion should be served

every time the body of Christ gathers and he challenged congregations to increase their worship attendance by 10 percent next year. To strengthen evangelism efforts in the synod, Pastor Mick Roschke of Reformation, Milwaukee, will serve part-time as the synod evangelist and prophet.

Partnership ministries were emphasized at the assembly. The synod's two international partner synods were represented by Bishop Medardo Gomez of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod and Pastor Elias Kitoi Nasari, missionary to the synod from the Meru Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The synod's El Salvador Committee announced an endowment fund to provide support for Salvadoran pastors, presenting a check for \$25,000 to Bishop Gomez to start the fund.

Keynote speaker Pastor James Capers, a Lutheran pastor, author and composer, spoke to the challenge and promise of the assembly theme, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and its implications for outreach and ministry.



## Racine Interfaith Coalition Pushes Vote

Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC), along with its other affiliates in WISDOM (RIC's parent organization) is waging a Get Out the Vote campaign. RIC's motto is "Value Your Vote and Vote Your Values."

RIC believes that if people of faith take seriously their privilege and responsibility to vote, we can affect change in our community, our country and our world.

Did you know:

- In 1776, one vote made America an English language country instead of a German one?
- In 1876, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic?
- In 1941, one vote saved Selective Services just weeks

before Pearl Harbor?

And the list goes on. Your vote does count!

RIC's goal is to present 30,000 voter pledge cards to our legislators at a Rolling Thunder Meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

RIC does not ask that you vote for a particular candidate, party or issue; but rather that you pledge to vote and then seriously consider your faith values as you make decisions at the polls. Commitment cards are in the narthex.

Thank you for your commitment! If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Anderson at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (633-1705).

## Milwaukee Hosts Global Mission Event

CHICAGO (ELCA) June 2 — To learn more about the church's work in the world, Lutherans will gather at two Global Mission Events (GME) this summer. GMEs are scheduled July 15-18 at Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont., and July 29-Aug. 1 at the Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee.

At the Milwaukee event Jim Goodman, a farmer, will share some of his experiences of farming in Wisconsin, and the Rev. Santiago Rodriguez, a pastor of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, San Salvador, El Salvador, will talk about

the privatization of water in El Salvador. Participants will also hear from ELCA mission personnel from around the world.

Workshops and seminars highlight the GMEs. Topics range from pilgrimages in Africa to prison congregations in the United States, from religious practices and symbols to global trade, and from "post Sept. 11" U.S. border security to maritime ministry. Participants at the Bozeman event will address agriculture and the environment, and participants at the Milwaukee event will talk about industry.

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Trio Sings In Menomonee Falls

The Road, a high school singing youth group from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls, invite you and all interested members to join them at a special performance Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. High school youth are invited to join The Road members for a gathering afterwards.

The members of The Road are Brittney Boehler, Nancy Steinke and Erika Berg. Their mission is to spread the Good News of God's love and to get people excited about it. Please e-mail or call Tracy at (262)-251-2740.

### Kenosha Summer Theater Presents 'Technicolor Dreamcoat'

The Kenosha Unified Summer Theater Program will present Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on July 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. and July 18 and 25 at 2:00 p.m.

*Joseph* is the tale of Jacob's son, Joseph, and his journey from favorite son to Pharaoh's right-hand man. This story is a time-honored biblical account that deals with many contemporary issues we face today — honesty, jealousy, love, and forgiveness. Families of all ages will enjoy this production.

The show is produced,

choreographed and directed by Julie Ann Seidl, Kristin Tyler and Sylvanus Tyler. The production includes over 130 students aged 4-15 from the Kenosha area.

### Synod Seeks Child Care Coordinator

by Ben McDonald Coltvet

A heartfelt (that is to say, desperate) request from the GME planning committee:

The Global Mission Event (GME) planning committee is seeking a licensed childcare provider (preferably) who could coordinate the childcare program for ages 0-3 during the Milwaukee GME, July 29 - Aug. 1, 2004.



The person(s) will coordinate and schedule childcare **v o l u n t e e r s**. Volunteers have already been recruited to staff the childcare center.

Childcare will be offered: Thursday (7/29) 6:45 - 9:15 p.m.; Friday and Saturday (7/30-7/31) 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.; and Sunday (8/1) 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Please contact Mary Campbell at [mary\\_campbell@elca.org](mailto:mary_campbell@elca.org) or (800) 638-3522 ext. 2618 or Mary Meyer at [mary@milwaukee-synod.org](mailto:mary@milwaukee-synod.org) or (414) 671-1212 if you have any leads or suggestions.

## Pastor Mary's Corner

### Water, Water ... Everywhere

Lush green lawns, wet basements, fields underwater, leaking buildings, canceled sports events, dampened spirits ... we've experienced it all in the past weeks!

We've seen how the rains can bring destruction and headaches, and we've also observed the connection between water and new life in the vivid green around us.

It has also happened in Baptism.

In the liturgy of our Baptismal service, there is the "Flood Prayer" that is filled with water images. As the water is poured into the font, we hear reference to the waters in creation, to the great flood, to the parting of the Red Sea and to the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

Water poured ... words spoken. "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In this powerful act, sin and death are washed away by the promise of new life. The

community is expanded to welcome the newest child of God, as God's unconditional love is proclaimed.

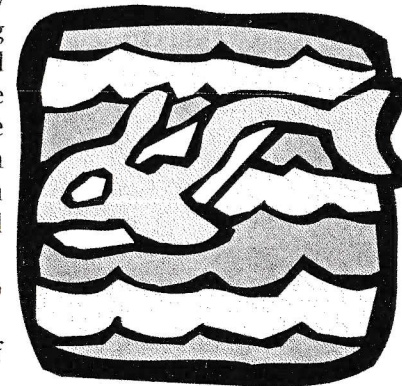
Seeds of faith planted ... in Mariah and Kira and Jackson this past month and in Alysya on July 4. We pray that the fruits of the Spirit will grow in their lives as the Holy Spirit moves and works within each of them.

May we all acknowledge the power of the water and the

Word in our lives, knowing we are claimed, empowered and called in our Baptism. And may those fruits of the Spirit continue to grow and flourish in a community and world yearning for new life rather than despair and destruction.

Yours in the Spirit,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary



### Sudan Relief

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for implementation by Norwegian Church Aid, which is working to provide adequate water and sanitation services for up to 30,000

Sudanese refugees in Chad. Members of the ELCA also sent \$50,000 to support the work of the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC).



**In the Summer Visitor:**

- ▷ *Congregational Meeting Approves Renovations*
- ▷ *Synod Assembly Report*
- ▷ *Youth Set Out for West Virginia*
- ▷ *Day Care Plans Move*
- ▷ *Congratulations to Class of 2004*
- ▷ *B&N Book Fair Benefits Neighborhood Camp*
- ▷ *Neighborhood Camp Cookout & Program*
- ▷ *Emmaus Receives Friend of Education Award*

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# Emmaus Visitor

September, 2004

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Rally Sunday, Sept. 12

## Welcome to Sunday School

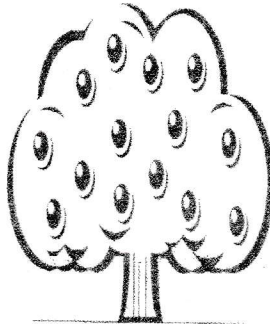
by Denise Keller

Welcome to the opening of the 2004-05 Sunday School year. We have a terrific time planned!

"Fruit of the Spirit" is this year's theme. Sound yummy? We will be studying stories about how the Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus.

We will learn that as we grow in Christ, the Holy Spirit helps produce fruit that is pleasing and glorifies God. We have lots of new ways to have fun, and learn about God's love at the same time!

Parents: included in this *Visitor* is a form for you to pre-



register your child/ren. Although it is not necessary, it will be helpful for us to get an idea of the size of our classes if you can leave your completed form in the box in the narthex. Additional forms will be available.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Keller at 619-9911.

### Rally Day

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. We want this day to be for the *whole family* and if you have a friend, bring him or her, too.

Parents: this means *you* – come and share a little fun with the kids, for we are *all* His children! You are your child's best role model! After our opening, we will have games for the whole family.

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## PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:  
**Alysa Elizabeth Bohn**  
 July 4, 2004

Alysa is the daughter of Randy Bohn and Kay Jensen. Her sponsors are Daniel Jensen and Katie Bohn.

Weddings:  
**Kathryn Mason**  
**Adam Schultz**  
 July 3, 2004

Adam, the son of Amy Larsen, is a police officer in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Kate is a school teacher. Adam and Kate live in Arlington, Virginia.

Funerals:  
**Elert "Bob" LeClair**  
 July 16, 2004

Bob LeClair, father of Denise Pipol and John, Lynda, Cheré and Andrea LeClair, passed away July 13 at the age of 76. He was an army veteran of the Korean Conflict and a retired factory worker, a volunteer for the REST program and a driver for the American Cancer Society.

**Robert H. "Champ" Jurgensen**  
 August 27, 2004

Cindi Larsen's brother, "Champ", passed away August 23 at age 61. He is survived by three children, four sisters and a brother. Pastor Mary led the funeral services in West Milwaukee.

## ***We Extend Our Condolences and Prayers***

Our condolences go to our to the family of Mark Hermann. Mark passed away unexpectedly August 23 at age 50. He is the husband of Kathy Bagley-Hermann and the son-in-law of Dorothy Bagley. A U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam, Mark worked at NTC of Wisconsin; he enjoyed horse racing and antiquing.

### MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

#### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Gary Field: \$1,122.50

#### Honoraria designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In honor of Rev. Mary Janz: \$100.00

#### Memorials designated for Building Fund:

In memory of Gary Field: \$100.00

#### Memorials designated for Principal Reduction:

In memory of Gary Field: \$25.00



## **Tenth Graders Prepare for October 31 Confirmation**

Tenth graders will receive a mailing regarding preparation for their October 31 affirmation of Baptism.

Any unfulfilled requirements for worship and service points will

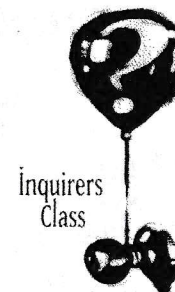
need to be completed before the end of October. Those who have not fulfilled the minimum requirements by that time may do so during the year, postponing their confirmation to Pentecost Sunday in the spring.

## **Sessions Set for New/Prospective Members**

All who are interested in learning more about Emmaus, the Lutheran church and membership in the church are invited to informational meetings scheduled at 10:45 a.m. September 19 and 26 and October 3.

Child care will be provided.

To learn more, contact the church office (634-5515) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday



through Friday, or leave a message after hours. Contact Pastor Mary if you are interested in the classes but have a conflict with one or more of the dates.

New members will be welcomed to the congregation at the 9:15 a.m. service on October 24.

### **EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES**

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 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
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 Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: Jeff White & Kerry Hunter  
**EMMAUS VISITOR**

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 *VISITOR* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the October *VISITOR* is September 15.  
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## 8th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation Slated September 22

Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m., eighth and ninth graders will meet with Pastor Mary and Carol Yust to continue this fall's confirmation program.

### Extreme Faith

## Racine ELCA Confirmation Students Embark on Adventure in Learning and Fun

Under the leadership of Pastor Kris Capel of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Racine ELCA pastors have been planning a new opportunity for middle schoolers/confirmation students. The new program is called "Extreme Faith."

**When will we meet?** One Sunday a month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**When will we begin?** Sunday, September 12.

**Where will we meet?** Our September gathering will be at Messiah Lutheran Church, just off Durand Avenue across from Pritchard Park.

**What's the September theme?** "Can I See Your I.D.?"

What can we expect? Lots of Lutheran kids and their friends, great music, interesting speakers, awesome worship, time for snacks and games.

**Who's this for?** All

Parents are invited that evening for an orientation session regarding the overall schedule and requirements for the year.

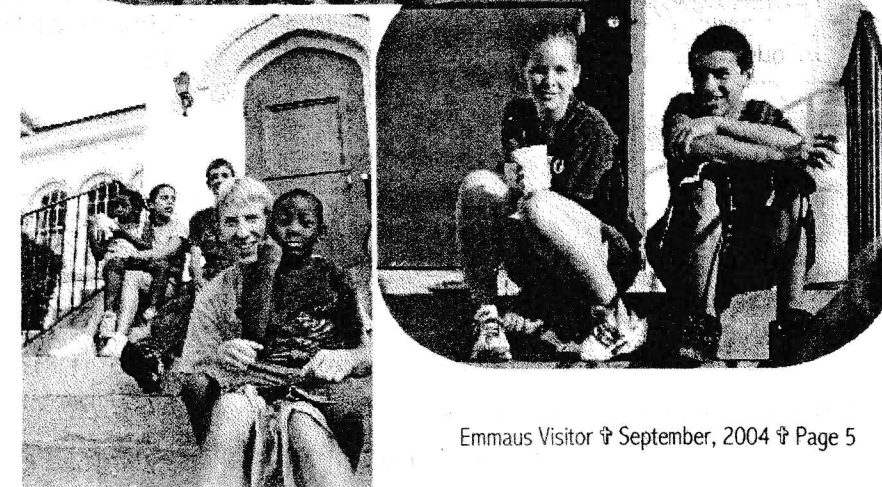
confirmation kids (required for Emmaus confirmation program).

**Need a ride?** Call the office by September 10.

This joint collaboration of the Racine ELCA churches again reminds us that we are stronger as we work, worship, play and pray together!

### Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 10
- Sept. 8 Ashley Konsinowski, 18
- Sept. 8 Nicholas Estep, 16
- Sept. 9 Andy Reischl, 17
- Sept. 9 Kelli Zeleski, 7
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 13
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 8
- Sept. 15 Cody Andersen, 7
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 12
- Sept. 17 Jon Oestreich, 13
- Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 15
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lamberton, 12



# Volunteers Keep Our Sunday School Going

Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 12, 2004 — Rally Day. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our exciting program for pre-schoolers to fifth graders, the "Workshop Rotation Method" of experiencing key Bible stories.

Are you willing to commit to five or more Sundays next fall, sharing in the learning and excitement? Special training is 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

— Galatians 5:22-23

## "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"

Rally Day — Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

For parents and children to share in an orientation, food and games. Please fill out and return to church as soon as possible. It would help us in planning our classes. Additional forms are available in the narthex.

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ School attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' names \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings' names & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical information \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in becoming involved in Sunday School in *any* way, we can talk! Whether it is the desire to teach a particular area (*i.e.*, cooking, computers, etc.), provide snacks one week or simply offer your talents,

when you are available. If you have a particular skill or interest, we need to know! If you want to know more about what you can do, or about our program, please attach a note to this form and I will get back to you. Thanks! — Denise.

## New Members Are Invited to Choir Picnic

The Emmaus Adult Choir invites any and all persons interested in becoming part of our group to join us at the 2004-05 Kickoff Picnic Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Greenridge Condominium Recreation Center, 1412 Windsor Way (Spring Street entrance).

Please bring your meat for the grill and a dish to share. Beverages



will be provided. Bring your families and enjoy good fellowship plus use of the tennis courts, indoor swimming pool, ping pong and pool table. A short rehearsal will follow the party.

For more information, call Cheryl Dexter at 884-9173 or Kathy Christensen at 886-2151.

## Banner Helpers Needed

by Valerie Crehan

Those who sew and those who don't are needed for a new project beginning to update banners for Fellowship Hall. We are having a kick-off meeting Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. to organize.

We need people to cut and talk and sew and laugh. We hope to



have enough interest to have a day group and an evening group. Please come on the 18th for this planning meeting and be apart of this new fun group.

If you are interested but can't come on the 18th please call Valerie (634-5515), Carol Eschmann (835-2372), Kathy Christensen (886-2151) or Pat Jensen (681-1466).

## Lutherans Discuss Globalization, Peace

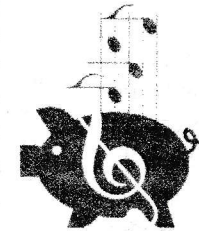
MILWAUKEE (ELCA) Aug. 5—About 2,000 Lutherans from across the country and around the world gathered together this summer to study economic globalization, peace work, public policy and more at the 2004 Global Mission Events (GMEs) hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in

Bozeman, Montana, and Milwaukee.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, opened the GME in Milwaukee by expressing gratitude to the church's mission personnel, calling them "God's people claimed for the sake of the world."

## Council Approves Use of Memorials for Choir Library

Gifts to Emmaus in memory of a loved one may be designated for a specific fund or project, or they may be given to be used as needed. At its August meeting, members of the Emmaus church council approved use of \$600 from undesignated memorial funds for



purchase of new music for use by the Adult Choir.

All music is selected by choir director Suzanne Landis and becomes a part of the permanent collection of choir music for the church.

## Memorialize with Gift of Music

by Kathy Christensen

The Music and Worship Committee is making available the opportunity to honor or memorialize someone special with a gift of music.

A choir anthem would be purchased by Choir Director

Suzanne Landis to be performed by the choir as a special gift, or an anthem can be dedicated for a given Sunday to honor a special event.

The cost to purchase an anthem is \$30.00. If you are interested in this type of gift, please consult with Suzanne.

## Anonymous Donors Expand Sound System

Metro Sound of Milwaukee delivered an unplanned for expansion of the sound system one very hot July afternoon. The arrival of the six new microphones and a new transformer/mixer, with a total value of nearly \$3,000, made those who



direct group programs take notice. Neighborhood Campers and the Out of Eden band playing for

Mass on the Grass were the first to take advantage of the new equipment. The equipment will be available for Sunday School programs, chancel drama and skits as well as for the Chicago Folk Service musicians.

Anyone interested in learning how to operate the equipment should call the church office for more details.

# Mentoring Outreach Continues Under New Name

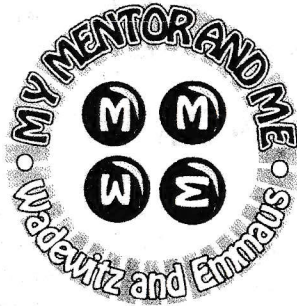
by Valerie Crehan

This September is the start of another school year at Wadewitz. It is also the start of our mentoring program for a fourth year at Emmaus!

This year we have changed the name of our program from Kid's Hope USA to MM&M (My Mentor and Me). The reason for the name change is that we are no longer affiliated with Kid's Hope. The organization was too restrictive for our needs. Although we are grateful for their example, it was time to go it on our own. We will operate as we always have, but now we can find mentors among friends and family that may not be members of Emmaus.

There is always a need for mentors! If you have an hour a week that you could give to a child that has been identified by his/her teacher as needing a little adult attention, please give me a call.

Most of our students are six and seven years old and need someone they can depend on to arrive every week and give them something special like, a little undivided attention. We do a little bit of tutoring, but mostly we try to



let the children know that someone cares about them; by reading to them, playing a game with them or just listening to them.

The hardest part of this commitment is finding one hour a week to visit. That's it! The rest is really easy and so rewarding! I have mentored 2 different children in the last 2 years. Their teachers have told me many times how much the student looks forward to my visit and that this special attention has been helpful. I enjoy the smiles and hugs!

Wadewitz really appreciates our presence at the school and anyone would love being part of something so positive.

Please contact me if you are at all interested or if you have a friend or family member who would be willing to make a difference to a child. The commitment is one hour per week (typically around lunch time) for the school year. If you vacation during that time, we have substitute mentors who can fill in for you.

Please consider this worthwhile outreach. Give me a call and I will be happy to answer any question you may have. Valerie Crehan, MM&M coordinator, 634-5515.

## Emmaus After School for Youth

### Partnership Announced for EASY Program

Following the receipt of the Friend of Education award presented to Emmaus by the Racine Administrators Association, Emmaus was approached by Kathy Dunkerson, director of the Lighted School House program.

Pastor Mary, Valerie Crehan, and Kathy Dunkerson had a series of conversations regarding the possibilities of partnership between the church and the Racine Unified School District Lighted School House program.

The church council has approved the September-May partnership which names Emmaus as a pilot satellite after-school program of the district. Special grants will fund the program, with Emmaus receiving sufficient support to cover the costs of three

part-time paid staff members, materials and field trips for the EASY program. Curriculum, a portion of the snacks and some transportation costs will also be provided.

The EASY program is open to all Racine Unified students and will have language development and reading as a special emphasis. Homework help and supervised play will also be a part of the Monday through Thursday program, which meets from 2:30 to 4:45 p.m.

First through fifth graders may request registration forms at Wadewitz School or through the church office. The program, to be coordinated by Valerie Crehan, is scheduled to begin September 27.

## Thanks for Wadewitz School Supplies

by Valerie Crehan

I have such terrific moments in my work here at Emmaus!

One of those blessed days happened for me this past week when I walked into Wadewitz School with gifts. I had boxes brimming with: 16 rulers, 275 pencils, 30 glue sticks, 20 bottles of glue, 50 pens, 6 scissors, 35 boxes of



crayons, 70 folders, 70 spiral notebooks, 2 boxes of tissue, 2 packages of loose leaf paper and 28 erasers.

The gratitude of the teachers and staff was heartfelt, and I felt like Santa Claus! Thank you, Emmaus, for your generous outpouring of gifts and your loving concern for these wonderful children.

## Wadewitz Sponsors Sept. 23 Corn Roast

The Wadewitz School PTA is making plans for the family corn roast to be held Thursday evening, September 23. Free corn will be provided, and hot dogs and soda will be for sale.

As a part of Emmaus' support of Wadewitz children and their families, church members and friends are invited to provide



baked goods, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office and speak with Valerie.

cookies, brownies or cupcakes for dessert that evening. If you can contribute homemade

## Book Fair Raises \$256.90

The Barnes & Noble Book Fair on July 15 raised \$256.90 for the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp program. Members of several ELCA congregations in Racine participated by buying books, DVDs and CDs that day and presenting a book fair voucher to their cashier. Barnes & Noble contributed 20% of the proceeds from net sales of those

purchases to Neighborhood Camps.

Emmaus, Bethania, Emmanuel, Our Savior's and Zion Lutheran Churches and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer hosted Neighborhood Camps this summer.

Thank you to everyone who helped by shopping at Barnes & Noble on July 15, and to the Racine Barnes & Noble store for hosting this fund raiser.

## Manhattan Church Copes with Terror Alert

CHICAGO (ELCA) August 3 — St. Peter Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) that shares a city block with the Citigroup Center in Manhattan, is coping with a significant police presence around its sanctuary and restricted traffic flow. On Aug. 1 the Citigroup Center was named by the U.S. government as a potential

target for a terrorist attack.

Street parking in the vicinity of the Citigroup Center is banned, the Rev. Carol E.A. Fryer, assistant pastor, said in an interview with the ELCA News Service. Traffic on Lexington Street leading up to the building is blocked but traffic continues to flow on 54<sup>th</sup> Street, she said.

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## Help Sought for Capital Fund Drive

The current indebtedness of Emmaus has increased by \$95,000 as the result of the congregational vote in June to move ahead with needed maintenance and repair projects.

The church, parsonage and two garages have already been re-roofed. New flooring for Fellowship Hall and replacement of windows and doors in the parsonage are scheduled for the coming month. Bill Irvine, chair of Building and Grounds, is coordinating these and other projects.



In order to reduce the amount of principal owed on our mortgage (\$136,486.29 as of August 13), the church council has recommended a fall capital fund drive. Two to three persons are needed to coordinate that effort, which will be part of our fall stewardship campaign.

People are needed to work on the following: communication (letters, newsletter articles, "temple talks"), planning and organization calls, assembly of mailings, and recording of data on the computer.

If you are able to help in one or more of these areas, please see Pastor Mary, Brenda Gieszler, or contact the church office.



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: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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:

**Art & Nancy Smith**, celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Shirley Velzka**, in memory of Don Velzka on his birthday.

**Jim & Nancy Martinsen**, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Mildred Schroth**, in honor of her daughter Mary Sager on her birthday

**Lucille Dudek**, in memory of George Dudek on his birthday.

**Jim & Ginny Dougall**.

## Fall Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should receive their offering envelopes for October, November, December and January in the mail sometime this

month. Please watch for your set of envelopes, and if they have not arrived by September 19, please contact the church office.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, July:	2002: 120	2003: 121	2004: 131
Average weekly attendance, August:	2002: 123	2003: 124	2004: 105*
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2002: 143	2003: 143	

\*Average calculated as of August 22, 2004.

### Financial Figures

Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in June	\$11,630.23	
Genl. Fund/Misc. offerings received in July	\$13,468.10	YTD 99,983.23
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June	\$655.00	
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July	\$1,425.00 <sup>1</sup>	YTD \$4,105.00
Unified budget receipts for June-July	\$27,178.33	YTD \$104,088.23
Princ. Reduct. Fund offerings in June & July	\$442.00 <sup>1</sup>	CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$107,105.12
July-Aug. mortgage payments:		
Principal	\$796.90	
Extra principal	747.00	
Interest	\$355.10	
Total	\$1,899.00	
Principal balance as of August 13, 2004	\$136,486.29 <sup>2</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> To correct an accounting error, \$100 was switched from Building Fund to Principal Reduction in July.

<sup>2</sup> The mortgage has been refinanced to include \$95,000 toward this summer's roof repairs.

## Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center

Interim Center director: Pastor Mary

The Senior Fellowship Center opens on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with coffee; programs begin at 10:30 a.m. After a noon lunch, we're open for games and more conversation.

► September 7: Program by Nancy Smith

► September 21: Comedy by Al Beck

### September Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Robert Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Sept. 11	Howard Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Avenue	53404
Sept. 19	Lucille Dudek	3900 N. Main Street #215	53402
Sept. 25	Robert Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 30	Vic Johnson	7131 Fieldview Drive #4	53406

## Prayer Chain Is in Thirtieth Year

by Karen Christiansen

The Emmaus Prayer Chain was started in 1974. For thirty years, the group has continued to uphold our church, Emmaus family, friends, loved ones, and country in prayer.

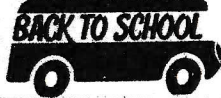


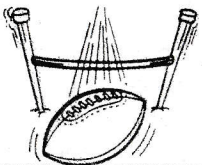
We say "thank you" to the many Prayer Chain members over the years who have faithfully uplifted so many individuals and concerns in prayer. One cannot help but see God's hand in answer to our prayers and direction to our life.



We are in need of additional members and would be most pleased and happy to have you join the Prayer Chain. We ask you to give it sincere and prayerful consideration.

One can now receive the weekly Prayer Chain by phone, e-mail, or U.S. Mail. Whatever would work best with your personal schedule.

If you are interested, have questions or concerns, please talk with Pastor Mary or give me a call at 637-2543. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September, 2004</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church emmaus@execpc.com ☎ 262 634-5515 📍 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine</p>			1 1:00 pm Lydia Circle	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Stamp Club 	3	4 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
5 THE 14 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee	6 LABOR DAY <i>Office closed</i> 	7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	8 6:00 pm Choir picnic at Greenridge Condo Rec Center	9 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	10 5:30 pm Mayer-Saylor rehearsal	11 2:30 pm Mayer-Saylor wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
12 RALLY SUNDAY; THE 15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School Rally activities 6:00 pm Extreme Faith confirmation, at Messiah Lutheran	13	14 HOLY CROSS; PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	15 Oct. <i>Visitor</i> articles due in church office	16 ROSH HASHANAH 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	17 CITIZENSHIP DAY TBA Holtz-Briere rehearsal	18 10:00 am Banner organizational meeting 2:00 pm Holtz-Briere wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
19 THE 16 <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 10:45 am New Member class	20 5:30 pm Family Literacy ESL class	21 ST. MATTHEW 9:30 am Cluster clergy mtg. 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	22 6:30 pm Confirmation class 5:30 pm Family Literacy ESL class	23 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 6:00 pm Wadewitz PTA corn roast	24 	25 YOM KIPPUR 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
26 THE 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>WOV</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:15 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am New member class	27 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm Family Literacy ESL class	28 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 	29 ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm Confirmation class 5:30 pm Family Literacy ESL class	30 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	Oct. 1 7:00 pm REST	2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

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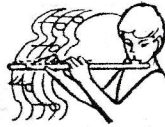
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<b>DRUG &amp; GROCERY STORES</b>				
GNC	8%	\$25		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$30		
<b>TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
Citgo	2.5%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20		
Mobil/Exxon	2%	\$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		
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  
February 29, 2004



# September Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Sept. 4 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Sept. 5 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Suzanne Landis	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Cathy Meyer Mark Frankowski
Sept. 11 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			 Acolytes
Sept. 12 9:15 am		John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller	Katie Zeleski Jennifer Haman
Sept. 18 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Sept. 19 9:15 am	Marge Jensen Tedine Roos	Lee Woodward	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Courtney Jansen Tanya Rasmussen
Sept. 25 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Grace Falaschi			
Sept. 26 9:15 am		Marion Keller	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Kelsey Albright Hailey Sommer
Oct. 2 5:00 pm	TBA			
Oct. 3 9:15 am	TBA	Celia Bagley	Team 4 John E. Cook	Patrick Jansen Brian Field

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Sept. 5	J. & M. Haanstad			Joy Lippmann
Sept. 12	Dave Anderson			
Sept. 19	S. & D. Wyma	Yorgans		Pat Jensen
Sept. 26	Toslek	Zielkes		
Oct. 3	R. & A Haman	Hamans	Ruth Estep	Jess Sedgwick

# 40 Neighborhood Campers Look Forward to Next Summer

by Valerie Crehan

We have completed summer camp for another year. The site at Emmaus continues to grow, with 40 children registered for this summer's camp! Nancy Smith did another fantastic job with the staff and campers. Many of the children are already asking about camp next summer.

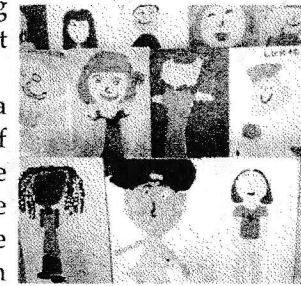
We had a wonderful blend of campers. Some were in need of extra care and found it; some were filled with laughter and shared it; but all were surrounded by God's love and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There are so many people to thank. Generous gifts of kindness and time and donations made the camp possible. The Emmaus family does a wonderful job of supporting this outreach ministry. Volunteers shopped and cooked and cleaned and sewed and painted and played and prayed. What a great opportunity to see instant results in the smiles of the children!

Our closing program (although hot) was a joy. 130 people attended the final picnic and program! There were campers and siblings and parents and grandparents and friends gathered

on our lawn and in our sanctuary. Several members of Emmaus came to greet and serve our guests.

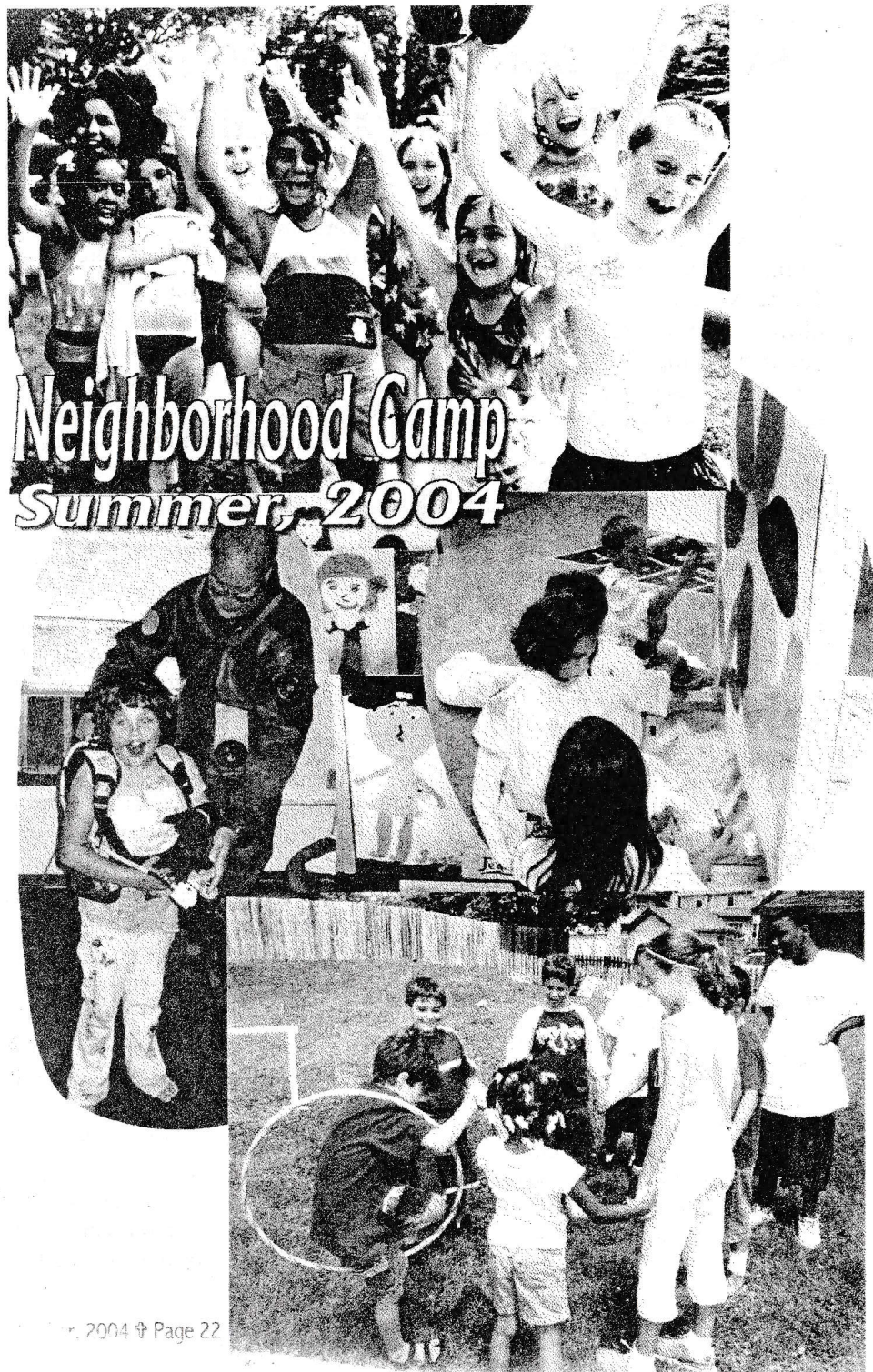
Those driving by the church and the people of the neighborhood could witness the activity here at Emmaus, and everyone who attended the program could see that wonderful things had been happening throughout the summer.



The list is impressive of all the people who helped with camp. Staff: Nancy Smith, Chris Bowens, Danale Bostick, Ashley Kogutiewicz, Nathan Lamberton, Ronnie McMorris, Chris Sedgwick,

Maggie Weidner  
Volunteers: Kelsey Albright, Nick Carson, Ruth Copeland, Caroline Crehan, Dylan Kelemen, Zack Lampert, Karen Sedgwick, Kylee Albright, June Beck, Kathy Christensen, Linda Clinton, Kathy Cook, Cheryl Dexter, Carol Eschmann, Bev Hansen, Laura Hermanns, Pastor Mary, Pat Jensen, Denise Keller, Marion Keller, Chris Lamberton, Suzanne Landis, Cindi Larsen, Dolly Orth, Jackie and Andrew Orth, Kris Smith, Jody Svoboda, Shirley Velzka, Marge & Lyle Zielke, Paul Berge, Angie Henning.

Thank You! Thank you to all who sent donations and prayed for God's blessings. We were blessed!



**Neighborhood Camp  
Summer, 2004**

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Oct. 7

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's is coming up Thursday, October 7. We need people to bake the

casserole (a recipe is available from the church office), to make jello and desserts, and to help serve. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

## REST to Become a Men's Shelter with Move to Single Site

*by Rev. Kevin Mieczkowski  
REST Program President*

After much reflection and conversation regarding the REST program's projected plans for occupancy of the former Massey Furguson Building on the Krantz property, the REST Board of Directors has chosen to incorporate a new plan for our shelter.

As many of you already know, the REST program has entered into a joint venture with the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO). HALO has informed REST that REST will need to house men only.

Therefore, REST has re-tooled its plan once again to accommodate men only. This plan will inhabit just over 10,500 square feet of the once-proposed 14,700 square feet and will be quite a considerable cost savings to REST.

REST has submitted these changes to our architect and expects the final submission from them within a week or so for final approval. Following the receipt of

the architectural designs, REST will submit them to the proper state and local agencies for approval and re-zoning of the property.

The owner of the property is making the changes necessary for REST to inhabit the building. Groundbreaking for the single site should be around October 1, coinciding with the opening of the twelfth season of REST. The building should be ready for occupancy in February, 2005.

With the prospect of the single site just months away, I request your support, patience and pledge for this last partial season utilizing the church sites. Once REST has opened its doors as an inclusive shelter, we will continue to need to count on your congregational support to staff the operations of the shelter.

Please keep REST and its mission to help house the homeless of Racine County in your prayers as we move forward and ask the Lord to bless and keep watch over all of us as we advance with this most crucial phase of our development.

## Please Sign Up for Homeless Shelter

Emmaus kicks off another season hosting the Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce program (REST) on October 1. We will post a sign-up sheet for REST shifts in September.

Emmaus will staff the second, fourth and fifth Friday nights of the month. Volunteers from Atonement Lutheran Church will staff our site each first and third Friday of the



R.E.S.T.

month.

We need volunteers for all time slots, but especially overnight and breakfast shifts. Please consult your calendar to see if you can volunteer your time for this worthy cause.

For further information, please contact Emmaus REST coordinator Chris Lamberton at 639-1712.

### Letters

## Thanks from Fields

To our Emmaus family:

Thank you for all your comfort, kindness and support during Gary's illness and passing. A special thanks also to the church women who provided the wonderful brunch after his funeral, and to all of you for your love and prayers.

—Julie, Ben and Brian Field

## Pastor Sharon Sends Thanks

Dear friends at Emmaus,

I wanted to write and thank you all for the wonderful letters, cards and gifts you gave me. It meant very much to me and I will carry that, wherever I go. Thank you!

My husband and I took a two

week vacation to Arizona, New Orleans and home, with many stops along the way. When we got back last week, I learned that I had gotten the final approval/acceptance to the Residency program at Milwaukee St. Luke's. It has been a two month process. The program begins August 30, with orientation the week before. I am very happy to have been accepted, and I look forward to learning and doing ministry in this new place.

I truly believe that God puts us where we are supposed to be, and I am very grateful that He placed me among you, even for that short time. Now, I will see where He is leading with this change in my life.

Thank you for your love and support.

God bless you all!

—Pastor Sharon

### Letters

## St. Monica's Residents Enjoyed Visit

Dear Nancy Smith,

Children are wonderful! This statement was made by a resident living at St. Monica's the day after you and the children [from Neighborhood Camp] visited. Of course, all those listening agreed. There were many more comments just like this, which proves that the Emmaus Lutheran Church Summer Camp's visit to St. Monica's was a success.

The children's youthful smiling fresh faces and abundant energy brightened our day. The interaction between the residents and the children was a joy to

witness. Many of the residents recited their personal experiences visiting with the girls and boys. It was a day of much activity and happiness.

A lot of work and preparation went into planning the day's events and St. Monica's Sisters, staff and residents want you and the children to know how much we appreciated and enjoyed having you here.

We feel very fortunate to have had you visit our home these past summers.

Truly yours,

—Barbara Schoeffel, Activity

Director

## St. Peter Lutheran

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In an e-mail message to the congregation, Fryer said a door that connects the church and the Citigroup Center had been locked. The same door remained locked for several months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but was eventually reopened, she said.

"Security is very tight at the Citigroup building," Fryer said in her message. "They are checking each person coming in." The line to get into the building on Aug. 2 was long, she said.

Another concern is access to a loading dock the church shares with the Citigroup Center. Because of the

alert the dock is not available as usual, Fryer said. The church uses the loading dock for food deliveries for ministries to homeless people, people with AIDS and seniors, she said.

The congregation, founded in 1862, has worshipped at the 54<sup>th</sup> and Lexington Street intersection since 1905. In 1970 the congregation authorized the sale of its building and formed a "condominium" with Citicorp (now Citigroup) to develop a new complex at the intersection, including construction of a sanctuary.

## Women's Convention Welcomes Visitors

by Donna Yourell,  
Synod WELCA President

Our Greater Milwaukee Synod will hold our synod convention in Sheboygan on October 8 and 9. We will have a table set up with information describing the Sixth Triennial Gathering – the sights of San Antonio (the Alamo, the Riverwalk and much more), the workshops, the speakers etc.

Also, we have chosen a polo shirt with an emblem representing our area which you can order at this time.

We are gathering information about bus travel and will have a sign-up sheet at the table if you are interested in this mode of travel. (If you interested in flying, the best way is to go online and watch for the best price.)

Be sure to have a representative from your church pick up as much information for the women of your church as possible. If you can't have a representative at this synod convention call Carole LaFond at 414-421-9488, and you will be sent information we've displayed at the table.

### Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle resumes meeting for the fall on the first Wednesday

of each month. New members are always welcome! Join the group at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 1.

### Book Club

The Emmaus book club will resume meetings at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 16. New members are very welcome.

### Sewing Kits

Sewing kits will be sent with the Lutheran World Relief shipment early in October. If you would like to make up a kit, you may 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 young girls in poverty-stricken countries 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.



## English Classes to Be Offered at Emmaus

A partnership between the Racine Literacy Council, Gateway Technical College and Emmaus will begin in September. On September 20, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be offered for adults every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Racine Family Literacy Program, coordinated by Richard Marciniak, offers classes taught by Gateway instructors. Child care and activities will be provided for infants through elementary age children.



The staffing and operation of the program will be the responsibility of Richard Marciniak and the RLC, with rent being paid to Emmaus for building use. Until the flooring project is completed on the lower level, classes will take place in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms, with child care on the second floor.

The office currently used by the YWCA Day Care will be shared space for EASY, the Family Literacy Program and Neighborhood Camp. The former Sunday School office will be used exclusively by the REST program until its relocation to the Massey Fergusson site in February.

## YWCA Day Care Move to New Site Delayed

Plans for the YWCA day care center to move from Emmaus to a new location have been unexpectedly delayed.

The YWCA Teen Parenting Day Care program has been housed at Emmaus since 1987. Over fourteen years, the day care has expanded to include other children of the community.

The early childhood center faced a financial crisis during the past year due to a change in its funding base. Thanks to generous donations, a grant from Thrivent Financial, and a waiver of two months' rent, the program was able to continue without interruption.

In May, children from the

former Messiah Lutheran site of the YWCA Day Care were relocated to Emmaus on a temporary basis.

Moving toward restructuring of their early child care program, the YWCA has leased a single site at the former Manpower building on Olive Street. Manpower had expected to vacate the site in August, but it now appears that the day care center will not be able to move in until mid-September.

We say a fond good-bye to the staff and the little ones as they begin this new leg in their journey. Thank you to all who have supported the Day Care with your money and your prayers.



## Emmaus Family Featured in Danish Paper

Emmaus organist Joyce Kaiser and her family were featured in a two-page article in the Danish newspaper *Fyens Stiftstidende* on July 11. The article was part of a weekly series on descendants of Danish immigrants in America.

The article recounted memories of Joyce and her brother, John Demant, of their parents and grandparents and was illustrated with pictures of their family then and now, and the family farm in the Old Country. There were also details of her job as church organist and a description of a typical breakfast at home. The article also mentions how Emmaus members



Joyce Kaiser at the organ

read the Pentecost story aloud in Danish, Spanish, French and German last May.

Joyce has already heard from a distant cousin living in Canada who read the article, and has begun sharing genealogical information.

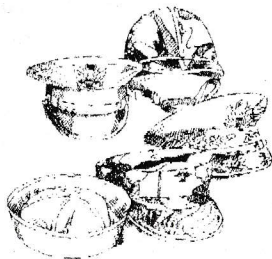
If you'd like to brush up on your Danish translation skills, we've

posted the text of the *Fyens Stiftstidende* article on Emmaus' web site, [www.emmaus-racine.org](http://www.emmaus-racine.org) (keep the hyphen). Some of the color photos are posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

## Emmaus Members Deployed to Iraq

Jason Meteyard's service unit was deployed to Iraq at the beginning of August. Jason is the son of Bill and Linda Meteyard.

Loren and Cindi Larsen's son Eric has sent word that he is scheduled to leave



Camp Pendleton for Iraq when his marine unit, Bravo Detail, is deployed on September 11.

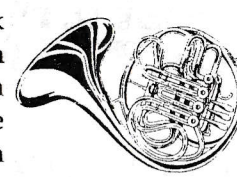
Eric invites members of Emmaus to keep in touch with him; his new address is:  
2ndLt E.H. Larsen USMC  
9th Comm  
B Det (Data)  
UIC 42580FPO AP 96426-2580

It should take about two weeks for mail to get to Iraq.

## Ryan Sedgwick Performs with Vienna Phils

Ryan Sedgwick performed on French horn with members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at the Pacific Music Festival in Sapporo, Japan this summer. The festival ran from July 5 through August 4.

Ryan received B.A. degrees in



music and psychology from Northwestern University in 2003 and is working toward his master's degree in French horn performance at the University of Wisconsin. He is the son of Karen and Jess Sedgwick.

## Get-Out-Vote Article Perpetuated Myths

An article from the Racine Interfaith Coalition in the Summer *Visitor* contained a few inaccuracies.

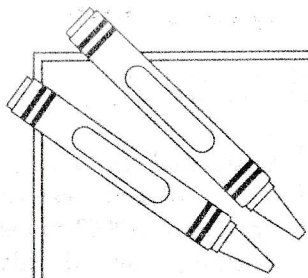
- There was no vote in 1776 to make America an English language country instead of a German one. This urban myth has been traced to a request in 1794 by some residents of Virginia for Congress to publish a German translation of certain federal regulations for the benefit of non-English speaking settlers there. Congress never voted on the request.
- France became a republic in 1875 by a substantial vote margin.
- In August, 1941, the active-service component of the Selective Service Act of 1940 was extended by a margin of one vote, 203 to 202. This close vote didn't save Selective Service from being axed; what was voted on was

how long a draftee would have to serve if called up. Had the amendment been defeated, the original act would have remained in force.

On the other hand, one person in South Milwaukee who thought his or her vote wouldn't count could have made the difference last April, when the mayoral race ended in a tie. South Milwaukee has a history of close elections: its first mayor won election in 1897 by only two votes, and won reelection by a one-vote margin. (Believe it or not, his name was George Bush.)

It is no myth that your vote counts. We join RIC in urging you to learn about the candidates in our national, state and local elections, and cast an informed vote this year.

(For the full story behind these and other urban legends, see <http://www.snopes.com/history/govern/onevote.htm>)

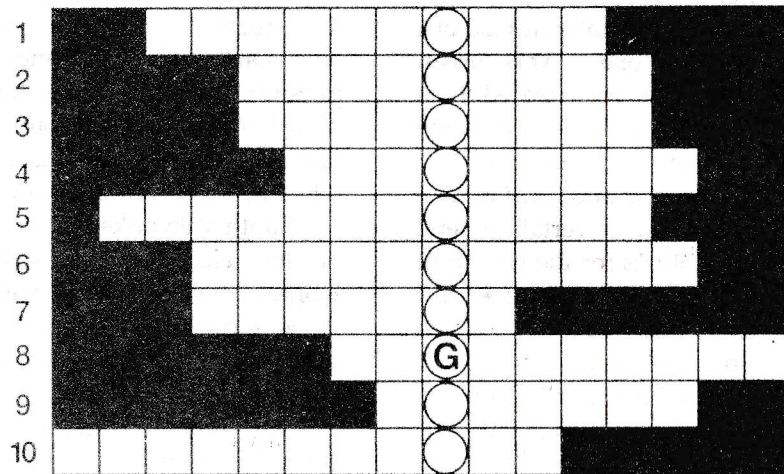


# Just for **KIDS**

## Fruits of the Word

Use an NIV Bible to look up the verses below. Find one word in each verse that will fit into the spaces of the puzzle. Use the circled letters (in order) to fill in the missing letters of the Proverb at the bottom of the page.

- 1) Matthew 3:8      4) Psalm 107:37      8) Genesis 1:11
- 2) Amos 8:1        5) Deuteronomy 33:15    9) John 4:36
- 3) Isaiah 3:10     6) Mark 4:8              10) Hebrews 13:15
- 7) Luke 22:18



“ \_ W O \_ D A P \_ L Y S P O K \_ N I S \_ I K E A \_ P L E S  
\_ F \_ O L D I N S E T \_ I N G S O F S I \_ V E R . ”

—Proverbs 25:11

ANSWERS: REPENTANCE, SOVEREIGN, RIGHTFOOT, FRUITFULNESS, MULTIPLYING, KINGDOM, VEGETATION, ETERNAL, CONTINUALLY, A WORD APTLY SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN SETTINGS OF SILVER.

### Elsewhere In Our Area

## WISDOM Rolling Thunder Meeting Focuses on Social Policy

The WISDOM Rolling Thunder meeting Saturday, September 18 at the US Cellular Arena is a non-partisan political meeting to call for a return to humane priorities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the United States of America.

The people of WISDOM's 125 congregations, along with union, church and association members, will unite as part of a get-out-the-vote campaign. Specific issues of concern include needs for Treatment Instead of Prison for non-violent offenders, for adequate and equitable funding for public education, and for reforms to protect the civil rights of immigrants.

The event will run from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, phone 414-831-2070 or e-mail wisdom00@milwpc.com

## Atonement Invites Women to Fest

Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, invites all women to a Mini-Fall Fest at 6:00

p.m. September 28 in their Fellowship Hall.

Festivities include a light supper and devotion, plus gift ideas for you to "make and take" with you. Be sure to invite your grandmas, moms, daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, friends and neighbors.

Please call Atonement at 637-5671 by September 19 to save your space. A \$5.00 per person fee paid in advance will hold your reservation.



## Lutherdale Auctions Quilts

Lutherdale's Fest and Quilt Auction will be Saturday September 11 from 8:00 to 4:00. Enjoy this festive day of food, fun, quilts, and collectibles. There is something for everyone.

Quilts may be previewed Friday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 midway between Whitewater and Elkhorn. Call 262-742-2352 for more information.

## Have You Ever Kirked a Tartan?

The Wisconsin Highland Games offers a different sort of worship opportunity on Sunday, September 5 at 12:00 noon. The Kirking of the Tartan is a Scottish tradition dating back to the 18th Century. This worship service will be held at the Waukesha County Fairgrounds.

Chaplain James Durnil of Froedtert Hospital will preside at this service as well as two weddings during the Highland games. He will also be participating in the Heavy Athletic Events.

Admission is \$8.00 for adults, free for children under 12.

If you want to know more about Highland Games please go to the following website: [www.wisconsinscottish.org](http://www.wisconsinscottish.org)

## Marriage Encounter Weekends Offered

Lutheran Marriage Encounter will conduct a Marriage Encounter weekend October 1-3, 2004 at the Sheraton in Brookfield, Wis., and another weekend February 11-13, 2005 at the Wyndham Garden in Brookfield.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity for a husband and wife to spend a weekend away discussing issues of marriage without the daily distractions of jobs, children, the telephone, etc.

The weekend begins on Friday night and concludes late in the afternoon on Sunday. Advanced registration is \$45.00. There is an additional opportunity for a contribution on the weekend as a confidential donation.

For further details about registration or for further information, please call Steve or Carol Spieker at 262-574-7557 or e-mail us at [spieker@execpc.com](mailto:spieker@execpc.com) or visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter website at [www.ilme.org](http://www.ilme.org).

## North Cape Boils Fish



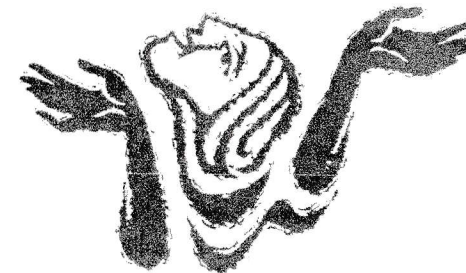
North Cape Lutheran Church, on Highway 45 about ½ mile south of Five Mile Road, invites you to their 21<sup>st</sup> annual All-You-Can-Eat fish boil Saturday, September 25, 3:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-11, and free for children 5 and under. Tickets at the door are \$9.50 for adults, \$5.50 for kids 6-11.

Due to the construction on Highway 45, access to North Cape Lutheran from the east is best by turning north from Highway K onto 108<sup>th</sup> Street, west on Five Mile Road, and south on Highway 45.

Proceeds will be used for church ministries and outreach activities. For information or reservations, call the church office, 835-2206 mornings.

## Pastor Mary's Column

### Thank You, God!



There are times when I am especially able to step back and reflect on the growth and direction of our Emmaus community. That often happens after spending a few days away, being freed of some of the scurry and minutiae that can consume my time. The drive to and from North Dakota (over fifteen hours each way) and the days spent with my mother in her assisted living apartment again provided such a respite.

It's with that perspective of space and time away that I return to celebrate the family of faith we call Emmaus. It's when I see the basket in the narthex literally overflowing with school supplies for needy Wadewitz kids, I say, "Thank you, God!"

It's when I talk with a member courageously fighting cancer and hear how the Psalms and prayers and loved ones give her strength for the battle, I say, "Thank you, God!"

It's when I overhear people talking with Valerie about their willingness to mentor for the first time, I say, "Thank you, God!"

There is so much to celebrate in this community of faith: the inspirational mission trip to Appalachia leading one of the Emmaus youth to ask to be baptized; the number of new people inquiring about membership at

Emmaus; the active prayer life of members who lift up to God the needs and concerns of others; the successful Neighborhood Camp; the people who offer a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on when another member of our community is hurting or anxious... I say, "Thank you, God, for this community of faith that continues to grow and mature in their love of You and of one another."

To have maturity of faith and energy for ministry, it is essential that we commit ourselves to be fed and nurtured and challenged. Regular prayer and worship *does* make a difference!

I recently had a phone call from a member who said to me, "Mary, it was *so* good to worship last Sunday. I didn't realize how much I needed that. I've had reasons I couldn't attend worship some weeks, but then it became easier and easier to stay away even when I didn't have a conflict. I'm so glad I decided to get out of bed and come to church on Sunday!"

I encourage all who are able to make a firm commitment this fall to make regular prayer, Scripture

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# Pastor Mary's Column

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reading and worship a priority each week. I pray that the Spirit will inspire and lead us, helping this community of Emmaus to continue to grow in love, faith and compassion. For each of you who

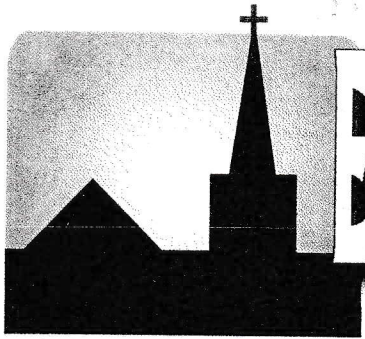
makes us this Emmaus family, I say a big, "Thank you, God!"

See you in church!

*Pastor Mary*  
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October, 2004



*The Emmaus confirmation class of 1908.*

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Extreme Faith Worship at  
Atonement October 10  
Youth Sunday October 17  
New Member Sunday  
October 24  
Confirmation October 31

Bake Sale October 16 & 17  
Stamping Camp October 16  
Sewing Group Meets Mondays  
Visitation Team Seeks  
Members  
Kitchen Project Progressing

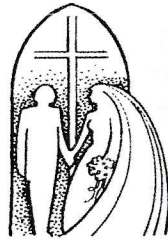
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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

Andrea Lynn Mayer &  
Kenneth C. Saylor, Jr.  
September 11, 2004

Ken's son, Cory, and Andrea's children, Stephen and Krystle, were the attendants in their parents' wedding. Andrea is the daughter of Bonnie French and the sister of Denise Pipol.



Rachael Holtz &  
Joseph R. Briere  
September 18, 2004

Joe and Rachael will be a part of the incoming group of new members at Emmaus later this month. Rachael is the granddaughter of the late Dorothy Holtz.

### Funerals:

Lorraine Hellman  
September 15, 2004

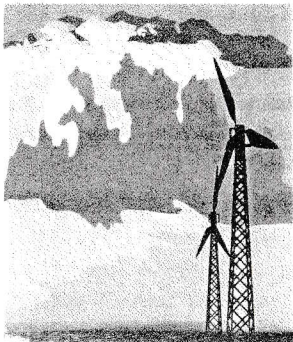
June Johns' companion and sister-in-law, Lorraine, passed away September 13 at age 75. A life-long resident of Racine, Ranie was a Packers and Cubs fan, retired from many years at Hi-Standard Machining.

J. William Christensen  
September 17, 2004

Bill Christensen is the father of James and Lyle Christensen and Mary Burmeister. He taught math at Washington Park High School for many years.

## We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Carolyn Wooster and her family upon the death of her father, Carl Larson, in Duluth in September.



## Memorials

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of J. William Christensen: \$764.00

In memory of Lyle Torine: \$60.00

### Designated for Kitchen Renovation Fund:

In memory of Marilyn Anderson: \$10,000.00

In memory of J. William Christensen: \$25.00

### Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

In memory of J. William Christensen: \$20.00

## Youth to Lead October 17 Worship

Under the leadership of Suzanne Landis, Gregg Albright and Sara Wilson, the middle and high school youth will lead the October 17 worship service.

The praise band Out of Eden, of which Nathan Albright is a member, will lead the music. The

worship service will include upbeat music, skits and prayers centered on the Psalms.

Come to worship October 17. You will be blessed – and will affirm our youth and all their efforts to lead in a meaningful worship experience!

## EXTREME FAITH

▣ CHANGE IN LOCATION! ▣

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

2915 WRIGHT AVENUE

A worship service for youth and the youthful.

God went to extremes by sending Jesus Christ to live, die and rise for the sake of the world. Our response to this gift is to live lives of **EXTREME FAITH**.

Join us as we get a little crazy, sing a lot of songs, dance, break bread, play games and spend time together. Yes, you can do all of these things and still call it church!

WHEN:

OCTOBER 10 & NOVEMBER 14,  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# 10th Graders to Be Confirmed Oct. 31

The following tenth graders are completing their preparation to publicly affirm their baptism:

**Kelsey Albright**  
**Katelyn Harris-Lange**  
**Nathan Lamberton**

**Justin Pipol**  
**Tanya Rasmussen**  
**Ashley Valerio**

These Emmaus tenth graders will affirm their Baptisms at the 9:15 a.m. worship service on October 31.

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 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.

## 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.

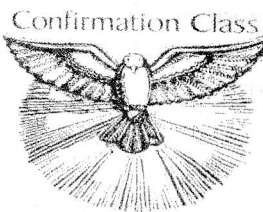
## Youth Birthdays

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|---------|----------------------|
| Oct. 1  | Ben Torine, 3        |
| Oct. 9  | Joe Ford, 10         |
| Oct. 9  | Nichelle Slawson, 18 |
| Oct. 12 | Madelyn Ready, 3     |
| Oct. 13 | Adam Jaskulske, 15   |
| Oct. 13 | Mike Liesch, 15      |
| Oct. 16 | Henry Yunker, 3      |
| Oct. 17 | Aaron Smith, 11      |
| Oct. 18 | Joey Butler, 9       |
| Oct. 20 | Sydney Johnson, 7    |
| Oct. 24 | Kally Jansen, 16     |
| Oct. 26 | Hailey Sommer, 15    |
| Oct. 31 | L.J. Dexter III, 6   |

## Confirmation Classes Meet Wednesday

Sixth through ninth graders meet in the Sunset Room Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for fall confirmation classes.

On the week of the second Sunday of the month, instead of Wednesday night



Confirmation Class classes, we'll go to "Extreme Faith" worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday night. Extreme Faith meets at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue on October 10.

*A woman handed the postal clerk a package containing an old family Bible she was sending to her brother. The clerk lifted it, gently shook it, and asked, "Anything breakable in here?"*

*"Only the Ten Commandments," replied the witty and wise lady.*

## Here Is Contact Info for Jason Meteyard

Jason Meteyard's contact information in Iraq was omitted from the September *Visitor* article about our members being deployed there. If you would like to keep in touch with Jason, you may write to

him at:  
 332 USAF/EAMS (AMC)  
 APO AE 09315-9997  
 or e-mail him at:  
 jason.meteyard@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil

## REST Seeks Volunteers, Cooks

Emmaus opens our doors to the homeless Friday evenings beginning October 1 and continuing until the permanent REST homeless shelter opens in May.

Our new sign-up sheets for Racine Emergency Shelter Task



force (REST) homeless shelter are posted in the hallway across from the women's rest room. Atonement will staff our site on the first and third Friday night of each month.

We're still looking for someone to coordinate food for this season.. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 e-mail: Church—emmaus@execpc.com Church office:  
 Pastor Mary—mljanz@aol.com 262 634-5515  
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Council President: Brenda Gieszler  
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
 Outreach Dir.: Valerie Crehan  
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: 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 5:00 Monday through Thursdays during regular school days.

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

The *Visitor* published monthly except August. The deadline for the November issue is October 15.

## Love, Joy Launch Sunday School Year

by Denise Keller

Twenty-one kids in pre-school through fifth grade participated in Rally Sunday activities on September 12. A total of 26 pre-school through fifth grade children are enrolled in our Workshop Rotation Sunday School.

Twenty middle school and high school kids met under the leadership of Gregg Albright and Sara Wilson, a senior at Carthage College.

What is Workshop Rotation Sunday School?

Because we learn in different ways, we teach Bible stories in many ways and strive to make it fun! Some of our rotations may include puppets, drama, video, computers, music, cooking, dance, art and games.

If you have a pre-school through fifth grade child, enroll today! Registration forms are in the narthex or available upstairs during Sunday School.

When is Sunday School?

Sunday School runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. We serve a snack from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m.

"Fruit of the Spirit" is the theme for the year. Our first unit will be on love and joy — fruits of the spirit — and the story of Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas were two missionaries who were put in jail for spreading Jesus' good news.

Thank you to all who have

committed time to help teach Sunday School this year: Denise Johnson, Celia Bagley, Kris Smith, Traci Jansen, Jamie Toslek and Jackie Orth. Jackie will lead our children's music program, so we thank her again for that!

Thank you to all the parents who share their children with us on Sunday morning and for providing snacks throughout the year.

We can always use more help during the Sunday School hour, and especially for the Christmas program. If interested, please call Denise Keller at 619-9911.

## Congregation to Present Bibles to Fourth Graders

Bibles have been ordered for presentation to our fourth graders as part of the promise made by the parents and the congregation "to place the Scripture in the hands" of the baptized children among us.

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.

## Congregation Receives New Members Oct. 24

Emmaus will welcome new members into our congregation at the 9:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 24.

Pastor Mary led a series of classes for newcomers and others interested in



church membership in September. Those who have been unable to attend the classes but are interested in membership should contact the church office (634-5515).

## We Remember All Saints Gone Before Us

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' Day worship bulletins, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Day, 2003. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors officiated.

We would also like to mention those who were not members here but were important to you — family relations, dear friends, and the like — who passed away this year. If you would like someone who was not an Emmaus member included in the bulletin, please call Paul in the office and tell him the person's name, date of birth

and date of death, and the person's relationship to you.

### Floral Arrangement

You are invited to honor the memory of your loved ones by purchasing a floral stem. All of these flowers will be placed together in an arrangement at the front of the church. Each stem will honor the memory of one person, and the names of all those honored will be placed in the bulletin.

These dedications need not be limited to the memory of those who have passed away within this year.

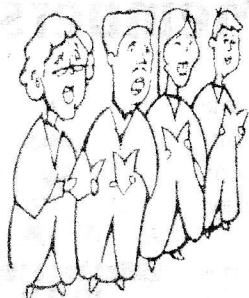
Please complete the form on page 8 and include \$3.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the church office by October 26. Excess monies will be contributed to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.





## Memorials for Choir Library Invited

The Worship and Music Committee encourages Emmaus members and friends to make gifts to Emmaus toward the purchase of choir music in memory of loved ones. A choir anthem would be purchased by Director Suzanne Landis.



The anthem may be dedicated for a particular Sunday to honor a person or event. The cost to purchase an anthem is \$30.00.

If you are interested in this type of gift, please consult with Suzanne.

## Choir Rehearses on Sundays

The Adult Choir rehearses at 8:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Anyone interested in singing is

warmly invited to join us in the choir loft rehearsal room.

### *All Saints' Day Memorial Garden*

On All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

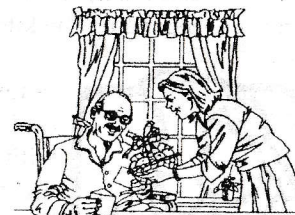
My/Our name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## You Can Join the Visitation Team

Providing pastoral care to those who are hospitalized, ill, or homebound is an important ministry of the church. While it is impossible for Pastor Mary to make as many visits as are needed, opportunities



### Home Visitation

for others to be a part of this vital ministry greatly expand pastoral care at Emmaus.

Suzanne Landis, our choir director and an ordained Methodist minister on leave from call, is able to do some visitation in Pastor Mary's absence. Pastor Sue Bowen, part-time chaplain at Froedtert Hospital, will spend approximately ten hours per month visiting homebound and hospitalized members of Emmaus beginning in October.

Pastor Mary and our parish nurse, Carol Eschmann, will coordinate several lay persons who will be available for home visits. Several of our lay visitors to the homebound have also been trained to bring Holy Communion to those

they visit.

Please call the church office if you would like to be involved in this ministry, or if you would like to be visited or included on the Prayer Chain. It is helpful for Pastor Mary or the church office to be informed of the dates of upcoming surgeries in order that plans can be made to visit at those times.

(Please note that Milwaukee hospitals do not inform us of our members who have been admitted for surgery. Racine All Saints' hospitals generally do call us about our members who have authorized release of the information, usually a day after admission of the patient.)

## Worship Service to Focus on Prayer for Healing

Mark your calendars for the upcoming worship services of prayer for healing on Saturday, November 13 at 5:00, and Sunday, November 14 at 9:15.

## CROP Walk Fights Hunger October 10

Just a reminder that the CROP Walk will begin at First United Methodist



Church on Sunday, October 10. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. with the Walk beginning at 1:00 p.m.

# Memorial Gift Earmarked for Kitchen Renovation

Dave Anderson has presented Emmaus with a \$10,000 gift in memory of his wife, Marilyn. The generous memorial will be added to the existing "Upstairs Kitchen Renovation Fund," making it possible to begin plans for updating and upgrading the small kitchen which connects the Sunset Room with the Fireside Room.

Pat Jensen and Dave Anderson will head the committee responsible for making plans, requesting and reviewing bids and

estimates, and making decisions regarding the kitchen renovation.



Included in the renovation will be new cabinets, a full stove with oven, and a small dishwasher. With the Sunset Room being used for Senior Citizen Fellowship Center lunches, coffee hours

and a number of other events, these upcoming changes will be welcomed by all who use the facility.

# Major Renovation Project Nears Completion

The past two months have been filled with activity as roofs, flooring and windows have been replaced. The sound of hammers, saws and drills have been common around the parsonage and church, as have the sights of ladders scaffolding and trucks.

Already completed are the roofs of the church, parsonage and garages; flooring in Fellowship Hall; repairs of the mechanisms of sanctuary windows and exterior church doors; and replacement of windows and doors in the parsonage.



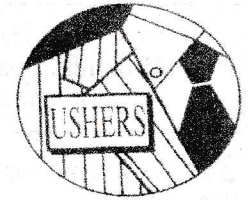
Almost complete is the custom made maintenance-free trim on the parsonage and garage. At a later date, flooring will be replaced in several stairwells of the church.

These renovations have added nearly \$95,000 to our existing mortgage. In order to reduce the principal amount owed on the loan, there will be opportunity for special designated gifts to be made through an upcoming capital fund drive.

A big thank you goes to Bill Irvine, who has coordinated the entire renovation project; it wouldn't have happened without his vision and hard work!



# October Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Oct. 2 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Oct. 3 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Beverly Hansen	Celia Bagley	Team 4 John E. Cook	Patrick Jansen Brian Field
Oct. 9 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Christman			
Oct. 10 9:15 am		Bev Hansen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Nate Lamberton Justin Haman
Oct. 16 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Oct. 17 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Youth	Team 1 Harold Miller	Jennifer Haman TBA
Oct. 23 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Oct. 24 9:15 am		Gregg Albright	Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kally Jansen Tanya Rasmussen
Oct. 30 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Oct. 31 9:15 am		Carol Eschmann	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Patrick Jansen Courtney Jansen Hailey Sommer Brian Field
Nov. 6 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Nov. 7 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Ruth Hlavka	Team 4 John E. Cook	TBA

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<p>1 7:00 pm REST</p>		<p>2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>				
<p>3 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST        8:00 am Choir practice        9:15 am <b>Worship service:</b> <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 with Holy Communion        10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship        10:30 am Sunday School        10:45 am New member meeting</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Sewing circle        2:30 pm EASY        5:30 pm ESL classes        6:30 pm Sewing circle        7:00 pm Worship &amp; Music committee</p>	<p>5 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center        2:30 pm EASY        5:00 pm TOPS        6:00 pm WELCA Board</p>	<p>6 1:30 pm Lydia Circle        2:30 pm EASY        5:30 pm ESL classes        6:30 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>7 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline        2:30 pm EASY        5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's        7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>9 5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion</p>
<p>-----        GMS Women of ELCA Convention, Sheboygan</p>						
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<p>6:00 pm Extreme Faith, Atonement Luth.</p>	<p>-----  <i>Pastor Mary on vacation, October 11-22</i></p>					
<p>17 YOUTH SUNDAY; 20<sup>TH</sup> SUN. AFTER PENTECOST        8:00 am Choir practice        9:15 am <b>Worship service:</b> Youth Service with Out of Eden band        10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship        10:15 am Bake sale        10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p>18 ST. LUKE        10:00 am Sewing circle        2:30 pm EASY        5:30 pm ESL classes        6:30 pm Sewing circle</p>	<p>19        10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center        2:30 pm EASY        5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>20 PRAY FOR PEACE        2:30 pm EASY        5:30 pm ESL classes        6:30 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>21        10:00 am Book club        11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline        2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>22        7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>23 ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM        5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion</p>
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<p>31 REFORMATION DAY        8:00 am Choir practice        9:15 am <b>Worship service:</b> <i>WOV</i> Service of Word and Prayer; rite of Confirmation        10:15 am Coffee &amp; fellowship        10:30 am Sunday School</p>	<p>Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY        10:00 am Sewing cir.        2:30 pm EASY        6:00 pm WELCA Board        6:30 pm Sewing cir.        7:00 pm W&amp;M cmte.</p>	<p>2 ELECTION DAY        10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center        2:30 pm EASY        5:00 pm TOPS        6:00 pm WELCA Board</p>	<p>3        1:30 pm Lydia Circle        2:30 pm EASY        5:30 pm ESL classes        6:30 pm Confirmation class</p>	<p>4        11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline        2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>5        7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>6        5:00 pm <b>Worship service</b> with Holy Communion</p>



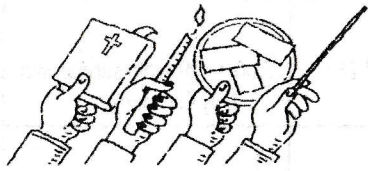
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GNC	8%	\$25		
Honey Baked Ham	9%	\$10		
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$30		
<b>TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
Citgo	2.5%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20		
Mobil/Exxon	2%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	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		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY				
Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books	8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Max	4%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS				
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		
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		
STEREO, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL				
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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February 29, 2004



## October Worship Assistants (continued)

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Oct. 3	R. & A Haman	Hamans		Jess Sedgwick
Oct. 10	the Kellers			
Oct. 17	Lyle Christensen	Emmaus youth	Ruth Estep	Kathy Christensen
Oct. 24	Loren & Cindi Larsen			
Oct. 31	Cheryl Dexter			
Nov. 7	Dave Anderson		Marge Jensen	Shirley Velzka

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Interim Manager: Pastor Mary

The center opens on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and treats.

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served at noon.

Oct. 5 program: Al Beck

Oct. 19 program: Gregg Albright

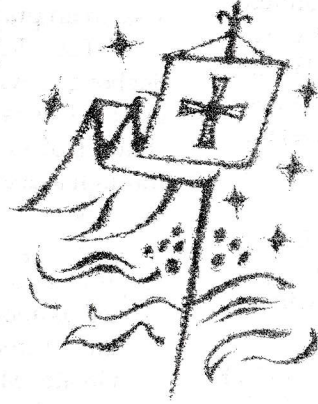


### October Birthdays — 70 Years and Better

Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 15	Paul Massey	1509 Owen Avenue	53403
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2041 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	1724 Michigan Boulevard	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	3900 N. Main Street #323	53402
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue	53403

## Sewing Group Meets Mondays

A newly formed sewing group is making a series of brightly colored quilted banners for Fellowship Hall. The group meets Mondays at Emmaus. Morning sewing sessions are at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall; evening sewing sessions are at 6:30 in the Sunset Room.



We eagerly accept new members! You need not have expertise in the area. All that is required is a desire to meet with other women — everything from cutting to ironing to sewing will be accomplished through the teamwork of those with varying skills.

For further information, please contact Carol Eschmann (835-2372) or Valerie Crehan (634-5515).

### WELCA Bulletins

## Women Hold Bake Sale

by Celia Bagley

WELCA will hold a bake sale on October 16 and 17. Any women interested in baking should sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The money will be donated to the Missions.



The next WELCA board meeting will be Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30 in the Sunset Room. All women are welcome to attend.

### Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary

## October is Membership Drive Month



October is Membership month for Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary. All members of

Emmaus are invited to join. Dues are \$5.00 per year (or more if desired). The work of the Auxiliary enhances the lives of our senior residents.

Please prayerfully consider joining this group.

## Synod Women Meet in Sheboygan

from Gleanings September issue

I am hoping that you have decided to join us at First United Lutheran in Sheboygan (2401 Kohler Memorial Drive; take Hwy. 23 exit #126 east off I-43; the church is just over a mile east of the interstate) for our annual Women of the ELCA Convention October 8 and 9.

Mary Ellen Kiesner, Churchwide President of the Women of the ELCA will be with us along with her daughter Amy, who will again sign for us. We will have a variety of workshops.

Dr. Grace Peterson will deliver the keynote address. Dr. Peterson was born and raised in Chicago and has been involved in WELCA for many years.

Praise Dancers from Milwaukee will help with Saturday's worship service. Pastor Gail Hermodson from First United will lead the worship service.

We have a variety of Awareness sessions for you to choose from:

Denise Smith, our Synod partner from Alaska, will lead a session on laughter.

Joan Olson from Waukesha will lead a session on Prison Ministry and what we can do to "Go, Tell" to our fellow brothers and sisters who are incarcerated.

Rosie Haas will tell us about "Fair Trade" and bring some

samples for us.

Deaconess Judy Schroeder from St. Mary's in Kenosha will lead a session on prayer.

The Rainbow Kids from Sheboygan will tell us about their group. This is a support group for children of all faiths who have gone through a death or divorce in their families.

A representative from the Hope Network will be with us to tell us about Hope network and the outreach they do in the Greater Milwaukee area

Our in-kind collection will go to the Hope Network in Menomonee Falls. Please bring things you would normally bring to a baby shower.

Sharon Fox Bogen will bring the convention to a close with an uplifting message.

I hope this has piqued your interest. We are holding a block of rooms at the Baymont Inn (920-457-2321). When you make your reservations, tell them you want a room among the block reserved for the Women of the ELCA.

## Book Club Reads Maine

The Emmaus book club will meet October 21 to discuss *The Preservationist* by David Maine. The book club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

## Stamping Camp Starts at Emmaus

by Karen Sedgwick

Have you been bitten by the "stamping bug", or do you have an urge to find out what stamping is all about? If so, you are invited to join Resurrection member Maren Burnett and Emmaus member Karen Sedgwick at a Stamp Camp at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1925 Summit Ave., on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The cost is \$20.

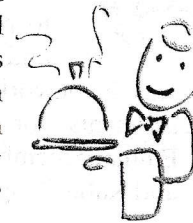
Drop in anytime, but allow

yourself enough opportunity to make three seasonal cards and two delightful projects. There will be prizes, a raffle, and lots of fun! Whether you are a beginner or a veteran stamper, we guarantee you'll love what you create. Come and join us!

If you are planning to attend, or if you have any questions, please call Maren at 681-6540 to register. Payment will be collected the day of the camp. We hope to see you there!

## Emmaus Serves Community Meal October 7

It's Emmaus' turn to prepare and serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on October 7. On the first Thursday of every other month, Emmaus members prepare jello, cakes, and casseroles to feed needy men, women and children in Racine.



We can always use help in serving the meal. We meet at St. Patrick's, 1100 Erie Street, at 5:00 p.m. Contact 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!

## We're Even Extending This Offer to First Time Worshipers!

As a way of saying "thank you" to our members and friends who faithfully attend Sunday services, on October 31, we are offering an extra hour of sleep to everyone who comes to church that Sunday!

Yes, instead of holding our services at 9:15 a.m. Central Daylight Savings Time, we will begin worship at 9:15 a.m. Central Standard Time! All you have to do is set your clocks back one hour the night before.

## 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.

Larry & Ruth Estep, "for the many blessings God has given us."  
John & Kathy Cook, celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## EASY Participants Now Part of Lighted Schoolhouse

As of September 27, 24 kindergarten through fifth grade students are enrolled in the EASY (Emmaus After School for Youth) program. This year, the program has expanded to four days per week, meeting Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Funding from Racine Unified Lighted Schoolhouse program provides for busing for the students

as well as funding for staff salaries.

Paid staff serving as teachers are Valerie Crehan and Barb Fogarty.

Valerie and Barb will focus on reading and language development in addition to planned recreational and hands-on activities

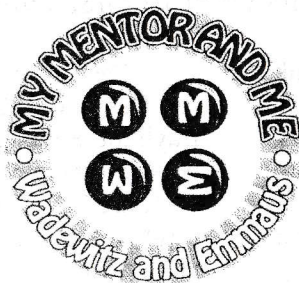
and homework help. Paid teen assistants for the program are Emmaus members Nate Lamberton and Katie Douglas.



## 'My Mentor and Me' Begins in October

My Mentor and Me (formerly KidsHope) will begin connecting Emmaus mentors with Wadewitz first and second graders in early October.

Program coordinator



Valerie Crehan has met with Wadewitz teachers to identify students who would especially benefit from a mentor/student relationship.

Twelve mentors are ready to begin their weekly meetings with the students, and additional volunteers are welcome to serve as weekly mentors or as substitutes.

## Emmaus to Receive ELCA Support

Based on a request Emmaus submitted in May, the ELCA Division for Outreach has granted Emmaus \$16,000 in support for 2005. This grant will replace the support previously received from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation and will be earmarked for the areas of outreach and evangelism.

During 2005, Emmaus commits to continue building relationships with community leaders and with people from our immediate neighborhood. Further partnerships and funding will be sought to allow Emmaus to continue the mentoring program (MM&M, "My Mentor and Me"), the after school program (EASY, "Emmaus After School for Youth"), and the summer



Neighborhood Camp.

In addition, it is the goal to expand Bible study opportunities, as well as classes on Baptism and Holy Communion for newcomers.

The Division for Outreach is expecting Emmaus to use the coming year to discern the future direction of our transformation and renewal and to move ahead, making significant connections with those hungry to be fed by the Gospel message.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Aug.:	2002: 123	2003: 124	2004: 106
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	2002: 143	2003: 143	2004: 113
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	2002: 164	2003: 145	

### Financial Figures



	Year to date	
General funds receipts in August	\$13,113.59	\$113,096.82
Bldg. Fund offerings received in August	\$ 1,200.00	\$5,305.00
Unified funds receipts in August	\$14,313.59	\$118,401.82
Campaign total		
2001 Fund offerings received in August	\$350.00	\$107,455.12
September mortgage payments	Principal	\$298.95
	Interest	\$693.05
	Total	\$992.00
Principal balance as of September 14, 2004	\$136,486.29	

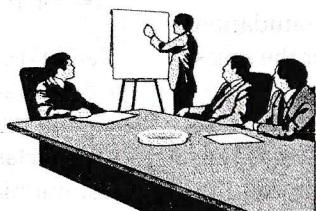


## Family Literacy Program Off to Strong Start

Adults eager to learn or perfect their English, entered Emmaus' doors for the first time on September 20, together with a number of their children.

A joint venture of the Racine Literacy Council, Gateway Technical College, Racine Unified 21<sup>st</sup>

Century program and Emmaus, the program meets every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Thirty adults are enrolled in the ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. During the adults' class time, approximately 30 children, ranging in age from infants to upper elementary, are led in age-appropriate activities by the Literacy Council.

Richard Marciniak, a staff member of the Racine Literacy Council, coordinates the program.

## YWCA Child Care Center Moves to Olive Street

Following a number of delays and some readjusting of schedules, the YWCA Day Care said "good-bye" to Emmaus after 19 years. The day care began by serving teen parents and their children and later expanded, becoming a full community child care center.

Economic hardship during the past year posed a threat to the viability of the center, but generous gifts from Emmaus members and friends, a waiver of two months' rent and matching funds from Thrivent made it possible to continue without interruption.

On September 16, when the staff said their final good-byes, they expressed their gratitude to Emmaus with their parting words

and hugs. (Pastor Mary already misses the toddlers and pre-schoolers who used to call out her name and run up to greet her with hugs as she passed through the play area!)

The YWCA has leased the former Manpower building on Olive Street off Lathrop Avenue. Separate rooms for toddlers and infants, a kitchen for their exclusive use and spacious office and storage rooms are already being well utilized. One of the moms, a graphic artist, has creatively decorated the walls of the center.

We wish the children, parents and staff blessings as they get settled in their new home.

## Elsewhere in Our Area

### Nuechterleins Hold Silent Auction

Pastor Paul and Ellen Nuechterlein are moving forward in their process to adopt two children from Liberia. They will hold a Silent Auction to raise needed funds at The Great Hall, DeKoven Center on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Special entertainment is being provided compliments of the 2004 Summerfest keyboard contest winner, Joe Kennedy. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at Accents on Main (406 Main Street downtown Racine) or at the door.

Donations for the Silent Auction are also being sought – suggestions include gift baskets, wine, jewelry, holiday items, children's items, specialty foods, gift

certificates, electronic equipment, tickets to special events, artwork, sports memorabilia, and books.

If you have a donation please call Ellen at 637-0671, 994-4675 (cell), or e-mail her at [nelle\\_treggals@earthlink.net](mailto:nelle_treggals@earthlink.net).

### Redeemer Kids Host Flea Market

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer youth are sponsoring a flea market Saturday, October 9 from 8:00 to 4:00. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is at 2417 Drexel Avenue, just north of Mitchell Elementary. Contact Amy or Matt Ruehle, 635-9611, for more information.

You're invited to Lincoln Lutheran's

### Health & Wellness Fair

Friday, October 8, 2004 • 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church • 1700 Green Bay Road • Racine, WI

#### Free Workshops in...

Vitamins, Supplements  
& Medication Interactions



Speaker: Sunday Muniz

Cooking for One



Presenter: Vicki Beer

Identity Theft



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Chair Massage



Institute of Natural Wellness

Getting Ready for Your  
Doctor's Appointment



Presenter: Dr. Bonnie Wirfs



Bone Density Screening  
Reservations are Required, Space is Limited  
(202) 633-0500 ext. 152  
Geriatric Assessment Center  
Aurora Health Care

## Lutheran High School Ladies Guild Hosts Harvest Fair

The Lutheran High School Ladies' Harvest Fair will be Friday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Racine Lutheran High School, 251 Luedtke Avenue. There is no admission charge; parking is free; and strollers are welcome.

Browse through the many booths of handmade crafts and holiday decorations, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, freshly baked goods, caramel apples, homemade candy and treats, etc., etc. A buffet luncheon will be served (\$7.00 at the door, with discounts for seniors and children)..

## Women's Resource Center Seeks Crafts

Donate your creative and trendy works to a fund raiser for the Women's Resource Center.

The Women's Resource Center will use the proceeds from this fund raiser to grow and improve their services to approximately 1,200 women and children of Racine County and their office in Burlington.

WRC programs include immediate crisis intervention services, counseling, 24-hour crisisline and their hand-to-hand program for reducing the opportunity for violence when separated parents meet for

supervised visitation of children.

This fund raiser will be at Roma Lodge on November 9, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Donations are accepted through October 15. Please contact Cindy Murphy at 637-8551.



### BELL CHOIR FESTIVAL OF BELL CITY

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## Pastor Mary's Column Shared Space

Many of us grew up in homes with one small bathroom. Somehow we managed, even though we may have had to "give up" some space, some privacy and some convenience.

Today, many homes have more than one bathroom, extending the privilege of added space and privacy.

As I've had to make allowances for workers in and out of the parsonage, and windows without blinds for nearly a month, I've realized how difficult it can be to make accommodations for others in ways that I haven't been used to. At times, I have caught myself whining or being on edge. Why can't I go about my daily business on *my* terms?

But, stepping back, I have to remind myself that not everything can or should be about *me* and *my* convenience or comfort.

Being part of a larger community is like that. We as the church are also challenged to think in terms of "we" rather than "me." Are we able to let go, show hospitality and *share* not only our faith stories, but also the space and resources we enjoy? It's a challenge to not become territorial, but rather

to share the gifts that are entrusted to us.

I think it's a good sign when the church space is used so regularly that we find a need to juggle and make accommodations so that everyone has a space and a place. In addition to the many activities and programs planned for our own members, each month we make *quality* room for the REST shelter, EASY (the after school program), TOPS (the weight loss program), Racine Family Literacy Program and the Belle City Stamp Club.

With the YWCA child care center moving to its own building recently, we now find ourselves "claiming" space that was previously unavailable for our use. I trust that we will honor and respect one another as that occurs.

So far, I sense a spirit of partnership and collegiality among all who call Emmaus their home, and I have heard frequent expressions of gratitude for Emmaus' hospitality and welcome.

As we are reminded that our building serves as a place for worship, learning and ministry to take place, let us allow the light of

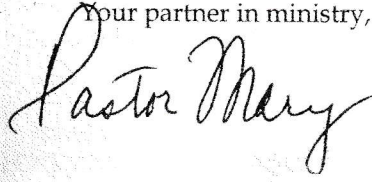
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# Pastor Mary's Column

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Christ to shine in all that we are and do. Shared space is far more vital than empty space any day!

Your partner in ministry,



P.S.: As I vacation in Japan this month, I understand that I will learn a whole new set of lessons about space. So, you may be hearing even more on the topic after my return.

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# Emmaus Visitor

November, 2004

## We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

The Out of Eden band, of which Nathan Albright is a member, will provide music for the service.

As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry. Emmaus has contributed food and money to the Northside Pantry, located at Trinity United Methodist



Church, for several years now.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to

Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line or on the upper right blanks of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

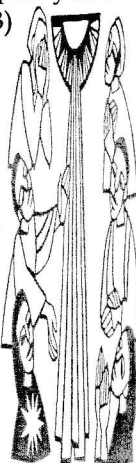
After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. Donations at the tables will be used to finance summer travel programs for our youth.

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"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Office: 262 634-5515  
e-mail: emmaus@execpc.com Fax: 262 633-0726  
<http://www.emmaus-racine.org>

## Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 6 and 7, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

<b>Steven W. Welch</b>	(Aug. 21, 1977 - Nov. 14, 2003)
<b>Walter J. Runge</b>	(Dec. 8, 1913 - Jan. 26, 2004)
<b>Eileen Busse Olson</b>	(Mar. 7, 1919 - Feb. 7, 2004)
<b>Marilyn Binn Nelson Anderson</b>	(Sep. 10, 1928 - Feb. 23, 2004)
<b>Dorothy Orttel Holtz</b>	(Aug. 8, 1921 - Mar. 7, 2004)
<b>Leone "Dolly" Clark Wiley</b>	(Nov. 1, 1920 - Apr. 7, 2004)
<b>Esther Hansen Jensen</b>	(Dec. 14, 1912 - May 10, 2004)
<b>Lawrence F. Steinman</b>	(June 4, 1943 - May 13, 2004)
<b>Gary Field</b>	(June 8, 1952 - June 28, 2004)
<b>Elert W. "Bob" LeClair</b>	(June 15, 1928 - July 13, 2004)
<b>Robert "Champ" Jurgensen</b>	(Jan. 29, 1943 - Aug. 23, 2004)
<b>Lorraine E. Hellman</b>	(July 2, 1929 - Sept. 13, 2004)
<b>J. William Christensen</b>	(Oct. 30, 1914 - Oct. 12, 2004)
<b>LeRoy A. Protheroe</b>	(May 8, 1932 - Oct. 22, 2004)



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funerals

**LeRoy Arthur Protheroe**  
October 26, 2004

LeRoy was born in Wild Rose, Wisconsin, and was baptized into the Emmaus family at the age of 13. He was a resident at Prospect Heights Community Living Center when he passed away October 22. He was a longtime member of the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center with his late brother, Keith. He was retired from Andis Company.

## *Hold the Phone*

Reuters news service reported in September that a number of churches in Monterrey, Mexico, have installed signal-jamming equipment to block incoming cell phone calls during worship services.

The technology, originally

developed in Israel for security purposes, causes a "no signal" message to be displayed on worshippers' cell phones. The jamming signal is turned on just before the service begins and shut off afterward.

## Emmaus Welcomes New Members

On Sunday, October 24, Emmaus welcomed 15 new members and associate members into the Emmaus family:

**Joseph & Rachael Holtz Briere**  
5403 Westmore Drive,  
Racine 53406-4029

Joseph and Rachael were married here in September. Rachael is a granddaughter of the late Dorothy Holtz.

**Valerie & Caroline Crehan**  
2930 Salem Avenue,  
Racine 53406-1828

Valerie is our Outreach Minister, in charge of such programs as the Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY), Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp, and My Mentor and Me. Caroline is a part of the confirmation class and youth group.

**Lynn & Jill Lang, Justin & Stacie**  
1200 Howard,  
Racine 53404-2816

Lynn was a member of Emmaus when he was growing up. After his retirement from the Navy, he, Jill and their children relocated to Racine. Lynn's daughter Mariah was baptized here this spring and is part of the confirmation class. Lynn and Jill are REST volunteers.

**Bob Robinson**  
5636 Emstan Hills Rd,  
Racine 53406-5359

Bob is the fiancé of Michele Nelson and father of Zachary, who

was baptized here in August and is in our confirmation program.

**Eric & Beth Tepley**  
1111 Arthur Ave.,  
Racine 53405-2902

Pastor Mary officiated at Eric & Beth's wedding two years ago. They are the proud parents of Jackson, who was baptized in June.

**Colette Schattner**  
1242 Goold Street,  
Racine 53402-4560

Colette does computer work. She has joined the Adult Choir and is involved in the sewing group and in helping with the Children's Library.

**Suzanne Landis** (associate member)  
1211 N. Sunnyslope Dr. #202,  
Racine 53406-3476

Suzanne has been our Adult Choir director since spring of last year. She teaches music at Wadewitz.

**Art** (associate member) & **Nancy Smith**  
4729 Briar Patch Lane,  
Fairfax VA 22032-2126

The Smiths win the prize for having the longest commute from home to Emmaus. Nancy has been a driving force behind Emmaus' Neighborhood Camp, among other programs. Art works for Mitre Corporation developing programs to facilitate such things as air traffic management.

# Worship Service Focuses on Prayer for Healing

Mark your calendars for the upcoming worship services of prayer for healing on Saturday,

November 13 at 5:00 and Sunday, November 14 at 9:15.

## Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 e-mail: Church—emmaus@execpc.com Church office: 262 634-5515  
 Pastor Mary—mljanz@aol.com fax: 262 633-0726

Council President: Brenda Gieszler  
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller  
 Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan  
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser  
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis  
 Secretary: Paul Berge  
 Custodians: 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. Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 24.  
 Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Nov. 25).  
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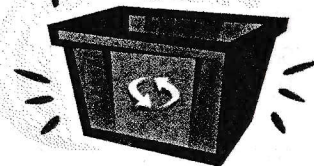
## Emmaus Youth Collect Cans

The youth of Emmaus ask you to bring in your rinsed empty aluminum cans for recycling. You will find marked bins at several locations around the church for aluminum cans.

Funds raised through recycling these cans will help with future youth activities and trips.

Thank you.

**PLEASE RECYCLE!**



## Sunday School Report

# Stage Crew Needed

by Denise Keller

Wanted: Actors, actresses, stage crew or production specialists — anyone interested in helping with the Sunday School Christmas program.

Rehearsals and stagecraft will begin on November 7 during the Sunday School hour each Sunday through December 12. There will be a full dress rehearsal the morning of December 18, followed by a pizza lunch.

Sunday, December 19 at 9:15



a.m., we perform for our families, friends and our Emmaus family.

Please call Jackie Orth (554-9968) or Denise Keller (619-9911) to say you can help!

The Sunday School kids will begin work on the Christmas program starting November 7 after a three-week rotation on the Christmas story with art, video and computers.

Please make a commitment to have your child at Sunday School each week to help us have a successful program.

## Fourth Graders to Receive Bibles

On December 5, Emmaus will act in keeping with the baptismal promise made by parents and the congregation "to place the Scripture in the hands" of each baptized child.



During the 9:15 a.m. worship service, Pastor Mary will present Bibles to our fourth grade Sunday School students and other youth who have recently joined the congregation. Each Bible has the name of its new owner embossed on the front cover.

We ask parents to contribute

\$5.00 toward the cost of their child's Bible. The congregation picks up the remaining \$12.50 of the cost; designated gifts are welcome.

## Youth Birthdays

Nov. 3 Chris Buelow, 17  
 Nov. 8 Alyssa Rivera, 7  
 Nov. 19 Zack Offield, 1  
 Nov. 20 Anicka Purath, 10  
 Nov. 22 Richard Syty, 9  
 Nov. 23 Amanda Hegeman, 17  
 Nov. 25 Tyler Johnson, 1  
 Nov. 26 Stephen Santos, 12  
 Nov. 29 Melanie Andersen, 12  
 Nov. 30 Elisil Purath, 8

## EXTREME FAITH

A worship service for youth and the youthful.

God went to extremes by sending Jesus Christ to live, die and rise for the sake of the world.

Our response to this gift is to live lives of **EXTREME FAITH.**

Join us as we get a little crazy, sing a lot of songs, dance, break bread, play games and spend time together.

Yes, you can do all of these things and still call it church!

### WHEN:

November 14  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### WHERE:

Atonement Lutheran Church  
2915 Wright Avenue.

SPONSORED BY THE ELCA CHURCHES IN RACINE.

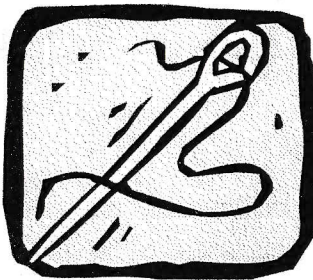
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## Sewing Groups Are Having a Banner Year

by Valerie Crehan

The Sewing groups have been meeting over the past month and things have been happening!

The morning group (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Mondays) has been learning some quilting techniques and is moving along in the effort to place six new banners in the Fellowship Hall by Christmas. They are going to be bright and colorful and we are grateful for their efforts to beautify our church.



If you have any interest at all in attending, please come.

The evening group (6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Mondays) has been helping with the Fellowship Hall banners and also the confirmation banners.

If you don't think you have the skills to join this group, you're wrong!

We chat and laugh and would love for anyone and everyone to come join us.



## WELCA Bulletins

# Voices Sought for Women's Choir at Thankoffering Service

Women of all ages are invited and encouraged to join a Women's Choir. We will sing at the WELCA service on Sunday, November 21.

The choir will rehearse at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, November 14 and

8:30 a.m. Sunday, November 21 in the choir room behind the balcony.

No previous experience is necessary. The music will be easy to learn. We hope you will come and join us.

## Linda Wimpey to Preach at WELCA Thankoffering Services Nov. 20, 21

by Nancy Smith

Linda Wimpey, Executive Director of FACETS (Fairfax [VA] Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services, Inc.) will participate in the women's Thankoffering services on Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21.

Linda is pleased to return to Racine to spend time at Emmaus. Last November, she participated in "A Time to be Born," the all-day retreat to address the ELCA's mission in Racine. She also met with social agency groups of the community to share the FACETS story.

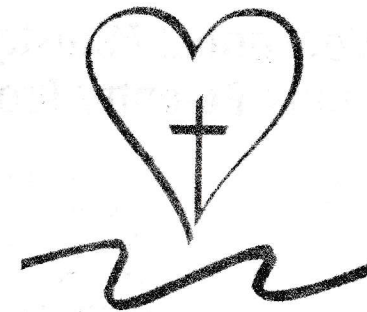
FACETS serves the homeless

and low-income families of Fairfax County. Linda founded FACETS in 1988. At that time, she was working out of the basement of her home with three Episcopal churches.

Today, more than 55 churches as well as numerous local businesses and organizations serve as FACETS partners. Last year, 600 volunteers

served approximately 56,000 meals all 365 days of the year.

Another 400 volunteers provide services and programs for families in emergency shelters and two assisted housing developments as well as manage a mentoring program for both adults and youth. Linda is a strong advocate for the underserved.



# EASY Helps Kids with Homework and Reading

by Valerie Crehan

EASY has been meeting for a month, and it seems to have flown by. We have a wonderful group of 28 children registered.

There are two adult teachers and two teen staff here every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

We have benefitted through our association with the Unified Lighted School House Program. They have supplied some materials, snacks, and evening



busing. Without their assistance, we would not have been able to expand our program as much as we have.

We are trying to focus on homework assistance and reading. If anyone (from High School age to Seniors) would like to drop in from 3:00 - 3:30 to help with reading or simple homework help, the children would be very grateful. They really do appreciate the special attention.

I'm certain you will enjoy your time with us!

## Racine Vocational Ministry Joins Community Re-entry Program

by Sherry L. Hartog  
Program Director, Racine Vocational Ministry

Hello Friends,

It's been a while since I've had a chance to update you on Racine Vocational Ministry. It's been an exciting and very hectic summer.

Among the successes: We've placed nearly 70 individuals in the past three months and gained one employer in Burlington. We're pleased to begin to work with the Pick 'n Save in Burlington.

We have also recently rolled out the Community Re-entry Program in which violent offenders are reintegrated into the community. This is a partnership among the US Attorney, social service agencies, community and educational agencies, the Department of Corrections, law enforcement, the Mayor of Racine, faith-based communities and employers. Participants in the program are provided with mentors and other supports needed

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## REST Calls Out for Volunteers

by Rev. Kara Baylor  
on behalf of Emmaus, Holy Communion & Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Churches

REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) has opened another season of serving the homeless in Racine. Over the years, the number of guests using the program has grown and the need for volunteers has grown as well.

Each year, seven churches host REST and some have the support of other congregations.

We hope that a single site for REST will be ready in the spring. The single site will provide an opportunity for more congregations to become involved in this valuable ministry.

Your congregation does not have to wait for the single site to open to get involved with REST.

There are three ELCA congregations that host REST each week: Holy Communion hosts on Thursday evenings, Emmaus Lutheran on Friday evenings, and Mt. Pleasant Lutheran on Saturday evenings. Each church has its own schedule and its own volunteer coordinator.

To volunteer for to work at a center, please contact:  
Willa Lynos (Holy Communion), 619-9431  
Chris Lamberton (Emmaus), 639-1712  
Alison Langendorf (Mt. Pleasant),



alison.behren@abbott.com

Part of our call as the body of Christ is to gather together to care for those in need. Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who come to the REST program an in our own lives as well.

*This letter was sent to all ELCA and LCMS churches in Racine.*

## Emmaus REST Needs Drivers

Emmaus REST needs several occasional drivers to drive on Friday nights. This job takes about an hour to an hour and a half on Friday nights.

We also need someone who can pick up bakery from O&H on Friday mornings around 9:15. Please contact either Chris Lamberton (639-1712) or Pat Liesch at the REST office (638-1881).

REST is collecting bus coupons. You may give them to Chris or Pat or mail them to the REST office at 2015 Prospect Street, 53404.



# Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

Please consider a gift or a donation to our Emmaus Giving Tree this Christmas season.

In the third week of November, our Emmaus Giving Tree will stand in the narthex awaiting gifts for some of our Wadewitz Elementary School students, neighborhood children, and some of our own Emmaus families.

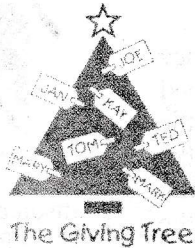
The tree will be decorated with gift cards which will note the sex, age, and size of specific children, and suggested clothing or toy items for you to select. Gifts can be wrapped and returned to our Emmaus Giving Tree by Sunday, December 12 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week.

Monetary donations can be

given through checks made out to Emmaus with "the Giving Tree" noted on the memo line, if you prefer. Your contributions will be used to purchase 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.

Many children 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.



# Racine Vocational Ministry

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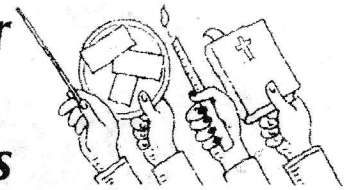
to become successfully reintegrated back into the community. This program seeks to accomplish a safer and more compassionate community of service providers and the faith community as well as making it possible for those who have substantial criminal records to reintegrate into meaningful, living wage employment. This holistic program will also work to meet the needs of the ex-offender's family. If you are interested in

volunteering as a mentor for this program please contact us at 262-633-8660.

Solutions For Success workshops were held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in August, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in September. I'll be out at St. Luke's Episcopal in November. Individuals who participate in the workshops really enjoy seeing your churches, and enjoying the hospitality provided.



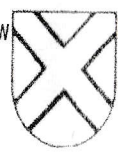


# November Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Nov. 6 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen			
Nov. 7 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Ruth Hlavka	Team 4 John E. Cook	Jennifer Haman Justin Haman
Nov. 13 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Nov. 14 9:15 am		Kylee Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Nov 20 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Nov. 21 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Kathy Christensen	Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field Patrick Jansen
Nov. 24 7:00 pm	Marge Jensen Joy Lippmann		Team 2 Rich Christensen	TBA
Nov. 27 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen			
Nov. 28 9:15 am		Chris Lamberton	Team 3 Howard Jensen	TBA
Dec. 4 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
Dec. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Ev Larsen	Brenda Gieszler	Team 4 John E. Cook	TBA



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 634-5515 http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>	<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS' DAY 10:00 am Sewing circle <i>No EASY</i> 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Sewing circle 7:00 pm Worship & Music cmte.	<b>2</b> ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center <i>No EASY</i> 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm WELCA Board	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Confirmation class	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>6</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm REST (temporarily relocated from Mt. Pleasant)
<b>7</b> ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Sewing circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Sewing circle	<b>9</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church Council meeting	<b>10</b> LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Confirmation class	<b>11</b> VETERANS' DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 12:30 pm EASY	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>13</b> Cluster retreat at Emmanuel 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>14</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 8:45 am Women's chorus rehearsal 9:15 am Worship Service; Healing service 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School 6:00 pm "Extreme Faith" at Atonement Lutheran	<b>15</b> December <i>Visitor</i> articles needed in church office 10:00 am Sewing circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Sewing circle	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>17</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline <i>No EASY (Early release day)</i>	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Olson-Bauer rehearsal 7:00 pm REST	<b>20</b> 2:00 Olson-Bauer wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>21</b> CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 8:30 am Women's chorus rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service: WELCA Thankoffering Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Sewing circle <i>No EASY this week</i> 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Sewing circle	<b>23</b> 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>24</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL classes 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service 8:10 pm Pie social	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING <i>Office closed</i> 	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>27</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>28</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer. 10:15 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Sewing circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Sewing circle	<b>30</b> ST. ANDREW  2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	Dec. 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Confirmation class	<b>2</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp club	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm REST	<b>4</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	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		
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  
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## November Worship-Related Assistants (continued)



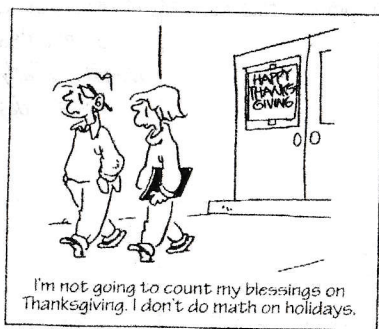
	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Nov. 7	Dave Anderson			Shirley Velzka
Nov. 14	R&K Christensen	Thrivent		
Nov. 21	R&C Bagley	Judy Berndt	Marge Jensen	Carol Eschmann
Nov. 24		Youth pie social		Nancy Brown
Nov. 28	Haanstads			
Dec. 5	J&J Yorgan		Pat Jensen	Gregg Albright

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The fellowship center invites you to join them in the Sunset Room on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon!



### Birthdays This Month: 70 Years and Better

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	130 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., Kenosha	53144 *
Nov. 28	John Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402

\* New address since last year

## Thrivent to Host Coffee Hour

by Joyce Kaiser

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting the coffee hour on November 14. Darrell Reynolds

will be there, so if you have any comments or questions, please come and talk to him. If you don't have any comments or questions, please come and say "Hi".

## Thank You for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to Loren and Cindi Larsen for adopting Sunday, October 24 as part of Emmaus' adopt-a-Sunday program. The

Larsens dedicated the Sunday to God's blessings as they celebrate 29 years of marriage and the birthdays of their sons Eric and Ken.

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

#### Non-designated memorials:

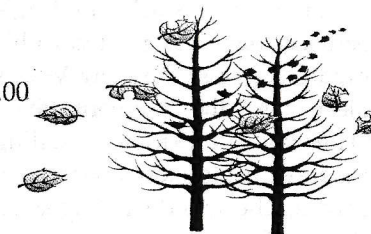
In memory of Bill Christensen: \$230.00

In memory of Lyle Torine: \$50.00

#### Designated for Choir Music:

In honor of Marion Keller: \$30.00

In memory of Dolly Wiley: \$30.00



## Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, September:	2002: 143	2003: 143	2004: 113
Average Weekly Attendance, October:	2002: 164	2003: 145	2004: 115 *
Average Weekly Attendance, November:	2001: 139	2002: 154	

\*As of October 24, 2004

## Financial Figures

		Year to date
General funds receipts in September	\$12,055.40	\$125,152.22
Gift of Love receipts in September	\$170.00	\$170.00
Bldg. Fund offerings received in September	\$ 290.00	\$5,595.00
Unified funds receipts in September	\$12,515.40	\$130,917.22
		Campaign to date
Principal Reduction Fund offerings in Sept.	\$145.00	\$107,600.12
October mortgage payments:		
Principal		\$299.71
Interest		\$692.29
Total		\$992.00
Principal balance as of September 14, 2004		\$136,486.29

## Book Club Meets November 18

The Emmaus book club will discuss a new book at the November meeting. This month's meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. November 18. 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.

## Synod Responds to Belling Criticism

by Ben McDonald Coltvot

MILWAUKEE (Oct. 21) — The Greater Milwaukee Synod was mentioned in Mark Belling's broadcast this week related to his campaign against the New Voters Project. Here's the statement I faxed on Tuesday, Oct. 19 to Mark Belling in response to his telephone inquiry regarding the synod's listing as an endorser of the New Voters Project on their Web site:

"While we in the synod office do not recall endorsing this particular organization

(the New Voters Project), and we were not able to confirm with New Voters Project staff the person or entity who signed the endorsement form, we certainly affirm nonpartisan efforts (such as 'Faithful Democracy') that seek to promote good citizenship, inform voters about their rights and



encourage voters to participate on Nov. 2."

Since that statement was released, I followed up with the New Voters Project and determined that we had not, in fact, been asked to endorse their project. They had erroneously posted a list of what they called "potential coalition partners" on their Web site without our consent. They apologized for the error. I asked them to remove the synod from their list of endorsers, which they did promptly.

We in the synod office made no judgment on the New Voters Project in our statement to Belling. What the statement does say is that as a synod, we affirm nonpartisan efforts to involve voters.

If you would like to find out more about "Faithful Democracy," a grassroots coalition drawn from many faith traditions, please visit [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy) and read more about how we, as people of faith, are called to promote civic action as an act of faith and moral responsibility.

## 'Christian Principles in Election Year' Inspire Hymn

NEW YORK CITY, October 19 — The National Council of Churches' "Christian Principles in an Election Year" have inspired a new hymn: "In Times of Great Decision," by the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, whose hymns are sung in a wide variety of denominational and ecumenical settings.

The Rev. Gillette and her husband, the Rev. Bruce Gillette, are co-pastors of Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Delaware, where they moved two months ago after 10 years of service together at the First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, N.J.

"Bruce found the principles on the Web, and he said, 'You know what? This would make a really neat hymn,'" said the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. "The principles are very biblical, and express the faith we believe, have passed down and try to follow. And they bring focus to what we feel is important in this election."

The NCC's "Christian Principles in an Election Year" urge domestic policies that build "communities shaped by peace and cooperation" and a foreign policy "based on cooperation and global justice." The NCC says it hopes all persons of faith — whether liberal or conservative in their views — will study the principles and use them as they evaluate candidates for public office.

Permissions and other questions may be directed to the Gillettes at [bcgillette@comcast.net](mailto:bcgillette@comcast.net)

The full text of the hymn follows.

### In Times of Great Decision

In times of great decision, be with us, God, we pray!

Give each of us a vision of Jesus' loving way.

When louder words seem endless and other voices sure,

Remind us of your promise: your love and truth endure.

O God, whose gifts are countless, you send us bearing peace.

You fill our dreams with justice for all communities.

You give us global neighbors that all may justly live.

May those we choose as leaders reflect the life you give.

O God, you bridged the distance; you opened wide your door.

You call us by our presence to reach to serve the poor.

You teach us: Welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!

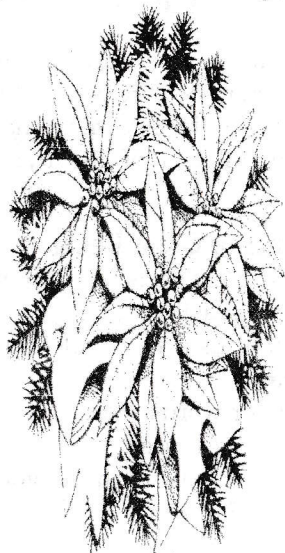
May those we choose as leaders see every person's worth.

You call on every nation to put aside all greed,

To care for your creation and for your ones in need,

To care for those in prison, for children, for the ill.

In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.



*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 \$8.50 each  
(# \_\_\_\_\_ red # \_\_\_\_\_ white # \_\_\_\_\_ pink)

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**Deadline to order and make payment is December 5, 2004.** 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.

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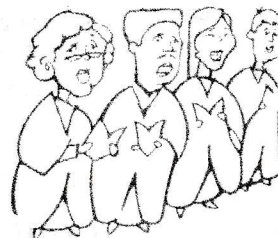
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Elsewhere In Our Area

## Barbershoppers Harmonize at Horlick

Plan to attend the annual music benefit barbershop show, "Holly-Days in Harmony" on Saturday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Horlick High School theatre.

Performers include the Racine Dairy Statesmen Barbershop Chorus, the Horlick High School Madrigal Singers, the Gifford Elementary Choir, the Olympia Brown UUC choir, and a chorus of Racine Unified Music Teachers.



Advance tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, and can be purchased at Nicholson's Photography, Nelson's Variety Stores, Sew 'n' Save of Racine, or the Racine Arts Council. Tickets at the door are \$1.00 extra.

Proceeds from the show will go toward the purchase of needed supplies and equipment for use by students throughout the Racine Unified School District.

## Practically Green Retreat Offered

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, will host "Practically Green: An Environmental Vision for

Congregational Life: a retreat for the Racine cluster churches" on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 to 12:00.

Dr. David Rhoads of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will present an inspirational challenge about our Christian responsibility to care for creation followed by practical suggestions and the sharing of resources. Anyone interested in learning more about how to combine environmental concerns with the Christian life is encouraged to attend.

For ecological information for churches, see [www.webofcreation.org](http://www.webofcreation.org)

## Calvary Brookfield Hosts Organ Concert

An organ recital will be presented by Bill Bravener, Director of Music, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1750 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI on Sunday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m.

The program will include organ works by Felix Mendelssohn, Richard Billingham, and Robert Hobby on Calvary's 24-rank Dobson pipe organ. All are welcome to attend.

## Lutherdale Benefit Celebrates 60 Years

Lutherdale Bible Camp is celebrating 60 years of ministry and the many lives that have been touched and changed by this ministry. This celebration will include a benefit to raise funds to complete the much-needed cabin on the north side of the campus.



Auction items include a three-piece set of living room furniture, jewelry, drills and other tools, a Lionel train set, doll furniture, an antique Adirondack toboggan, restaurant and business certificates, and more.

Entry is free, but there is a charge of \$1 per bidding number for the voice auction. Call 554-7747 for more information.

Lutherdale invites you to their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration benefit gala in the Lutherdale dining hall Sunday, November 7. Activities begin at 3:00 p.m., with an elegant six-course dinner served at 5:00 followed by music and dancing to 8:00.

This is a coat and tie occasion costing \$60 per person. Activities include a "high-end" silent auction, and a drawing for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt. Contributions are entirely tax-deductible; 100% of donations go to the Cabin Appeal.

Limited space is available; call for reservations at 262-742-2352 or e-mail [lutherdale@lutherdale.org](mailto:lutherdale@lutherdale.org)

## Messiah Hosts Auction

Come to Messiah Lutheran Church's old fashioned auction Saturday, November 13. Doors open at 1:00; the auction runs until 5:00 p.m.

## Concert Aids Respite Services

The eighth annual musical fund raising event for Respite Services of Lincoln Lutheran will take place on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

The program will showcase some of Racine's finest talents. Performing this year will be Grant Malme on piano, and singing groups Caritas and Dairy Statesmen.

A reception with soup, beverages and dessert will follow the concert.

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Respite Services office (2000 Domanik Drive), or at the door. There is a \$1 discount on tickets purchased in advance. For further information, contact Respite Services at 632-9828. All proceeds benefit Respite Services programs.

## Carthage Concert Scheduled Dec. 3-6

This year's Christmas Festival at Carthage College, "A Little Child Shall Lead... A Festival of Readings and Carols," is offered

Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 p.m.

## Offering help and hope after 2004 hurricanes

For six weeks in August and September, hurricanes ravaged and floods raged throughout the Southern and Eastern United States, Bahamas, and Caribbean. The unprecedented scope of this disaster spans from New York to Haiti, from Granada to Louisiana. Though the devastation,

both domestically and internationally, is immense, our capacity to offer help and hope is far greater. Through ELCA Disaster Response, you are there...

- In Haiti, where the death toll from flooding continues to rise, and where chronic hunger and poverty make recovery even more difficult. With Lutheran World Federation, we provide emergency food and water relief and will stay with Haiti as communities rebuild.
- In Florida, where grants from Lutheran Disaster Response will help seniors on fixed incomes and others in crisis meet needs unmet by insurance and FEMA.
- With migrant farm workers throughout the Southeast, now displaced and unemployed due to the destruction of crops. Emergency food and shelter will help those who were vulnerable even before storms struck.
- Providing care to caregivers and to communities in crisis. Care and counseling for caregivers and communities under prolonged stress is a critical ministry following major disasters.

Our prayers and gifts for these neighbors in crisis are urgently needed. Designating your gifts where help is most needed allows for the greatest flexibility in our recovery efforts. See [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster) for more information.



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Give through your congregation or directly to: ELCA Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. One hundred percent of your gift will be used as you designate. With a major credit card give online at [www.elca.org/disaster/howtogive.html](http://www.elca.org/disaster/howtogive.html) or call 800/638-3522.



# Who Is Our Guide?

It was our second day in Japan. Already disoriented by a 14-hour time change, a different culture and a language we didn't understand, we didn't know what the new day would bring when the alarm rang loudly at 4:30 a.m.

A crazy hour to get up? Probably. But our host, Marty Aiken, assured us that we had to get us that early if we *really* wanted to experience the huge fish market in Tokyo. So we quickly got ready and shuffled to the driveway.

There we were in the dark (both literally and figuratively) when Marty set the GPS navigational system mounted on the dashboard of his car. The recorded English voice of the GPS told us when to change lanes or to anticipate an upcoming exit.

Marty, proud owner of a new Japanese driver's license, was comfortable driving on the left side of the road, as is custom in Japan. He also had his "magic" ETC device mounted on the car (like the E2 pass on our tollways, which allows a vehicle to pass through tolls without stopping to pay), and we arrived at our destination without incident.

A local vendor observed our

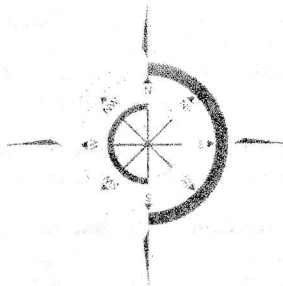
uncertainty as we walked along a street bustling with carts and trucks. Merchandise of fish and other food was being set up in the stalls and shops along the way. We were directed down the street and around the corner. There it was – possibly the largest fish market in the world!

Hundreds of bikes of the workers were parked at the entrance. The activity was mind boggling – movement everywhere. In addition to the people, there were carts, motorized vehicles, flatbeds, ice chunks, and large quantities of hundreds of varieties of fish. Although we were separated for a time, the four of us eventually ended up at the area where the large tunas were being auctioned.

Leaving the market, we then stopped to sample the fare. After raw fish and sushi for breakfast (and wondering if I would ever master chop sticks), we were off again. The next stop was Starbuck's coffee, only a few blocks away. What a contrast!

It was later that morning that Marty dropped Nancy, Art and me off half a block from the local subway/train station. Telling us to go there and wait for him in the waiting room, he went to park the

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# Pastor Mary's Column

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car at home. The first time on our own since our arrival, we *thought* we knew where to go.

Spotting a train across the street, we climbed stairs leading to that area. And then we waited and waited and waited.

Where was Marty? Had he been detained?

Finally, he arrived, *very* flustered. Why were we *there*? Why had not we gone where he had told us to go? We had ventured off to a completely different area than he had expected us to be.

The funny thing is that although we were lost, we had *no* clue that was the case. It was up to our friend and guide, Marty, to discover we were lost and to find us!

I s n ' t following Jesus a lot like that? He leads us and guides us as we go through some pretty dark and unknown territory. And how reassuring it is that even while we

wander and get lost (and often *think* we know where we are or should be), we can count on a Shepherd who will seek us out, call our name and be overjoyed when we are found.

Sometimes I guess I need to get out of my comfort zone to remember Lesson 101: Trust. Follow. We do need a Companion and Guide on the journey!

May Christ's Spirit guide and lead us each and every day.

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Mary*  
Pastor Mary

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1925 Summit Ave.

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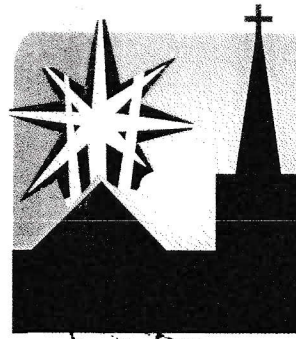
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## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Alexis Nicole Christensen  
October 31, 2004

Alexis is the six-year-old daughter of Nicole Christensen and the granddaughter of Jim and Maggie Christensen. Her sponsors are Lizz Bosanko and Dana Christensen.

### Wedding:

Michelle Olson  
David Bauer  
November 20, 2004

Michelle and David are students at UW-Milwaukee. Both are graduates of Horlick High School. Michelle will graduate from UW-M in December, and David looks forward to a 2005 graduation.

## Begin Your Christmas with Christ

Emmaus celebrates Advent and Christmas with a variety of special worship services this month.

### Sunday School Program

Our Sunday School children perform their Christmas drama, "The Dream" by Cheryl Roan, during the 9:15 worship service Sunday morning, December 19.

### Christmas Eve

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 celebrated at both the 4:30 and 10:30 services.

### Saturday Services

There will not be Saturday evening worship services on December 25 or January 1.

### Service of Carols

Our December 26 Sunday morning worship service will be filled with familiar Christmas carols.

### Closer Needed Dec. 26

Pastor Mary will be out of town December 26-28. We need a member of the congregation to be responsible for locking up the building and turning off the lights after the worship service Dec. 26.

Please contact the church office (634-5515).



## Senior Center Schedule Changed for December

The December dates for Senior Center will be December 7 and December 14. Pat Jensen will prepare the noon meal for both gatherings.

At 10:30 a.m. December 7, pianist Helen Gill will share

Christmas music.

The following Tuesday, Pastor Mary will lead the group as they discuss customs of Christmas.

The center opens its doors at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and conversation.

## Mark These Dates on Your 2005 Calendar



40 Days of Purpose — begins January 29

Fiesta Mexicana — April 16

Mission Trip to Texas/Mexico (tentative) — week of July 25

Staff Training for Neighborhood Camp — week of June 13

Neighborhood Camp — June 20 - July 21

Pre-school Vacation Bible School — July 25-29

Mass on the Grass/Neighborhood Carnival — July 24

### Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Council President: Brenda Gieszler

Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller

Community Outreach Minister: Valerie Crehan

Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis

Secretary: Paul Berge

Custodians: Kerry Hunter & Jeff White

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15; we will not have Saturday services on Dec. 25 or Jan 1. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School Dec. 26 or Jan. 2).

Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, December 24.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Dec. 27).

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# Confirmation Class Sponsors Bake Sale

The confirmation class is sponsoring a "priceless" bake sale on Sunday, December 5. Everyone is encouraged to support this fund raiser with donations of baked goods, money or purchases of baked goods.

All proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for underserved neighborhood kids and their families.

Why "priceless"? One brownie or one muffin might very well be "worth" a twenty dollar bill, especially when the purchaser knows where the money will be used.

## Gift Shopping Trip

Confirmation kids will have a blitz shopping trip on Wednesday, December 8 at Regency Mall. Kids may meet at Pastor Mary's house at 6:00 p.m. for a ride, or at the

## Bake Sale



Information Desk at the mall at 6:30 p.m.

We'll meet at 10:45 a.m. **Sunday**, December 12 for a gift-wrapping party.

Thanks!

Thanks to those who contributed pies for the Thanksgiving Pie Social!

## December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 7	Erin Balthazar	9
Dec. 7	Zach LaVassar	3
Dec. 9	Jacob Dresen	5
Dec. 11	Elizabeth Orth	4
Dec. 18	Jasmine Krug	3
Dec. 27	Laura Olson	18
Dec. 29	Ashley Lamberton	18
Dec. 30	Alex Villalobos	7

# Congregation Presents Bibles to Sunday School Students

During the 9:15 a.m. worship service on December 5, Pastor Mary will present Bibles to our fourth grade Sunday School students and other youth who have recently joined the congregation.



Each Bible has the name of its new owner embossed on the front cover.

We ask parents to contribute \$5.00 toward the cost of their child's Bible. The congregation picks up the remaining \$12.50 of the cost; designated gifts are welcome.

# Sunday School Presents 'The Dream' Dec. 19

by Denise Keller

The last few weeks and continuing through December 19, the Sunday School has been working very hard on rehearsing for the Christmas program.

This year's program is called "The Dream" by Cheryl Roan. Rehearsals will continue each Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will also have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m. with a pizza lunch to follow.

The performance will be on December 19 at the 9:15 a.m. service. After the service, we will have cake, cookies and fellowship down in Fellowship Hall in celebration of Jesus' birthday.

## Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to make this program successful. Without your dedication and commitment to our Sunday School, we could not have pulled off a great show.

Thank you to all the Sunday School volunteer staff: Jamie Toslek, Kris Smith, Traci Jansen, Denise Johnson and Jackie Orth.

Thank you to Jodi Bohon, Stephanie Lopez, Kylee Albright, and Nathan Albright for their help and musical talents.

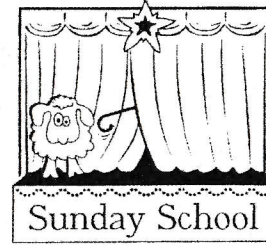
Thank you to the Monday Night Sewing Women for organizing and cleaning out the prop room. Thank you to all the parents who have shared their children with us, brought them to Sunday School each week, practiced with them at home to learn lines and for their support throughout the months of November and December.

And I cannot forget a big thank you to all the Sunday School kids for working so hard and doing a great job with this year's production. They worked hard learning their lines, roles and songs this year.

## Christmas Holiday

There will be no Sunday School on December 26 and January 2. Classes will resume on January 9.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!



## Sunday School Christmas Program



# Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

Our Emmaus Giving Tree stands in the narthex awaiting gifts for some of our Wadewitz Elementary School students, neighborhood children, and some of our own Emmaus families.

The tree is decorated with gift cards which will note the sex, age, and size of specific children, and suggested clothing or toy items for you to select. Gifts can be wrapped and returned to our Emmaus Giving Tree by Sunday, December 12 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week.

Monetary donations can be



given through checks made out to Emmaus with "the Giving Tree" noted on the memo line, if you prefer. Your contributions will be used to purchase 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.

Many children 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.

## Kids Collect Care Items for Service Members

In this time of thanks and giving, we have had many requests to provide care packages to the members of our congregation who are serving in the military. A list of items useful to service members is printed on page 7. Our Sunday School and confirmation students have begun donating items from the list in place of the regular Sunday School offering.



Thank you for your help and generosity. If you know of a family member or friend who would appreciate being remembered with a care package, please call the church office with details.

One or more adults are needed to help with packing and mailing. Please see Pastor Mary.

### TOILETRIES AND PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES:

#### TOILETRIES:

- Baby Wipes/cleansing wipes
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Shampoo, deodorant, lotion
- Soap, Anti-bacterial soap
- Waterless soap, liquid body wash
- Hand sanitizer
- Shaving cream, disposable razors
- Electric razors, battery-operated razors
- Toilet Paper, Kleenex (Travel size packets)
- Eyeglass wipes, Eyeglass case

#### PERSONAL-CARE ITEMS:

- Sunblock, Aloe Vera
- Throat Lozenges, cough drops
- Gum, Lifesavers, Mints
- Eye Drops
- Blistex, Chapstick, Vaseline, Carmex
- Aspirin, Motrin, Tylenol, Pain Relievers
- Saline spray/drops for nasal passages
- Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene products for Military women
- Jock itch spray
- Boot liners/insoles, moleskin
- Lotrimin AF for athletes foot
- Foot Powder, Shower-to-Shower Powder
- Laundry soap (tablets)

### OTHER PERSONAL SUPPLIES:

#### COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

- Envelopes, paper, pens
- Small pads of paper
- Pre-addressed labels and/or envelopes
- Notebooks (a size they can keep in a pocket and keep dry)
- Single-use Cameras
- Photos from home
- Small cassette player w/ pre-recorded tape and blank tapes

#### PERSONAL ITEMS:

- Cigarettes, chew
- Sunglasses, Goggle-type sunglasses

#### OTHER SUPPLIES:

- Batteries (AA, AAA, C)
- Duct tape: military green, tan, black, gray
- Super Glue
- Electrical tape
- Flashlight with a red lens
- 1 and 2-gallon ziplock plastic bags
- Bungee cords

### READING MATERIAL:

- Newspaper clippings, Comics from Sunday's paper
- Newspapers, Newspapers from home
- Paperback Books and Magazines

### CLOTHING:

- Socks, underwear, T-shirts
- Green T-shirts, White T-Shirts
- Green boot socks, Black boot socks

### FUN STUFF:

- Frisbee, Nerf Football, Hacky Sack
- Decks of cards
- Hand-held games
- Music CDs
- Video Game CDs for laptop computers

### FOOD AND DRINK ITEMS:

#### DRINK ITEMS:

- Coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix
- Pre-sweetened Drink mixes
- Tang drink mix, Gatorade powder

#### CANDY/COOKIES/SWEETS

- Cookies, Homemade Cookies
- Candy, Candy bars
- Gum, Lifesavers, Mints

#### NUTS, TRAILMIX, BARS

- Small bags of snacks or individually wrapped snacks
- Peanuts, Trail mix
- Power bars, Protein Bars, Nutritional Bars
- Breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, granola bars

#### CHIPS/CRACKERS

- Pringles, Tostitos (nacho chips in a pringle-type can)
- Canned nacho cheese dip and salsa (not in a glass jar)
- Jalapeno velveeta cheese
- Crackers, flavored Snack Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Gardetti's Snack Mix, Bagel Chips

#### JERKY/SOUPS/MEALS

- Beef jerky (certified and labeled USDA Grade A)
- beef summer sausage (certified and labeled USDA Grade A)
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti, canned soups
- Styrofoam Cup Ravioli/Spaghetti, Meals
- Ramen Noodles
- Tuna salad lunch kits, Tuna in a pouch, Canned Tuna
- Canned Sardines, Smoked Oysters, Smoked Clams
- Beef Slim Jims

## Smith Family Adopts Sunday

Our thanks to the following, for adopting November Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

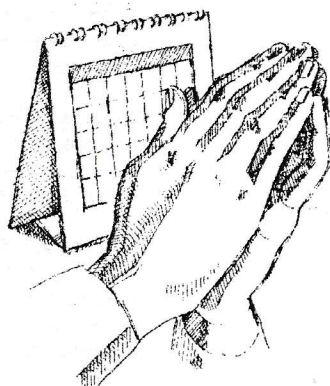
Nancy Smith, Abby Jones,

and Jon & Josh Smith, in honor of Art Smith.

The Adopt-a-Sunday program is part of Emmaus' debt retirement drive.

## Council Encourages Forty Days of Purpose

A best seller for many months, Rick Warren's book *A Purpose Driven Life* has caught the attention of millions of readers nationwide. Church groups of many denominations have been guided by the book and the program, "Forty Days of Purpose," asking themselves the question, "What is my purpose here on this earth?"



Packed with Scripture references, the book attempts to address that and similar questions. Small group discussion is stimulated and relationships are built as discussion groups meet weekly for six weeks to talk about the book and related video. Participants gain new insights by sharing their varied points of view and interpretations of Scripture.

After discussion at its November meeting, the church council encouraged the

introduction of "40 Days of Purpose" at Emmaus. Beginning January 29, weekly groups will meet at the church and in homes. The groups will be open to Emmaus members and friends and neighbors alike.

Plan to participate in this very non-threatening, easy-to-follow program and expect it to make a difference in your life! More information will be coming in the near future.

If you are interested in helping in any way with 40 Days of Purpose (publicity, phone calls, office work, hosting a small group, serving at a fellowship event), please see Pastor Mary, Brenda Gieszler, or contact the church office.

*"Christmas may be a day of feasting or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance — a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved."*

— Augusta E. Rundell

## What Will Your Gift Be?

Gifts! Gifts! Gifts! Thinking about gift giving, and being a giver and receiver of gifts — it's all so prevalent this time of year.

In the midst of sales flyers, shopping lists and pressures from the secular world, we are bombarded with urging us to be even greater consumers of "stuff."

During this Advent season, we are challenged to reflect on what Gift really means —

- the gift of creation — air, water, earth and the universe. What marvelous gifts from God! How are we caring for these priceless God-given gifts?
- the gift of life — the miracle we call life is such a mystery. How do we partner with our Creator to ensure the well-being of *all* living creatures?



- the gift of love — we look forward once again to the incarnation of God's love (simply stated: God in the flesh) as we anticipate the birth of God's Son, Jesus. How do we prepare to receive the most precious gift of all?

And, as recipients of all of these God-given gifts, how do we say thank you for these gifts of life and love? How are we called to share them with others?

The third Sunday in Advent, all members and friends of Emmaus will be given the opportunity to make a commitment for 2005. Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Sue Ruehle, will preach December 11 and 12. Pastor Mary and the Green Team will share important news.

Monetary Commitments will be made to support the on-going ministry of Emmaus. We will pause to say "thank you" to our God who has been *so* generous with us in the first place.

What will *your* gift be?

## Gifts of Appreciated Assets Can Help at Tax Time

Appreciated assets, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds or real estate can be an excellent alternative to giving cash or writing out a check to Emmaus.

Another possibility that allows you to keep income for your lifetime, (or two lifetimes or a

period of years) at a percentage of the full fair market value, is to give the asset to a charitable remainder trust. You can fulfill your commitment or desire to give just the same but there are other financial benefits.

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# If You Like to Breathe, Read On

by Julie Hansen

Fresh air, clear blue skies and green grass. God's free gifts to humankind, right? Well, yes, but as inhabitants of God's earth, we also know we are responsible to protect and ensure these gifts are available to many generations to come.

Sounds like a big job – with global warming, pollution, acid rain and a hole in the ozone layer threatening us. Fortunately, addressing these problems and repairing some of the harm we have inflicted on Mother Earth has become a global priority, and people everywhere are working hard to correct our mistakes and plan for the future through "greening" initiatives.

The Green Congregation Program is one of these initiatives led by David Rhoads and sponsored by Lutheran School of Theology Web of Creation and Racine Cluster Congregations ELCA. All congregations are invited to "Love

God, love your neighbor and care for creation" by promoting a healthy environment and helping heal God's creation.

Here's your chance to be a part of Emmaus' Green Team – members and interested people with goals of raising awareness of environmental issues and solutions, enacting change in behaviors and thinking, and exploring new ideas for reducing our negative impact on creation within our congregation, community and beyond.

The work is fun and has huge benefits, but we need heads, hearts and hands! Everyone is welcome to a kick-off meeting (to be scheduled for early 2005) to brainstorm, create work groups and design our congregation's mission statement. If you're motivated to help, or just want to come and see what it's about, call Pastor Mary at 633-3059 or Julie Hansen at 884-6529 for details.



## Appreciated Assets

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In most cases, when you have owned an asset for at least one year and give it to your church or other qualified charity, the full fair market value of your property is tax deductible. Since you are donating and not selling the property, you

also avoid having to pay capital gains tax. And if one of your goals is also to reduce the value of your estate to minimize estate taxes at the time of your death, donating appreciated assets can be a very effective way to achieve that as well.

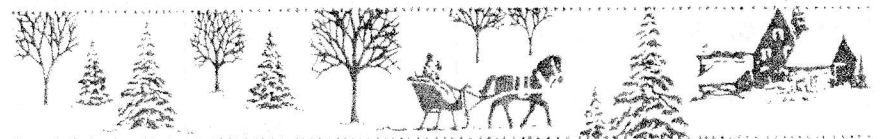
## December Worship Assistants

## Advent Candle Lighters


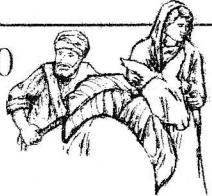

- Nov. 28: Tepley family
- Dec. 5: Lang family
- Dec. 12: Nicole & Alexis Christensen
- Dec. 19: Nelson-Robinson family

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Dec. 4 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt			
Dec. 5 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Ev Larsen	Brenda Gieszler	Team 4 John E. Cook	Ryan Lamberton Melanie Andersen
Dec. 11 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Kelley Christman			
Dec. 12 9:15 am		Kelsey Albright	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Dec. 18 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Dec. 19 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	John Knuteson	Team 1 Harold Miller	Zach Robinson Courtney Jansen
Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen		Team 2 Rich Christensen	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Evelyn Larsen		Team 3 Howard Jensen	Justin Haman Jennifer Haman
Dec. 26 9:15 am		Randy Sanders	Team 4 John E. Cook	
Jan. 2 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Sandy Strini		Aaron Smith Hailey Sommer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>DECEMBER, 2004</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church emmaus@execpc.com ☎ 262 634-5515 📍 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine</p>			<b>1</b> WORLD AIDS DAY 1:30 pm WELCA Cookie pack 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Confirmation class	<b>2</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Hanging of the greens 6:30 pm Hanging of the greens 7:00 pm REST	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Hanging of the greens 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>5</b> THE 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Adult Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>LBW</i> Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Priceless bake sale 10:30 am Sunday School	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 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> HANUKKAH 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes 6:30 pm Confirmation Christmas shopping	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>10</b> 11:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 7:00 pm REST	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>12</b> THE 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship Service: <i>WOW</i> Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Confirmation gift wrapping <i>No "Extreme Faith" in December</i>	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Senior Citizen Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	<b>15</b> 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL classes Jan. <i>Visitor</i> articles due	<b>16</b> <i>No Book club in December</i> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm REST  	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Sunday School prog. rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<b>19</b> THE 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir practice 9:15 am Worship service with Sunday School Program 10:30 am Fellowship & coffee 10:30 am Sunday School Birthday party for Jesus	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> ST. THOMAS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 pm REST 4:30 pm Festival Service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle light service with Holy Communion	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY <i>No Saturday worship service</i>
<b>26</b> THE 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 9:15 am Worship Service: Service of lessons and carols 10:30 am Fellowship & coffee <i>No Sunday School</i>	<b>27</b> ST. JOHN <i>Church office closed</i>  Pastor Mary out of town ◀◀Dec. 26-28▶▶	<b>28</b> HOLY INNOCENTS 5:00 pm TOPS 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEAR'S EVE <i>Church office closed at noon</i> 3:00 pm REST	Jan. 1, 2005 <i>No Saturday worship service</i>

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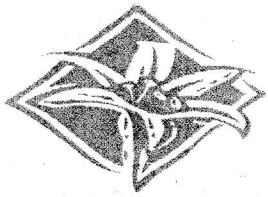
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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
<b>GROCERY &amp; DRUG STORES</b>				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	NEW! 2%	\$20		
<b>TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS</b>				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube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

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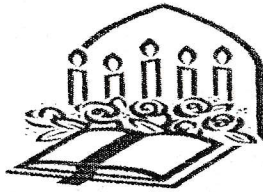
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Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

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## December Worship Assistants

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	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Dec. 5	Jim & Judy Yorgan	Yorgans		Shirley Velzka
Dec. 12	Gil & Barb Toslek	Green team & Judy Berndt		
Dec. 19	Dave & Shawn Douglas	J&K Cook		Caren Lamberton
Dec. 24			Pat Jensen	4:30: P&R Jensen, Joy Lippmann 10:30: C. Larsen, K. Sedgwick, K. Albright
Dec. 26				
Jan. 2	Shirley Velzka			TBA

## Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The fellowship center invites you to join them in the Sunset Room on the **first and second** Tuesdays of this month, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon!



### December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
Dec. 5	Milt Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Dec. 11	Tedine Roos	1428 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Longview WA	98632 *
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	11515 1 <sup>st</sup> St. Lot 119, Sturt.	53177
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

\* New address since last year; has transferred away.

## Emmaus Hosts Homeless on Christmas, New Year's

by Pat Liesch

Emmaus REST will once again serve the homeless on Christmas Eve and New Years' Eve, opening at 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help cover those hours. If you are by yourself, or if you and your family want to put more meaning in your holiday season, please consider volunteering with us.

No time to volunteer? We could always use someone to help cook a special meal for our REST



guests on Christmas Eve, or whip up some special treats and appetizers for New Years' Eve. If you can help in any way, please contact Chris Lamberton (639-1712) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

Emmaus REST is also in need of winter hats, gloves and men's winter coats, size extra large and larger. If you have items to spare, please bring them to the REST closet downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Thanks so much, and have a blessed Christmas season.

## Emmaus to Serve Community Meal Dec. 2

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 2 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you 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.

## Pastor Sue Bowen Joins Emmaus Visitation Team

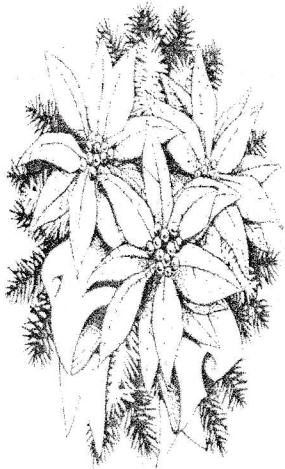
Pastor Sue Bowen began visiting several of Emmaus' homebound members in early October. She now spends two to three hours each week making home visits.

Pastor Sue has also provided some leadership in worship this fall, including the November 14 healing service.



Rev. Sue Bowen

In addition to serving three days a week as a chaplain at Froedtert Hospital, Pastor Sue enjoys a number of other interests. She and her husband Thom are part owners of the Working Dog Art gallery on Sixth Street. A lover of gardening and floral arranging, Sue has turned that interest into a part-time business of custom arrangements for home decorating.



We invite you to order poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for the Christmas Eve worship service. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the 10:30 p.m. service on December 24, or you may indicate that you would prefer to have yours delivered to a shut-in member.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias  
at \$8.50 each  
(# \_\_\_\_\_ red # \_\_\_\_\_ white # \_\_\_\_\_ pink)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

As a MEMORIAL for: \_\_\_\_\_

and/or to HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to order and make payment is **December 5, 2004**. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24.

Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

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Worship & Music Notes

## Act Very, Very Fast

If you are interested in serving as a communion assistant, please contact Kathy Christensen at

886-2151 before December 1 so that you can be included in the 2005 schedule.

## Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, so church council members and organizations of course are eagerly looking forward to preparing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the February 6 annual meeting, the office would like reports turned in by January 18.

Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail. The office computer should be able to open files submitted in the following Windows file formats: WordPerfect 8 or before; MS Word 97 or before; Rich Text Format; and spreadsheets in Quattro Pro 6 or before; or Lotus 123 4.0 or before.

### Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, October:	2002: 164	2003: 145	2004: 134
Average Weekly Attendance, November:	2002: 154	2003: 151	2004: 128
Thanksgiving Eve attendance	2002: 60	2003: 71	2004: 117
Average Weekly Attendance, December:	2002: 154	2003: 151	

### Financial Figures

		<u>Year to date</u>
General funds receipts in October	\$14,068.05	\$139,220.27
Gift of Love receipts in October	\$0.00	\$170.00
Bldg. Fund offerings received in October	\$ 260.00	\$5,855.00
Unified funds receipts in October	\$14,328.05	\$145,245.27
		<u>Campaign to date</u>
Principal Reduction Fund offerings in Oct.	\$20.00	\$107,620.12
November mortgage payments:		
Principal	\$303.81	
Additional principal	525.00	
Interest	\$688.19	
Total	\$1,517.00	
Principal balance as of November 12, 2004		\$135,595.63

## 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 food or money to the Northside Food Pantry.



Remember the hungry as you fill up the grocery cart in the narthex. Useful items include:

### Meat & protein (most needed)

- canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned meats (Spam, ham)
- peanut butter
- canned chili and stew

### Heat & eat

- canned spaghetti/ravioli
- pork and beans
- corned beef hash
- soup

### Grains & vegetables

- breakfast cereal
- instant oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
- muffin mix
- crackers, saltines
- corn meal
- flour, cake mixes

### Fruit

- canned (any kind)
- juices (canned, bottled, or boxed)
- dried fruit (e.g., raisins)

### Starches

- hamburger and tuna helper
- instant potatoes

- macaroni & cheese
  - pasta (any variety)
  - rice (plain or flavored)
- Condiments/baking
- all-purpose spices (salt, pepper, etc.)
  - sugar
  - cooking oil
  - mayonnaise
  - ketchup/mustard

### Vegetables

- canned (all varieties)

### Milk

- powdered milk
- pudding

### Miscellany

- toothbrushes, toothpaste
- deodorant, antiperspirant
- soaps (bath, hair, dish and laundry)
- feminine products
- food wraps
- toilet paper

### Baby items (least needed)

- diapers (medium to large)
- baby shampoo
- cereal
- baby formula

Donations can be dropped off in the cart in the narthex. Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."



## WELCA Bulletins

### Bring Cookies to December 1 Christmas Party

The women's Christmas meeting and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 1 in the Sunset Room. Please bring cookies to share with a shut-in and a Christmas memory, story, etc. to share (if you so desire).



All women of the congregation are invited. Please come.

St. Paul Women Host Case Singers

The Women of St. Paul's

Lutheran Church, 3011 Erie Street, invite the women of Emmaus to begin your holidays with an evening of music and fellowship featuring the Case High School Master Singers, Monday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The Women of St. Paul's will serve dessert and coffee after the program. RSVP my Monday, December 6, to Eileen Cook, 639-2071, or the St. Paul's church office, 639-2038.

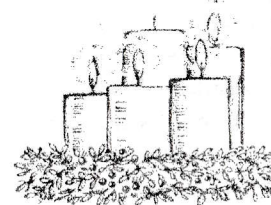
## MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

### Non-designated memorials:

In memory of LeRoy Protheroe: \$10.00

### Honoraria designated for Kitchen:

In honor of Kathy Christensen: \$65.00



## Capital Fund Drive Set for January

When the congregation approved \$95,000 in expenditures for major renovation and maintenance of the church and parsonage last summer, a capital fund drive was also approved. The drive is to be designated for making principal payments on the existing mortgage, eliminating the debt more quickly.

Gregg Albright and Dave

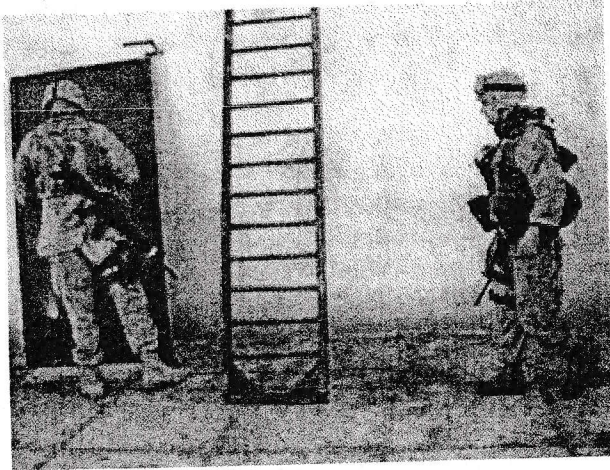
Douglas will head the capital fund drive in January. Opportunity will be given to make one- to three-year pledges at that time.

Any member wishing to contribute to the fund early in order to be credited for the 2004 tax year should designate the gift "Debt Retirement." 100% of the gifts will be used to reduce the principal on our existing mortgage.

## Eric Larsen Reports from Falluja

Dear family,

Eric called at midnight our time last night. Son Ken woke us with "It's Eric. Don't worry, he's okay!"



Eric went forward with nine other Marines to set up communications in a building to be used for the civilian headquarters for the new city government in Falluja as well as for the USMC advisers. He did say there was some gunfire, but nothing too close to them as they sandbagged the building where they would be staying. He is currently taking residence there as they watch over communication equipment.

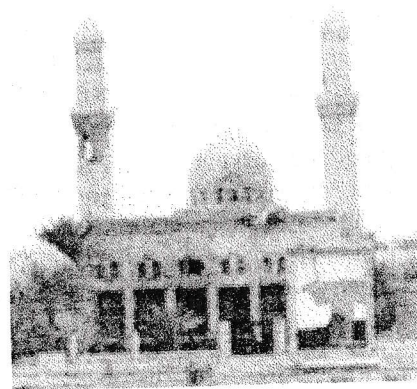
Several generals and other major leaders have stopped in as the clean-up and set up of this building has begun. Meals have been MRE's with some water available recently for a shampoo. He is proud of the

Marines who have worked hard to set up this initial facility. Eric is also pleased that he has been able to be responsible for an assignment of his own, rather than being the extra officer.

He has promised us to continue to take good care of himself and of his Marines. Eric also expressed his sincere thanks for all your prayers and cards/letters/packages you may have sent. Life has been too busy to send out personal thanks.

As his parents we would like to express our heartfelt thanks as well. It is with God's strength that we are continuing to support our son Eric and his Marines.

—Cindi & Loren Larsen  
November 21, 2004



## 'Preservationist' Author Googles Book Club Announcement

Hello,

I'm David Maine and I wrote the novel that you all read for your October 21 book club meeting, *The Preservationist*. I found your site while doing a Google on myself (yes, I'm that vain.)

I missed your meeting but thought that if you had any questions about the book or the writing of it following your discussion, I'd be happy to think about them. I did this once with another reading group and they seemed to think it added something

new to their discussion. Obviously if you have moved on to the next book and you're not interested, I understand.

Talk to you soon (maybe). If you do write, please put "Emmaus Reading Group" or something in the subject line so that I know not to delete the unfamiliar message. Thanks.

Cheers,

— Dave Maine

dmloveletters@yahoo.com

November 4, 2004

### Elsewhere in Our Area

## Ascension in Milwaukee Hosts Concert

The Ascension Music Ministry invites you to "A Glorious Christmas," Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

This blessed Advent season, Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, will present its 76th annual Candlelight

Concert in the traditional style, featuring anthems and carols by the Senior Choir, as well as selections by soloists, handbells and organ.

The Renaissance Brass are featured guest artists. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

## Concert at Holy Communion Benefits REST

REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Task force) presents The Dairy Statesman concert at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. Sixth Street, at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 12. The Park High School Fantastic Vocal Ensemble will also perform.

A free will offering will be taken during the concert.

Refreshments will be served afterward.

## New Radio Program Offers Biblical Perspective

Saturday morning, December 4, at 9:30 a.m. on 540 AM "WRRD - The Word" a weekly 30-minute talk show called "Living in the Light" will debut. Hosted by Pastor Alan Lindberg, the show will feature the husband and wife team of Pastor Gary and Emily Heath. This fresh new contemporary topical radio show will offer healthy, and in many cases, life changing biblically-based advice for all sorts of life's circumstances.

Experience the warm camaraderie and friendly humor of these three well-seasoned professionals.

Moderator Alan Lindberg is a long-time pastor who produced and hosted the TV Show "Face to Face" on WTMJ Channel 4 for 15 years. "Face to Face" highlighted the many facets of faith communities in Southeastern Wisconsin. Alan, known as a creative and articulate interviewer, brings his energy and life experience to the conversation.

Rev. Gary and Emily, married for 29 years, draw from their personal life experiences and speak from the heart on today's issues. Gary, with over 25 years in Christian counseling as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist combined

with many years as a pastor, offers yet another perspective from both a biblical and professional viewpoint.

The Heaths also encourage listeners to mail or email their questions, solutions for life challenges or funny anecdotes ([kairos@christosministries.org](mailto:kairos@christosministries.org)) to share on the air.

The Heaths promise that it will be the best half hour you've spent in a long time. Since it's radio, you can listen while you're driving to the store, cleaning the house, tuning up the car — anywhere you're within earshot of a radio!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Corner of Washington & Taylor Avenues in Racine

2nd Annual

### Advent Festival & Mansion Tour

Saturday, December 4 10 - 3 p.m.  
Sunday, December 5\* 11 - 3 p.m.  
Friday, December 10 5 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, December 11 10 - 3 p.m.

\* 9:00 a.m. Church Service - All are Welcome!!

"Celebrate the Advent season by enjoying this new holiday tradition with family and friends!!"  
Rev. Tracy Langerud, Pastor

- \* Historic George Murray House/Kearney Mansion Tour
- \* Theme Rooms designed for Hymns of Christmas
- \* Local Musical groups entertaining throughout the Festival
- \* Luncheon available on both Saturdays
- \* Baked Goods & Refreshments for sale each day
- \* View the Gunderson Clouds & Noah's Ark Mural
- \* Tour Holiday decorated Sanctuary and Narthex
- \* and Much More !!

Admission: Children 12 & under: \$2.00 / Adults: \$5.00  
Free Will offering of food items for pantry gladly accepted.

[www.oursaviorsracine.com](http://www.oursaviorsracine.com)

## Pastor Mary's Column

### A Trust from God

When I was growing up, my mother trusted me with a weekly allowance. How would I spend it? It was all up to me!

In the mix, there was stuff for myself, an occasional gift for a family member and some money for Sunday School offering. Not being as frugal as my younger sister, I would often plead for short-term loans from Margie to get me through until the following week.

It took many decades before I realized that while I was being trusted with money and resources, I couldn't trust myself to give what I intended in my weekly offering. Somehow I managed to find other places to spend my money first. I rationalized not being able to give more, but I never really did feel good about it.

A number of years ago, something happened during an annual stewardship campaign at the suburban Minneapolis church I attended. I heard with more clarity than ever before that all that I had and all that I earned was a trust from God.

Could I be trusted any more then with greater resources than I had been trusted with my childhood allowance? No!

But, just as my mother had

trusted me with that weekly allowance — no strings attached — so had I been given that unearned trust from God. "My" possessions, "my" money, was all ultimately a trust from God. What would I do with what was God's in the first place?

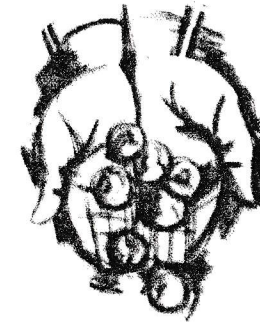
A challenge was put before us that year in our church: make *proportionate* giving a *priority*. That meant two things: I needed to write the check *first* rather than last when paying my monthly bills, and I needed to figure out what

percentage of my annual income I had given the year before.

I did the math and learned that it was less than 2%. Could I do better? Of course! Did I want to say thanks to God, who had given me all I had in the first place? Yes!

For the first time in my life, I made an intentional step forward in my giving. I added 1% of my annual income to the amount I had given the year before, and I made a promise. That baby step was one of the most important steps I have ever taken. That pledge was a response to God's generosity and to what God had entrusted to me.

Baby step after baby step over a period of years led to tithing



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## Pastor Mary's Column

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(giving 10% of my income) and beyond. Those are steps that I have *never once* regretted.

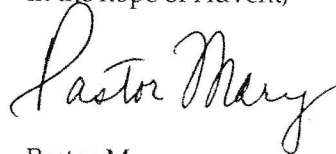
What would it look like if all of us who are still working and collecting a paycheck were to make proportionate giving a priority? I can just see God smiling and saying "I'm delighted I trusted them!"

*We give thee but thine own*

*Whate'er the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Amen.

In the hope of Advent,



Pastor Mary