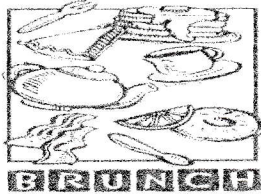


Emmaus Visitor

January, 2005

Brunch Launches 40 Days of Purpose

Mark Saturday, January 29 on your calendars! You will soon receive an invitation to a



congregational brunch in Fellowship Hall as our way of launching our 40 Days of Purpose campaign. The brunch is tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Sign Up for 40 Days of Purpose Groups

Our 40 Days of Purpose Campaign begins January 29, and one of the most impacting aspects of the campaign is the Purpose Driven Life small group Bible studies.

We have a wonderful array of host homes, and now is your chance to join a group! Bring a friend and discover the answer to the question, "What on earth am I here for?"

This is a great way to connect with friendly people, try out a small group for six weeks, and gain a deeper understanding of God's purposes for your life.

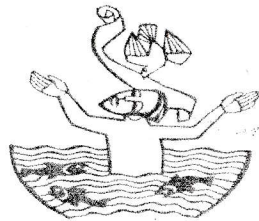
Thank you to Campaign Chair Brenda Gieszler; Special events coordinators Kylee & Gregg Albright; Communications Coordinator Julie Hansen; Kick-off event Hospitality Coordinator Pat Jensen; Worship Coordinators Cathy Meyer, Suzanne Landis and Pastor Mary; Host Home Coordinator Nancy Smith; and Small group hosts Celia & Randy Bagley, Julie Field, Cathy Meyer & Mark Frankowski, Suzanne Landis, and Gregg & Kylee Albright!

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>

Service Commemorates Jesus' Baptism January 9

Sunday, January 9 is Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. As we celebrate that day, we highlight the sacrament of Baptism.

As part of this celebration,



Elizabeth Thompson will be baptized into membership in God's family at the 9:15 a.m. worship service.

Thank You to Our Christmas Elves!

Many thanks to those who put so much effort in transforming the church with lovely Christmas decorations: Gregg and Kylee Albright, Traci Jansen, Shirley

Velzka and Valerie Crehan.

If you are able to take down decorations the week of January 3, please call the church office for details.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404-2374
 Pastor: Rev. Mary L. Janz 1909 Summit Avenue 633-3059
 E-mail: Church: emmaus@execpc.com Church office:
 Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com Phone 262 634-5515
 EASY: emmausoutreach@execpc.com Fax 262 633-0726

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

Organist: Joyce Kaiser
 Adult Choir Director: Suzanne Landis
 Secretary: Paul Berge
 Custodial staff: Kerry Hunter, Jeff White, JR Lang

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15; we will not have Saturday services on January 1. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. resuming January 9.

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

The *Visitor* is published monthly except August. The deadline for the February issue is January 15.

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Annual Meeting Will Be February 6

The year 2005 annual meeting of the congregation will be after worship services on Sunday, February 6. Items on the agenda will include approval of the church budget for the year and election of a new church council.

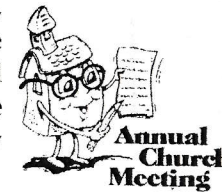
If you would be interested in serving on the church council, or know of someone whose voice should be heard on council, please contact Pastor Mary, council president Brenda Gieszler, or Vice

President Dave Douglas.

A note to current council members: the office will need council reports for the annual report to the congregation by January 18.

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

Thank you!



Your Response to Stewardship Drive Has Been Great!

As of December 28, we have received 81 pledge cards from Emmaus members. At this point, \$149,369 has been pledged to help forward the mission of Emmaus. This figure includes pledges to the General Fund, the Building Fund, the Debt Retirement Fund, and Outreach Fund.

This compares with 89 pledges received at this point a year

ago for a little over \$132,000, or 99 pledges received two years ago for \$140,370.

This year, we count five new pledges (single persons or couples who did not pledge last year) and 31 pledges to increase giving.

If you have not returned your pledge card, please send it to the office by mail or by including it with your offering on Sunday.

Sign Up Sheet for Altar Flowers Is Posted

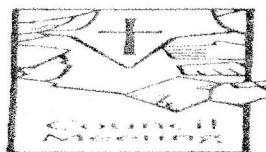
The altar flower sign-up sheet for 2005 is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices, and many Sundays are still open.

Altar flowers are still \$15.00.

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

Council, 40 Days Planning Group Meet at Albrights

Gregg and Kylee Albright will host a combined meeting of the church council and the 40 Days of Purpose planning group on



Tuesday, January 11. There will be a pot luck supper, so please bring a dish to pass.

Emmaus Hosts Anti-Racism Workshop

by Rev. Paul Nuechterlein

The Greater Milwaukee Synod Anti-Racism Team will be in Racine on Saturday, January 22, 2005, to share an introduction to dismantling racism. You and your congregation are invited to participate in this gathering at Emmaus Lutheran Church from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



Those who are new to anti-racism work will learn what the synod team is about and what dismantling racism could mean for your own congregations. Others, who participated in the introductory workshop held here last February or the Crossroads Ministry 2½-day workshop last March, will have the opportunity to become focused again and to consider what next steps we might take, working together with one another in the Cluster.

Lutherans Honor Soldiers Through Variety of Ministries

CHICAGO (ELCA) Dec. 17 — While the war in Iraq has led to emotional distress for many people, especially military families and families with members in areas of conflict, congregations of the ELCA are providing places for them to pray, to support one another across the United States, and to reach out to soldiers deployed overseas this holiday season.

"We have been remembering

people in the military in prayer on a regular basis," said the Rev. Robert L. Dahl, First Lutheran Church, Marshall, Minn. "We have tried to lift up all of those currently in the military, whether they are in a hostile environment or not," he said.

"Soldiers need ChapStick, batteries, phone cards and other personal items that cannot readily be bought out in the field," said the

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Plastic Bag Example Holds Environmental Food for Thought

by Julie Hansen

The plastic bag example at the December 12 temple talk reminded us that our smallest actions have a big environmental impact. Even if you weren't at church that day, you already know how serious the earth's issues are and that we have all contributed to them.

Ready to do something about it? Now's the time to join Emmaus' Green Team.

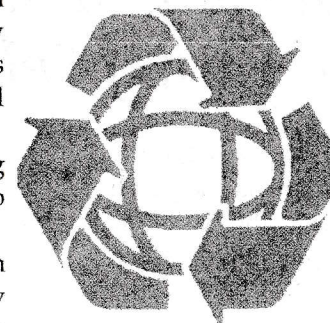
Part of the Green congregation Program led by Dr. David Rhoads of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, our Green Team will comprise members and other interested people with the common goals of:

- 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.

All Racine ELCA congregations have been invited to participate. Through many different initiatives across these congregations, we will all work to promote a healthy environment and

help heal God's creation.

On Sunday, January 16, during the coffee hour after church, there will be an information session in the Sunset Room. Everyone is invited to come and hear more about it. Even if you're not sure you want to participate, just come and listen. It promises to be very eye-opening!



If you have questions or can't make the meeting, call Pastor Mary at 634-5515 or Julie Hansen at 884-6529 for details.

Best Buy Scrip Cards Lack Denomination

Due to a printing error, the Best Buy scrip cards in our last shipment from Great Lakes Scrip Center do not say how much they are worth. All such Best Buy cards are worth \$25.00. Our suppliers assure us that the error originated at Best Buy headquarters, and all cards will be honored at Best Buy.

Confirmation Classes Resume January 12

All confirmation students are expected to attend the monthly "Extreme Faith" worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church Sunday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Anyone needing a ride should meet at Pastor Mary's house at 5:30 p.m.

Midweek Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, January 12. Classes meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Participate in Souper Bowl of Caring February 6

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

At the Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6 worship services, confirmation youth and mission trip participants will collect donations to 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 helps people in need feel the power of God's love.

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

cheer about!

The Souper Bowl began with a single South Carolina church youth group in 1993. Last year 12,762 congregations together gave over \$4.26 million to charities in their respective areas.

This year, let's 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

Youth Birthdays

Jan. 1	Patrick Austin, 7
Jan. 8	Katie Douglas, 18
Jan. 10	Tanya Rasmussen, 16
Jan. 11	William Syty, 6
Jan. 11	Frank Williams, 14
Jan. 28	Kaitlyn Sodke, 5
Jan. 29	Zach Robinson, 13
Jan. 31	Brad Johnson, 7

Superbowl Sub Sandwich Sale Slated

The youth planning to go on this year's mission trip will sponsor a sub sandwich sale on Superbowl Sunday, February 6. Sign up sheets to order sandwiches will be available in the narthex



through January 30.

We will use monies received from this fund raiser to help offset the costs of the mission trip this summer.

Sunday School News

Sunday School Resumes January 9

by Denise Keller

Sunday School classes resume Sunday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m.

We need temporary help with children's music. If you can help or would like more information, please call Denise at 619-9911.

Thank you to everyone who

helped produce the children's Christmas program: Jodi Bohon and Stephanie Lopez, Colette Schattner, Gregg, Kylee and Nathan Albright, Jamie Toslek and Jackie Orth. Thanks also to Sunday School staffers Denise Johnson, Traci Jansen and Kris Smith.

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*.

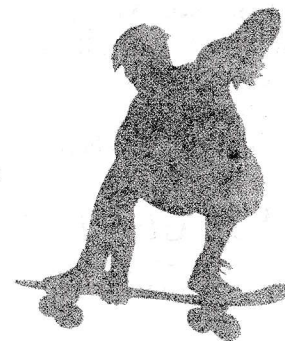
Join us as we get a little crazy, sing a lot of songs, dance, break bread, play games and spend time together.

Yes, you can do all of these things and still call it church!

WHEN: January 9
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

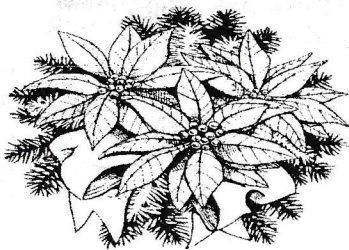
WHERE: Atonement Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue.

Sponsored by the ELCA churches in Racine.



Wadewitz Sends Thanks with Poinsettia

The staff of Wadewitz elementary sent a large poinsettia plant to Emmaus on December 21 to express their thank for the tutors/mentors and the volunteers



and staff in the Emmaus After School for Youth program, as well as for all the donations of caps and mittens from church members.

Letters

Thanks from Vic and Bev Johnson

To our dear friends,

Our deepest thanks for all of the get-well wishes, gifts, prayers, love and support during our illnesses and our recovery time.

Again, a special thanks to Pastor Mary, Lydia Circle and all of our dear Emmaus family.

Much love,
Bev and Vic Johnson



Date Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, the Holiday season and the New Year, too.

Time The moments for which you feel like being festive.

A Place sheltered and welcomed by God's and your goodness.

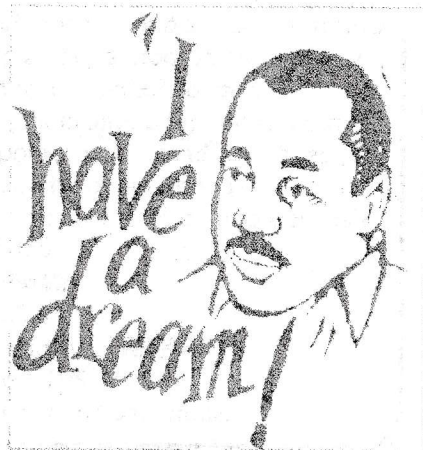
From all of us who found a place of prayer and rest. Thank you.

REST Guest Sends Thanks

We received an anonymous card, perhaps from a guest of the REST program, who re-worded an invitation card to turn it into a thank you card:

[[Join the festivities!]

For all of you at Emmaus Lutheran Church to be peaceful and full of God's and our comfort.







January Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Jan. 2 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Sandy Strini	Team 1	Aaron Smith Hailey Sommer
Jan. 8 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke			
Jan. 9 9:15 am		Al Svendsen	Team 2	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang
Jan. 15 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen			
Jan. 16 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright	Carol Yust	Team 3	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Jan. 22 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Jan. 23 10:30 pm		John Knuteson	Team 4	Zach Robinson Ryan Lamberton
Jan. 29 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Jan. 30 9:15 am		Karen Sedgwick		Brian Field Patrick Jansen
Feb. 5 5:00 pm				
Feb. 6 9:15 am		Ruth Copeland		Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen



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Jan. 2	Shirley Velzka			Chris Lamberton
Jan. 9				
Jan. 16	John & Meta Haanstad		Pat Jensen	Shirley Velzka
Jan. 23	Don & Jackie Orth			
Jan. 30				
Feb. 6				Carol Eschmann

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

The fellowship center invites you to join them in the **Sunset Room** on the **first and third** Tuesdays of this month, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Helen Gill has been rescheduled to play the piano Tuesday, January 4.

The January 18 program will be announced soon.

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

Programs begin at 10:30. Stay for lunch at noon!



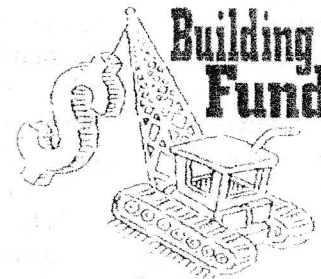
January Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

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

Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt

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

Judy Yorgan, Donna Iadarola & Sally Stollenwerk, in loving memory of their parents, Harold & Dolly Wiley.



Adopting a Sunday is a giving way to memorialize a loved one, or to mark a special occasion in your life. If you would like to adopt a Sunday at some time this year,

please fill out the form included in your Sunday bulletin or the *Visitor*.

Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Robert Jurgensen and Anita Larsen: \$50.00

Honoraria designated for Neighborhood Camp:
In honor of Eric and Ken Larsen: \$50.00



Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, November:	2002: 154	2003: 151	2004: 128
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Christmas Eve attendance:	2002: 248	2003: 244	2004: 187
Average Weekly Attendance, January:	2003: 141	2004: 132	

Financial Figures

		Year to date
General funds receipt in Nov.:	\$15,125.22	\$154,345.49
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Nov.:	\$ 595.00	\$6,450.00
Unified funds receipts in November:	\$14,328.05	\$160,795.49
Principal Reduction		Campaign to date
Fund offerings in November:	\$270.00	\$107,890.12
Principal balance as of December 14, 2004		\$134,757.58



Lutherans Honor Soldiers

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Rev. Kelly J. Wasberg, First Lutheran Church. "In Afghanistan, for example, there isn't a Walgreen's around the corner for soldiers to purchase the things they need while in active duty," he said.

In addition to serving as associate pastor at First Lutheran, Wasberg is a chaplain for the National Guard. He said being a chaplain is similar to being "a parish pastor, only we serve in the military setting."



Chaplains provide "the human face" in the military, said Wasberg. We provide "a ministry of presence and serve as counselors to our soldiers." Chaplains are concerned with "how a soldier is doing" versus providing orders to carry out an operation.

Working alongside them, chaplains help troops carry supplies and materials, "conduct worship and Holy Communion in the field. Chaplains do not have weapons, but must meet all the physical, height and weight requirements as soldiers," Wasberg said.

The Rev. Michael T. Lembke, an ELCA division chaplain for the Army, is deployed in Tikrit, Iraq. In a Dec. 2 journal entry he called "Tikrit on the Tigris," Lembke wrote, "In the midst of this war we find great community in the worshipping

fellowship and the working relationships. And of course, the relationships forged from long hours covering the dangerous ground."

Lembke's journal is posted at <http://www.elca.org/federalchaplains/updates49.html> on the ELCA Web site.

Troops "observed a vespers service at the site of an old church ruin" in Tikrit, said Lembke. "This site dates from the sixth century. There was a monastery and church here on the banks of the Tigris," he said.

"Even though the circumstances and the surroundings of our holiday season are not what most would want, the presence and the purpose of our work and mission make the days seem more meaningful," said Lembke.

To help guide congregations across the ELCA in supporting soldiers deployed overseas, resources for "times of peace and war" are available at <http://www.elca.org/peaceandwar/index.html> on the ELCA Web site. Congregations can download prayers and worship resources and learn ways to offer care and support for military families, such as scheduling prayer vigils and using assets to provide interest-free loans or gifts to those whose incomes have been drastically reduced by war.

Just for KIDS

David's Psalm of Praise to God

When we welcome the New Year, let's not forget to praise God!
In the Bible, David praised God often in his psalms.

Follow the path to read David's Psalm of Praise.

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: _____

Elsewhere in Our Area

Siena Center Offers Programs

Gail Ross, MS.Ed., will present "Peace Grows," an overnight retreat, at the Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin, Friday and Saturday, January 21-22, 2005.

Carol Ann Smith, a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus and Director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University, will be the featured presenter of a Supper With Substance program entitled "God's Hidden Presence in Ordinary Life," Tuesday, January 11, 2005, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This is the first in the 2005 series that addresses the often unrecognized moments of Grace in our everyday lives when Spirit is present, palpable and alive. This evening's presentation will focus on Jesus' hidden and ordinary life and remind us to look for Him in the ordinary moments of daily living.

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

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

This retreat will provide beginning and experienced scrapbookers instruction on beginning a memory book plus ample time to work on your own.

Structure includes a spiritual emphasis in short prayer rituals remembering loved ones, special events in our lives, the value of friendship, play, and the joy of giving.

Consider Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give your spouse the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Get away from your daily pressures and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other and with God. No matter how good a marriage is, it can be improved. Through practical exercises and presentations in a relaxed atmosphere, you'll learn communication techniques and gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your spouse. There are no group discussions and you share only with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Milwaukee area is at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Brookfield beginning at 8:00 p.m. February 11 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday February 13. No one is turned away for financial reasons. If you would like to register or need more information, please call Bill and Zoe Eckblad in Pleasant Prairie at 262-942-9633.

Marquette Youth Group to Visit LSTC

by Pastor Brad Brown,
Lutheran Campus Pastor, Marquette
University

Details are emerging about an exciting opportunity to spend a weekend in Chicago with fellow Christian friends discerning their calls to service after graduation.

In our "Ecclesiastical Tour 2005" we will visit the ELCA churchwide headquarters in Chicago before spending the weekend in eclectic Hyde Park, home of The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the University of Chicago. With time of corporate prayer, conversation, good food, and free time in the

Windy City, you will not want to miss this opportunity. This trip will be especially valuable to students discerning a call to service in the church, but everyone seeking God's guidance for their vocational direction will find the experience meaningful.

The group will leave Milwaukee on Friday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. and return early Sunday afternoon on January 16.

Cost: Free (except for entertainment and souvenirs). R S V P A S A P t o bradley.brown@mu.edu For more details, visit Marquette Lutherans' web site at www.mulutherans.com

Tsunami Disaster Response Gets Underway

CHICAGO (ELCA) Dec. 28 — "In addition to government and relief organizations around the world, church-related relief operations have begun" to respond to the tsunami that struck the islands and coasts of the Indian Ocean on December 26, said the Rev. Y. Franklin Ishida, director for leadership development and mission personnel recruitment, ELCA Division for Global Mission.

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL), a member of Action by Churches Together (ACT), has already started responding to the emergency brought on by the massive sea

surge, he said.

ACT is a worldwide network of churches and related agencies that meets human need through organized emergency response. It is based with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF), both in Geneva, Switzerland. The ELCA is a member of WCC and LWF.

The immediate needs for survivors include clean water, medicine, shelter and food. There are great fears for water-borne diseases, such as malaria and diarrhea, Ishida said.

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NCCSL has dispatched two truckloads of essential food items and water for Muttur in Trincomalee and Thirukovil in Batticaloa, two of the worst hit areas in Sri Lanka, said Ishida.

Members of ACT International in India – Church's Auxiliary for Social Action and Lutheran World Service India – have been in touch with the ACT coordinating office in Geneva. They will be working together with ACT member United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

"In Indonesia, the province of Aceh on Sumatra's northern-most tip near the epicenter of the under-sea quake is reported to have been hit the worst. Members of ACT in Indonesia – Yayasan Tanggul Benkana, Yakkum Emergency Unit/CD Bethesda and Church World Service – will be coordinating their response to the emergency," he said.

Ishida added, "Complicating factors could be that Aceh has become increasingly isolated from the world due to a clampdown by the Indonesian government in an effort to control fighting between government soldiers and separatist rebels."

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

is providing clean water, food, shelter, sanitation and shelter. LWR works overseas in relief and development on behalf of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

According to an LWR news release, "teams trained in disaster response are in the southern coastal areas of India, providing up to 50,000 people with clean water and food.

Immediate aid will include blankets, clothing, cooking equipment, candles, matches and emergency shelter tarps." LWR is also coordinating its relief efforts with locally-based partners in India, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka, and with funds to ACT.

Contributions to ELCA International Disaster Response will be directed 100 percent to relief efforts in South Asia, coordinated through ACT. Coordinated by the ELCA Division for Global Mission, International Disaster Response often channels its funds through international church organizations and relief agencies.

ELCA International Disaster Response,
PO Box 71764 Chicago, IL
60694-1764, 1-800-638-3522, or at
<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcm/giving/idisaster.asp> on the Internet.

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Pastor Mary's Column

Make Room!

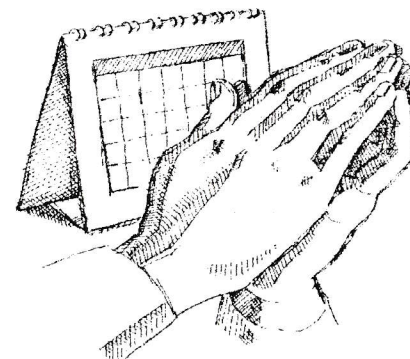
There is no room?

That question was asked Christmas Eve as we reflected upon the unlikely places Christ shows up. We see him in the REST shelter for the homeless, in the prison cell and at the sickbed. We ask "Where is he?" as we watch bewildered residents returning to Fallujah, as we consider children left orphaned in areas struggling with AIDS, or as we witness the widespread devastation in Asia. And, again Emmanuel comes, brings hope and promised new life, even in the most remote and unlikely places of this earth.

Will we of Emmaus make room for Christ to enter our hearts and lives in the coming weeks? I challenge each of you to make room in your schedules and your lives to spend intentional time in the presence of Christ.

Share 40 days with him and with those who may be asking, "What is my purpose in life? For what was I created? What on earth am I here for?"

Beginning January 29, we are encouraging you to clear your calendar as much as possible for 40 days. Take time for Sabbath and rest. Take time to read and reflect. Take time to worship. Take time to meet with a small group once a week. Ask what it is that God offers you which might lead to a life of fulfillment as we pray "Thy will be



done."

Will you join me in a Lenten discipline this year that will allow room for God's Spirit to work and move in our lives? Will you make room for new possibilities, new friends, new challenges – and yes, even new questions?

As some questions are answered, others will pop up. That's okay. God's Spirit will work miracles – even when we don't always have clear-cut answers.

Make room for something new in your life. Join me and dozens of others as we venture forward in 40 Days of Purpose. There is room for growth in the faith and I pray you will seriously consider being a part of this journey together.

Your traveling partner,

Pastor Mary

Pastor Mary

P.S.: If you'd like a copy of the book *A Purpose Driven Life*, call the church office. We expect a shipment to arrive any day. There is no charge – suggested donation is \$6.00.

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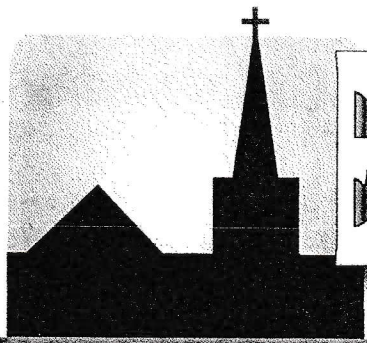


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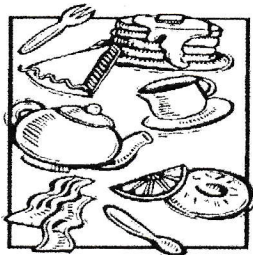
Emmaus Enters 40 Days of Purpose

Join us for brunch on Saturday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to kick off Emmaus' 40 Days of Purpose campaign.

Throughout the 40 days there will be special worship services reflecting the theme of the week. Other highlights include a Mission Fair February 27 and Celebration Sunday March 13.

The small groups are forming now, and will gather on various days and times (each group meets once a week January 30 through March 13) to study the *Purpose Driven Life* curriculum. The "Grand Central" display in the narthex has options of host homes/locations, dates and meeting times that are still available.

Come alone, or invite your spouse, a friend or a fellow member



BRUNCH

to join you for this interactive study. You will gain a deeper understanding of God's purpose for your life while building new friendships.

For more information on 40 Days of Purpose, see page 4.

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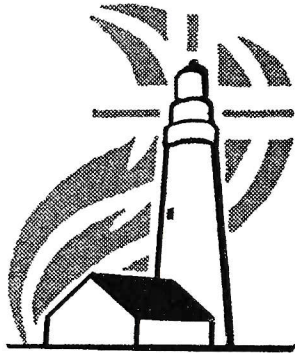
Baptism:
January 9, 2005
Elizabeth Xanna Thompson

Elizabeth is the daughter of Jayne & Edward Thompson and sister of Ashley Valerio. Her sponsors are Julie Alice Levonowich and John Adam Levonowich.

Cluster Assembly Meets at Redeemer

The Racine Cluster Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, February 1 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Avenue from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The agenda includes election of a Cluster President and Treasurer and discussion of what to do in regard to the Our Savior's Meal Site.



Congregational representatives to the Synod Assembly should attend; anyone else is welcome. There will be worship and refreshments.

Congregational Meeting Convenes February 6

The 2005 meeting of the congregation will begin at 10:30 a.m. February 6 after the worship service.

In addition to reports, the agenda includes the election of church council members and approval of the 2005 budget.

Candidates for council at press time are: Brenda Gieszler, president; Chris Lamberton, vice president; Cathy Meyer, secretary; Carolyn Wooster, Treasurer; Michele Kreimer, financial secretary; Dave Douglas, Building &

Grounds; Colette Schattner, Social Concerns; Kathy Christensen, Worship & Music; and Gregg Albright, Youth Ministry.



Annual Church Meeting

We are seeking candidates to head the Stewardship, Parish Education,

Member Care (formerly Deacons) and Congregational Life committees.

The meeting will be held in the Sunset Room. Copies of the 2004 annual report are available at church.

Lent Begins February 9

Ash Wednesday worship services begin at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. February 9. Both services include the traditional imposition

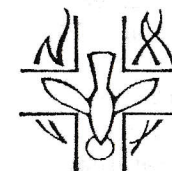


of ashes and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

This year, the Lenten discipline at Emmaus will center around the *40 Days of Purpose*. There will be no further midweek Lenten services until Holy Week.

Confirmation Classes Continue on Wednesdays

Confirmation classes for sixth through ninth graders meet in the Sunset Room at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday this month except Ash Wednesday, February 9. Confirmation students should make every effort to attend the



CONFIRMATION

Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m.

There will not be an Extreme Faith service this month.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Secretary: Paul Berge
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Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Ash Wednesday services are offered February 9 at noon and 7:00 p.m.

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

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Host Homes Welcome Participants

by Nancy Smith

Thanks to the following who have offered their time to host small groups for the 40 Days of Purpose book study beginning Sunday, January 30:

Natasha & Chris Chan-A-Sue – Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at church (11:00 a.m. on Feb. 6).

Nancy Smith – Mondays, 10:45 a.m. at the Atrium.

Cathy Meyer & Mark Frankowski – Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at 505 Greenview Drive.

Betty & Stan Breiwick – Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. at church.

Celia and Randy Bagley – Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at 3137 43rd Street, Franksville.

Suzanne Landis – Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at 1211 N. Sunnyslope Drive #202.

Julie Field – Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at 7037 Four Mile Road, Franksville.

Marge & Howard Jensen – Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. at church.

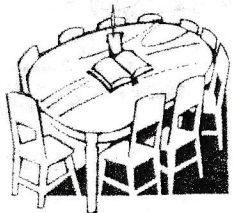
Kylee & Gregg Albright – Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. at 317 Wolff Street (8:00 p.m. at Emmaus on Feb. 9).

Marion Keller & Cheryl Dexter – Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. at 5504 Cambridge Lane #5.

Cathy & John Knuteson – Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at church.

Cindi & Loren Larsen – Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. at 6115 Fayette Drive.

The opportunities are many. There is still time to sign up for this book study based on Rick Warren's best seller, *The Purpose Driven Life*. Nearly 100 members and friends of Emmaus have signed up so far.



About 20,000 churches throughout the country have already participated in 40 Days of Purpose, and many more will join in this time period.

The study will include what we believe from the Lutheran perspective. You do not need to be a Biblical scholar or a theologian to participate. You are invited to "come as you are."

Each week you will view a 20-minute video followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. Yes, treats and coffee/tea will be offered.

For additional information, contact Nancy Smith at 633-3059.

Green Team to Head Recycling Effort

The Green Team of Emmaus will take over collecting rinsed, empty aluminum cans for recycling. You will find marked bins at several locations around the church for aluminum cans.

Ministry Fair 'Shows and Tells' February 27

by Nancy Smith

Come and see! Many members are involved in the various ministries to Emmaus and the surrounding community. On Sunday, February 27, immediately following a shortened worship service, there will be a congregational gathering in Fellowship Hall where the ministries at Emmaus will be on

display.

Come and see! There will be booths and hand-outs, entertainment, craft tables and, of course, food. Have you ever made krumkake? All are invited to this "show and tell" fair.

Come and see! You may discover an area where you can serve and share at Emmaus. It's never too late to get "plugged in."

An Important 40 Days Lie Ahead

by Julie Hansen

Don't let the 40 Days of Purpose happen without you! Discover, "What on earth am I here for"?

Following the kick-off brunch on January 29, small groups meet once a week for six weeks through March 12 to study and discuss *The Purpose-Driven Life* and the accompanying video and Bible verses. The campaign will close with a large group gathering and celebration on Sunday, March 13. (More info to come on that soon!)

If you haven't signed up for a group, it's not too late. Contact Nancy Smith or Brenda Gieszler for the various days, times and meeting locations available throughout the week. Everyone is welcome, so bring your spouse, a friend, a neighbor or come by yourself. This is a great way to connect with others, read and discuss an amazing

book and gain a deeper understanding of God's purposes for your life.

The book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*, is required reading for the program. Copies are available at church for a voluntary donation of \$6 each.

A big thank-you to Campaign Chair Brenda Gieszler; Special events coordinators Kylee & Gregg Albright; Communications Coordinator Julie Hansen; Kick-off event Hospitality Coordinator Pat Jensen; Worship Coordinators Cathy Meyer, Suzanne Landis and Pastor Mary; Host Home Coordinator Nancy Smith; and small group hosts Celia & Randy Bagley, Julie Field, Cathy Meyer & Mark Frankowski, Chris & Natasha Chan-A-Sue, Suzanne Landis, John & Cathy Knuteson, Cheryl Dexter and Marion Keller, and Gregg & Kylee Albright.

Green Team Offers Shopping Bags

by Julie Hansen

Want an Emmaus Green Team reusable shopping bag (or two, or three, or four...)? Let Julie Hansen (884-6529) or Ruth Copeland (633-3559) know.

Green Team Training Workshop Time Moved

by David Rhoads

Alert to the Green Teams in the Green Congregation Program From Dave Rhoads Regarding change of time for the Training Workshop:

Same Day: Change of Time to 10:00 to 12:00 We will now meet on the same day but at a different time: Saturday, February 5, 2005 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church from 10:00 to 12:00 (rather than 8:30 to 10:30).

Reserve this time-please put it on your calendar! What: Training Workshop for Green Teams When:

ELCA Panel Publishes Recommendations on Homosexuality Questions

CHICAGO (ELCA) January 13 – A task force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is recommending that the church continue to provide pastoral answers to two key questions on homosexuality. In August the ELCA Churchwide Assembly is to

When you use them instead of paper or plastic, think about ways we can reduce waste at church, home, school and work. Then when we kick off the Green Team in April, we'll be ready with lots of great ideas!

Saturday, February 5 from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Where: St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The steering committee for the Green Congregation Program has set a time for next steps. This is a workshop designed to help Green Teams know how to take the next steps in the Green Congregation Program. This is basically a briefing on community-organizing in your congregation. Here are some of the questions to be addressed. We will be eager to hear what you have been able to do and to see what questions you have.

decide whether or not the church should bless same-gender relationships and whether or not it should allow people in such relationships to serve the church as professional lay and ordained ministers.

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Youth Messaging

Youth Collect 'Noisy Offering' on Souper Bowl Sunday

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

Bring your change for a



"noisy offering" on February 5 and 6. Every coin (and any paper money, too) dropped in the soup kettle will go toward relief efforts for world hunger.

Collectively, this youth-led ecumenical movement raised \$4.25 million last year in the fight against hunger.

Sunday School Report

Sunday School Joins 40 Days of Purpose Series

by Denise Keller

At the end of January, the Sunday School started the 40 Days of Purpose – "Why Am I Here" series. Each week, we will follow the same lessons that are flowing through Sunday worship and the small adult groups.

The lessons are:

Lesson 1: Introduction: Why Are We Here? God Made Us for a Purpose.

Lesson 2: Worship: We Are Here to Love God.

Lesson 3: Fellowship: We Are Here to Be Part of God's Family.

Lesson 4: Discipleship: We Are Here to Become Like Christ.

Lesson 5: Ministry: We Are Here to Help Others.

Lesson 6: Evangelism: We Are Here to Help Others Meet Jesus.

We will still use the workshop rotation during the six weeks. We will learn each lesson through the use of crafts, drama, play, puppets, small group and large group activities. There is also a weekly take-home sheet for family discussion and devotions.

Youth Birthdays

Feb. 3 Krystle Mayer, 17
Feb. 4 Cora Balthazar, 11
Feb. 5 Jordan Gallagher, 6
Feb. 9 April Falaschi, 18
Feb. 10 Kira LeRoux-Sodke, 3
Feb. 17 Elizabeth Thompson, 11
Feb. 18 Justin Pipol, 16
Feb. 25 Abbygail Maranger, 11
Feb. 25 Cameron Olle, 6
Feb. 27 Alex Maryland, 10

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal February 3

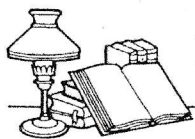
It's Emmaus' turn to serve at St. Patrick's Community Meal Site on February 3. Please sign up in the narthex to help serve, or to provide a casserole, jello, or dessert. 9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off

the Sunset Room.

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

Book Club Will Meet in March

The Emmaus Book Club will participate in the *40 Days of Purpose* campaign by joining the discussion groups of *The Purpose Driven Life*. If our regular meeting time is best for you, Cheryl Dexter hosts a 10:00 a.m. Thursday meeting at her home,



5504 Cambridge Lane, #5, starting February 3.

Our next regular meeting will be in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17. The March book will be selected soon.

For more information, please contact Marge Jensen at 634-8754.

Kitchen Renovation Anticipated after Easter

Plans are progressing toward the renovation project for the upstairs kitchen (located between the Fireside and Sunset Rooms).

In addition to the \$10,000 gift from David Anderson in memory of Marilyn Anderson, \$3,100 has been

earned by the sale of Scrip gift cards. An additional \$4,962 has been contributed through special gifts, memorials and honoraria.

Work is scheduled to begin shortly after Easter.

Thanks from After-School Kids

by Valerie Crehan

After school children want to say thank you to Emmaus for all the beautiful gifts generously given this Christmas. Many children have thanked me for their presents and I tell them that they came from the

people of the church because they care for them and wanted them to have a gift from the church this Christmas. They smile and ask me to tell you thank you.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and care of these wonderful children.

Letters

Pastor Carlson to Retire in May

Dear Reverend Janz and Members of Emmaus Lutheran Church:

Believe it or not, it's already been three years since I last wrote to your congregation about participating in a celebration of Pastor Ken Carlson's 35 years in the ministry. Time has gone by quickly, and now it is time to say "farewell and thanks" to Pastor Carlson on the occasion of his retirement from the ministry on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Because Pastor Carlson served at Emmaus Lutheran Church from 1972 to 1982, we invite the members of your congregation to celebrate with us. One way we are hoping to share with him all he has meant to us is by putting together a scrapbook for him. If you have any special memories of a time spent with him, poignant or humorous, that you could send in writing or photographs as a contribution to the scrapbook, please drop them off or mail them to Jenny's attention at 8424 W. Center Street, Milwaukee 53222-4789.

We will also host an event in his honor Saturday, April 30 at Mount Carmel. The evening will begin with a light meal from 5:30 to 7:00. At 7:00, there will be a more formal program held in the sanctuary with speakers, music, and a slide show. Fellowship with dessert and coffee will follow.

Finally, we will celebrate the

uplifting Bread of Life service of Holy Communion May 1 at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Rev. Ken Wheeler, Assistant to the Bishop of the Synod, will preside.

Pastor Ken and Naomi are aware that the folks of Emmaus are invited to attend these celebrations and contribute to the scrapbook – I know they will be thrilled to hear from and unite with former church members.

Should anyone have any question or concerns, have them contact me directly at 414-771-1270 or JKerley@mountcarmelchurch.org My heartfelt thanks in advance for helping us to make this monumental day in Pastor Ken and Naomi's life extra special and abundantly blessed!

Sincerely,

– Jenny Kerley

Administrative Secretary,
Mount Carmel Lutheran Church

Thanks for Cookies

Dear Women of Emmaus:

I would like all of the Women of Emmaus to know how much I appreciated the Christmas cookies you sent in December. Thank you so much for such a wonderful variety of delicious cookies!

– Rose Mauer

(Rose Mauer is Jeff Clinton's grandmother. She is 102 years old!)

Lutherans Respond to the South Asian Tsunami Disaster

Through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) International Disaster Response, members of the ELCA have contributed more than \$1 million to support relief efforts in southern Asia, after a tsunami claimed over 200,000 lives in several coastal countries of the Indian Ocean last month.

Contributions to the ELCA International Disaster Response for tsunami relief efforts continue to arrive, according to Rev. Y. Franklin Ishida, spokesperson, ELCA Division for Global Mission.

As of January 21, ELCA International Disaster Response provided a total of \$415,000 for immediate relief efforts.

Thrivent Grants

Thrivent is providing two grants to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in support of LWR's "Wave of Giving" campaign. The first is an immediate grant of \$1 million to aid in the most urgent needs created by the disaster.

Thrivent will also match, dollar-for-dollar up to \$2 million, individual gifts from Thrivent Financial members to LWR. To qualify, Thrivent Financial members will need to complete a special form, available at www.thrivent.com/fraternal/pdf/TsunamiDisasterResponse.pdf and send it, along with their gift, to: Lutheran World Relief, Wave of Giving Appeal, Thrivent



Financial Member Gift Matching Offer, 700 Light St., Baltimore MD, 21240-3850.

Do not send the gifts to Thrivent. Only gifts made by Thrivent Financial members directly to LWR for the "Wave of Giving" campaign will qualify for matching funds. The matching grant deadline is April 15, 2005.

Congress Extends Tax Deadline



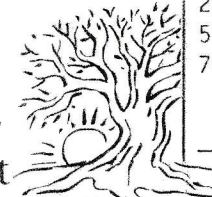
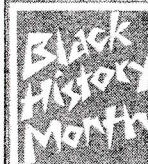
On January 6, the U.S. Congress voted to allow donations to Indian Ocean tsunami relief efforts made as late as January 31 to be deductible as 2004 charitable donations. If you have made a donation to ELCA International Disaster Relief through Emmaus in January, you will receive a supplemental offering statement in February in case you want to include your gift in your 2004 charitable giving for IRS purposes.

To donate through Emmaus, please make checks out to Emmaus with the notation "Tsunami Response" in the memo line or on your offering envelope. We will send a check from the church to the synod office to cover all the offerings we receive for tsunami disaster relief.

Please note that these January offerings will still appear on your 2005 offering statement next year as ELCA Benevolence offerings.



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Jan. 30 9:15 am		Karen Sedgwick	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Brian Field Patrick Jansen
Feb. 5 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller			
Feb. 6 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Ruth Copeland	Team 1 Harold Miller	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Feb. 9 12:15 pm	Pat Jensen			
Feb. 9 7:00 pm	Gregg & Kylee Albright Valerie Crehan		Team 2 Rich Christensen	Justin Haman Aaron Smith
Feb. 12 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Christman			
Feb. 13 9:15 am		Randy Sanders	Team 3 Howard Jensen	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang
Feb. 19 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen			
Feb. 20 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Lyle Christensen	Team 4 John Cook	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Feb. 26 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen			
Feb. 27 9:15 am		David Christensen	Team 5 Bill Meteyard	Zach Robinson Ryan Lamberton
Mar. 5 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer			
Mar. 6 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	Nancy Smith	Team 1 Harold Miller	Brian Field Patrick Jansen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February, 2005</h1> <p>Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine ☎ 262 634-5515</p>		1 10:00 am Coffee 10:30 am 40 Days Group 12 noon Lunch 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm 40 Days group 7:00 pm Cluster Assembly at Luth. Church of Redeemer 	2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD 1:30 pm 40 Days Group 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm 40 Days group	3 10:00 am 40 Days Grp. 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Stamp Club 7:00 pm 40 Days Group 	4 7:00 pm REST	5 10:00 am Green Team at St. Andrews 2:30 pm 40 Days Group 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Subs available
6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship Service LBW Setting 2 w/HC 10:30 am Congregational Meeting 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Superbowl subs available 11:00 am 40 Days group	7 10:45 am 40 Days group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm 40 Days group	8 10:00 am Coffee 10:30 am 40 Days group 12 noon Lunch 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm 40 Days group	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 12 noon Worship service with Holy Communion 1:30 & 8:00 pm 40 Days 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 ESL 7:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion	10 10:00 am 40 Days group 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm 40 Days Group	11 7:00 pm REST	12 LINCOLN'S B'DAY 2:30 pm 40 Days Group 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
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Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's	NEW! 2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH, HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's	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		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY					
Amazon.com		7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble		9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books		8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	NEW!	4%	\$25		
Office Max		5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS					
Applebee's		8%	\$20		
Arby's		10%	\$5		
Boston Market		12%	\$10		
Burger King		4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	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		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES					
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		
TOYS					
Kaybee Toys		9%	\$10		
ToysR Us/KidsR Us/BabiesR Us		3%	\$20		
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Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

During February, the regular Senior Center gatherings will be replaced by weekly meetings. These will be centered around the 40 Days of Purpose study.

Coffee at 10:00 a.m., discussion at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon.

Stan and Betty Breiwick will host the Tuesday gatherings in the Sunset Room.



February Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Feb. 2 Hedy Wagner 4508 N. Green Bay Road 53404
 Feb. 5 Mary Buelow 3300 Wright Avenue 53405



February Worship Assistants



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	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Asst.
Jan. 30	Keller family	Breiwicks	Pat Jensen	
Feb. 6				Carol Eschmann
Feb. 9				Nancy Brown
Feb. 13	Ron & Pat Jensen	Hamans	Cheryl Dexter	
Feb. 20	Gerry Dykstra			Gregg Albright
Feb. 27		Ministry Fair		
Mar. 6	John Haanstad		Boots LeRoux	Karen Sedgwick

Is It a Cold or the Flu?

Submitted to Pastor Mary by Cathy Knuteson

Many people use the term "stomach flu" to describe illnesses with nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. These symptoms can be caused by many different viruses, bacteria, or even parasites.

The "flu" is a term that generally refers to influenza. While vomiting, diarrhea, and being nauseous or "sick to your stomach" can sometimes be related to the flu — particularly in children — these problems are rarely the main symptoms

of influenza. The flu is a respiratory disease and not a stomach or intestinal disease.



Colds and flu are both highly contagious and, in the initial stages, a bad cold and mild case of the flu might seem alike. Flu, however, is a serious illness that can have life-threatening complications, unlike most colds.

Check this table for a comparison of the symptoms for each illness:

Symptoms	Cold	Influenza
Fever	Rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102° F in infants and small children.	Usually 102° F, but can go up to 104° F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Sudden onset and can be severe
Muscle aches	Mild	Usual, and often severe
Tiredness and weakness	Mild	Often extreme, and can last two or more weeks
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Sudden onset and can be severe
Runny nose	Often	Sometimes
Sneezing	Often	Sometimes
Sore throat	Often	Sometimes
Cough	Mild hacking cough	Usual, and can become severe

Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

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

You may notice that a single line for "Mortgage Reduction" has replaced the two lines for "Building Fund" and "Principal Reduction." These two funds have been replaced by our new capital fund campaign.



Any pledges made for the Building Fund or Principal Reduction in 2005 have been switched to "Mortgage Reduction."

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

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, December:	2002: 154	2003: 151	2004: 122
Average weekly attendance, January:	2003: 141	2004: 132	2005: 104 *
Average weekly attendance, February	2003: 127	2004: 124	

*Average calculated as of January 23, 2005.

Financial Figures

	Year to date
General funds receipt in Dec.:	\$14,435.60 ... \$168,781.09
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Dec.: \$ 1,125.00	\$7,575.00
Unified funds receipts in December: ..	\$15,560.60 ... \$176,356.09

	Campaign to date
Principal Reduction	
Fund offerings in December:	\$205.25 ... \$108,095.37
Principal balance as of January 14, 2005	\$134,451.20



Attendance and Offering Report

Anti-Racism Workshop Will Be Rescheduled

The anti-racism workshop previously scheduled here in January has been postponed. Please

watch for an announcement when a new date has been determined.

Building On God's Promises Q&A

Q: What is our current mortgage?

A: Our current mortgage stands at approximately \$134,000.

Q: I thought our mortgage was almost paid off, what happened?

A: Last June, the congregation voted to refinance with an additional \$95,000 earmarked for improvements to the building and parsonage.

Q: Couldn't this have waited until we got the mortgage paid off?

A: We could have waited but decided to proceed to take advantage of extremely low interest rates and because we had been putting many of the repairs off for some time and we simply could not wait any longer. The damage was becoming too severe.

Q: What improvements did we make?

A: Some of these improvements included: new roofs for the church, parsonage and garages, new windows for the parsonage (the old windows were over 50 years old!), painting, a new floor in Fellowship Hall, weather-stripping on front and back doors, and repair of windows in the sanctuary. These are just some of the repairs needed.

Q: When will our new mortgage end?

A: Our last payment is July 1, 2024.

Q: What is our current interest rate?

A: 6.1%.

Q: How much interest will we pay over those 20 years?

A: If we do not make any extra payments on principal, the interest alone will be almost \$100,000! Or a total cost of the loan over \$232,000!

Q: How much will we save by paying the loan off early?

A: If we pay the entire loan off in 3 years, we save over \$70,000 in interest! Even if we pay off only \$80,000 of that loan, we save 13 years of interest payments!

Q: What is the length of our Capital Fund Campaign?

A: 3 years.

Q: What are my giving options?

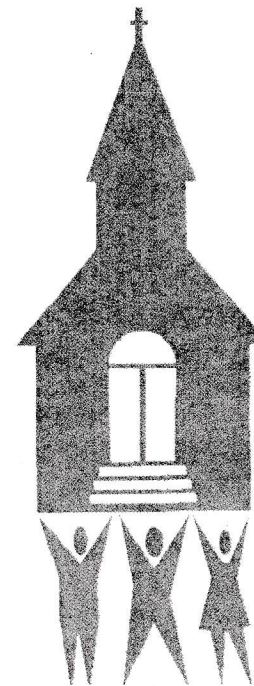
A: Giving options are explained in detail on the next page. There are options for everyone.

Q: Does this replace my regular Sunday giving?

A: No, this is in addition to your regular giving. Those funds are used for our day-to-day church operations, for benevolences and outreach. The campaign funds are *only* used to reduce the principal amount on our mortgage.

Q: What am I expected to give?

A: You are not expected to give any more than you are able.



Building On God's Promises Giving Options

Option 1: Lump Sum Payment

This is a one-time payment of your pledge amount. This will immediately go to reduce our principal.

Advantages: One and done. Simple. Enhanced tax benefits during the year you give.

Disadvantages: Some people cannot give large amounts all at once. More difficult to budget.



Option 2: Yearly Pledge amount

This option allows you to spread your giving over 3 years, with equal amounts given each year. You choose the month you wish to give.

Advantages: Still simple. You get a yearly reminder. Payments spread over 3 years make budgeting easier. You get to choose date of payment.

Disadvantages: Unknown future financial situation. Still can be a large gift and may be a little difficult to budget.

Option 3: Monthly pledge amount

This option allows you to give at the same time you give your regular offering. You can even use the same envelope!

Advantages: Allows for easier budgeting. Allows Emmaus to

make monthly payments to reduce mortgage

Disadvantages: You'll still have to remember to write that check every month!

Option 4: Stock option

This option allows the giver to sign over stock to Emmaus. This is a very popular way to give large amounts of money to the church, but it does not have to be a large amount of money.

Advantages: There are several tax advantages (explained below). Not a part of a person's disposable income, *i.e.*, income relied on for living expenses.

Disadvantages: Many people do not own stock. Stock may have depreciated and be worth less than you actually paid for it.

Example: Let's say you invested over a certain period of time \$5,000 in ABC stock. That stock price has risen and is now worth \$8,000. You decide to pledge this stock to the Capital Fund Campaign and sign it over to Emmaus. Not only do you NOT pay a capital gains tax on the money you made, but you actually get a tax break for the entire amount invested!

Q: How do I take advantage of the stock option?

A: Please call Pastor Mary for more information. It is an easy process and your tax or financial advisor can also give you more details.

ELCA Panel

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"Rather than attempting to resolve our differences through legislative action, we have sought to place matters in the realm of pastoral care and to encourage continued engagement as we minister to one another," the 14-member task force of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality said in the report it released January 13.

The report had six parts. The first part listed three recommendations the task force had for the churchwide assembly -- that the ELCA:

- concentrate on finding ways to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements.
- continue to respect the pastoral guidance of the 1993 statement of the Conference of Bishops regarding the blessing of homosexual relationships.
- continue under the standards regarding sexual conduct for rostered leaders as set forth in "Vision and Expectations" and "Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline," but that, as a pastoral response to the deep divisions in the ELCA, this church may choose to refrain from disciplining those who in good conscience, and for the sake of outreach, ministry and the commitment to continuing dialogue, call or approve partnered gay or

lesbian candidates whom they believe to be otherwise in compliance with "Vision and Expectations" and to refrain from disciplining those rostered people so approved and called.

Current ELCA policy expects ministers to refrain from all sexual relations outside marriage, which it defines as "a lifelong covenant of faithfulness between a man and a woman." The church has no official policy on blessing same-gender relationships.

The Conference of Bishops is an advisory body composed of the ELCA's 65 synod bishops, presiding bishop and secretary. In 1993 it said it recognized a "basis neither in Scripture nor tradition for the establishment of an official ceremony by this church for the blessing of a homosexual relationship." It said it did "not approve such a ceremony as an official action of this church's ministry," but it added that it would "continue dialogue with those pastors and congregations who are in ministry with gay and lesbian persons, and affirm their desire to explore the best ways to provide pastoral care for all to whom they minister."

"The task force members came to recognize that the biblical-theological case for

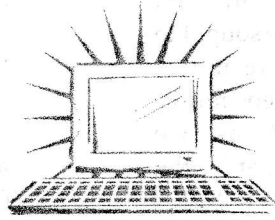
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New Computers to Be Installed February 4

The church council approved purchase of three new computers to be installed in the three main offices of the church. The Dell computers will be networked and used primarily by the secretary, pastor, outreach minister, treasurer and the person entering financial contributions.

Non-designated gifts and memorials will fund the purchase of the computers.

Thanks go to Art Smith, who



assisted with the assessment of our needs, placed the order for Emmaus, and will fly in from D.C. for the February 4 installation. A technician from Sierra Computers is scheduled to work with Art and Paul to assure smooth transfer of data and installation of the units.

Art will provide training for volunteers and staff on February 5 and 7.

Tech Corps to Install Upgraded Computers in Computer Lab

Tech Corps, a local not-for-profit business, rebuilds and upgrades used computers for use in the community. Because of Emmaus' partnership with the Racine Unified Lighted Schoolhouse program and our outreach through the Racine Literacy Council Family program, we qualify for these rebuilt computers.

With all costs being absorbed by the Lighted Schoolhouse program and Tech Corps, the twelve computers (Pentium II level) and two printers will be installed at no cost to Emmaus. The computer lab, previously located on the second floor, will be relocated to two side classrooms off the former day care area in the lower level.

The room upstairs will be converted to a Sunday School classroom.

ELCA Panel

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wholesale change in this church's current standards has not been made to the satisfaction of the majority of participants in the study," the report says. "While the responses to the study show a majority in favor of present practices and standards, there is, however, neither a consensus -- a general agreement -- nor any emerging consensus on these practices and standards."

Elsewhere in Our Area

DeKoven Center Hosts Martin Marty

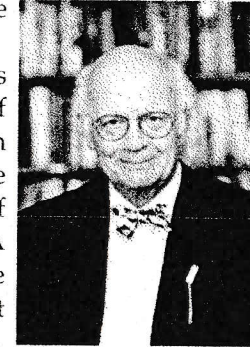
The DeKoven Center will host a "Day with Martin Marty" on February 22 at 9:30 a.m. The event includes lunch.

Dr. Marty hardly needs introduction. His knowledge of church history and Christian affairs makes him one of the most prominent interpreters of religion and culture today. A Lutheran pastor and long-time professor of religious history at the University of Chicago, Dr. Marty is exciting to listen to. He welcomes questions, enjoys discussion and, above all, knows how to keep the conversation moving!

The DeKoven Center is delighted to welcome Dr. Marty for this return visit. His presence is an honor to our program!

Dr. Marty's presentations will be especially timely in the light of dilemmas facing the church today. One challenge he poses is what it might mean "if we could allow our discussions to be moved by the questions instead of propelled by the answers." He is also very interested in what he calls "hardline

and other lines," and will look squarely at the attraction of hardline religious groups in an era that calls for interaction. Dr. Marty is the author of over 5,000 articles and 50 books. His latest book, *When Faiths Collide*, will be available for browsing and purchase.



Martin Marty

The DeKoven Center encourages clergy and lay people alike to share this wonderful opportunity and be part of the day's discussion which is sure to be lively! A special invitation is extended to the Racine Lutheran clergy, as well as seminarians from Seabury and Nashotah. This is a day everyone will enjoy!

If you have any questions about the program, call Kitty at 262-633-5956. To register, simply mail the form below to The DeKoven Center, 600 21st St., Racine, WI 53403 or email kml141@aol.com

Early reservations are advised.

A Day with Martin Marty, February 22, 2005

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Suggested Donation: \$45.00 (SEMINARIANS WITHOUT CHARGE) Amount enclosed: _____

Holy Cross Hosts Congregational Leaders Event

The synod's annual Congregational Leaders Event will take place Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran in Menomonee Falls. A mailing with brochure/registration form was sent to congregational presidents, treasurers and rostered leaders.

However, this event is not just for presidents and treasurers. We need your help spreading the word to other leaders in your congregation, especially leaders in the areas of worship, youth, evangelism, social justice and stewardship.

Theme: Stewards of

Abundance

Keynotes by Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers and the Rev. Mark Vincent

Cost: \$20 per person

Two workshop sessions offered.

Lunch is provided (vegetarian lunches available).

A brochure and registration form is available online at www.milwaukee-synod.org/congregationalleaders.htm

Registration deadline is Feb. 11, 2005. The event is funded by a generous grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation.

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FEBRUARY IS COMPUTER LITERACY MONTH

A project of the Racine County Economic Development Plan

Terms and Conditions: Drawings for the laptop computers are randomly selected from those participating in the survey. Winners will be contacted by March 15, 2005. All Racine County residents 16 years and older are welcome to participate. Winners must have a photo ID to show proof of age and residency before receiving the laptop computer.



Pastor Mary's Column

Together On the Journey

Inch upon inch upon inch. The snow accumulated, and roads, driveways and sidewalks became all but impassible.

Snow and wind on Saturday the 22nd made me wonder, "How can we be ready for a worship service tomorrow?" With the Saturday service already canceled, what would the next hours bring?

A variety of folks made it possible for us to gather as a community of faith. (I guess I could have been categorized as "one of little faith" when I made the decision to worship in the smaller space of the Sunset Room. More chairs had to be set up, and worshipers spilled out into the hallway!)

Lynn, Jill and Mariah Lang made the first major dent in the mounds of snow on Saturday. I grabbed a shovel and did some digging out of my own. Then came Gregg Albright with his blower. He was joined by one of the neighbors who lives across the alley.

Lynn returned very early the next morning and removed piles of snow that had been returned by plow or wind to the previously cleared areas. Julie Hansen, shovel in hand, removed the stubborn mountain left at the end of my driveway by the city plow.

Later, Spencer, the neighbor

across the street, cleared even more space. That's what happened just at the corner of Summit and Yout. Not any one of us could have done it alone!

And when I think of the effort made by so many to get out of their garages and driveways to get to church, I wonder how many might have had some assistance from a friend, family member or neighbor. We were able to join together to worship because of the concerted efforts of so many people.

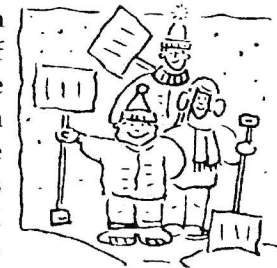
Remind me never again to doubt the faithful Emmaus community. You pitch in and make important things happen. But it has to do with much more

than snow! Cathy Meyer said "yes" to accompanying the hymns on Sunday when Joyce was socked in and wasn't able to get in to town to play.

Others stayed late to work on preparation for the 40 Days of Purpose program.

It's that connectedness and teamwork that will make the 40 Days of Purpose happen — from organizers, to cooks, to small group hosts, to every single person who participates — whether it's Sunday mornings or throughout the week.

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Pastor Mary's Column

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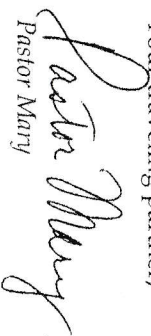
It's my prayer that the Holy Spirit guide and lead us each step of the way. I pray that we will come out of this 40 Day experience blessed by the deeper connections that will have been made — with our sisters and brothers sharing the journey with one another and with our God.

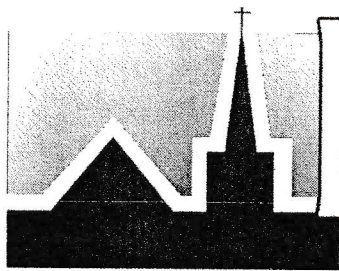
It is my hope that new bonds be made and others strengthened. As we join to say collectively and individually, "Thy will be done!" I envision God at work giving us new

opportunities. Let's expect to be filled to overflowing, celebrating the God given purpose in our lives.

This won't be an ordinary Lenten journey for us at Emmaus. May the Spirit work in extraordinary ways, touching us and moving us to new places! Blessings on the journey!

Your traveling partner,


Pastor Mary



Emmaus Visitor

March, 2005

Holy Week at Emmaus

Passion Sunday

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation"

9:15 a.m. March 20



Maundy Thursday

Reflection of Jesus' last Passover Meal

7:00 p.m. March 24



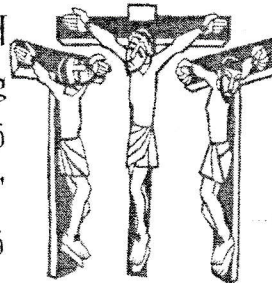
Good Friday

Service of Word and Song

12:00 noon March 25

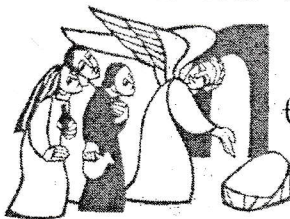
Tenebrae "Service of Darkness"

7:00 p.m. March 25



Easter Sunday,

March 27



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

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

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

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue
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Pastoral Acts

Baptism:

February 20, 2005
Ella Sophia Fox

Ella was born last July 12 to Ryan and Sarah Fox. She is the granddaughter of John and Cathy Knuteson and the great granddaughter of Shirley Velzka and the late Don Velzka. Her sponsors are Sara and Barry Gross. The Foxes live in Madison.

Funeral:

February 24, 2005
Rosalie Mauer

Jeff Clinton's grandmother, Rose, passed away February 20 at the age of 102. Mrs. Mauer had been employed as a nanny for the J.I. Case family, and as a waitress, cook and caterer for several Racine businesses.

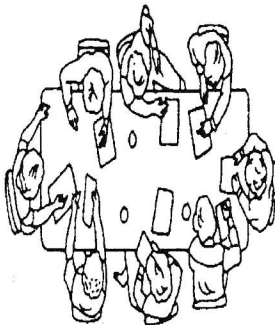
Annual Meeting

Congregation Elects New Council

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

President: Brenda Gieszler
Vice President: Chris Lambertson
Secretary: Cathy Meyer
Treasurer: Carolyn Wooster
Financial Secretary: Michele Kreimer
Building & Grounds:

Dave Douglas
Christian Education: Nancy Smith
Social Concerns: Colette



Schattner
Worship & Music: Kathy Christensen
Youth Ministry: Gregg Albright
Vacancies remain for Congregational Life, Member Care (formerly Deacons), and Stewardship.

Memorials

Designated for Choir Music in memory of Shirley Psiones: \$30.00
Non-designated memorials in memory of Georgia Psiones: \$50.00
Designated for Kitchen renovation in memory of LeRoy Protheroe: \$35.00
Non-designated memorials in memory of LeRoy Protheroe: \$45.00

Journey to the Cross and Beyond

The worship service on Passion Sunday, March 20, 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." Emmaus members will portray some of the principals in this dramatic re-telling of the story of Holy Week.

Maunder Thursday

Emmaus will observe Maunder Thursday at a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. March 24. The Last Supper is the focal point of this worship service, which concludes with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Good Friday

You are invited to experience the crucifixion through a service of Word and Song at 12:00 p.m., or at the Tenebrae "Service of Shadows" at 7:00 p.m. March 25. The Adult Choir will sing at the evening service.

There will be no Saturday worship service on March 26.

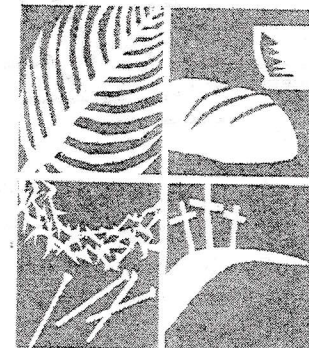
Easter Morning

We celebrate the empty tomb at the Sunrise Service at

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27 with festive floral decorations, music by the Adult Choir and the Brass Nickel, and the proclamation of the Easter

message. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion as well.

The choir and the Brass Nickel will join us for a Festival Service of Holy



Communion at 9:15 a.m.

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

Join Us For Easter Breakfast

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

Green Team Plans Kick-off Meeting

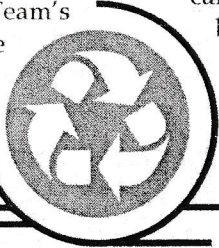
By Julie Hansen

The Green Team's kick-off meeting will be shortly after Easter. Everyone who expressed interest in participating will be contacted with the date (soon!).

If you didn't sign up but would like to be involved, just let Pastor Mary, Julie Hansen, Ruth Copeland or Nancy Smith know.

Shopping Bags

There will be plenty of reusable Green Team shopping bags available at the February 27 Ministry Fair and any time



afterward. The more folks we can get to use these Green Team bags, the greater the public's environmental awareness will be, so please pick up several and share them with your friends. The cost for the bags is \$5.00

Aluminum Cans for Cash

The Green Team has taken over the recycling of aluminum cans, too. The money we get will help fund some of our projects, so bring your cans to church and leave them in the entryways.

If you can take a turn taking the cans to the recycling center, please let Pastor Mary know. Thanks!

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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 Pastor Mary — mljanz@aol.com

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY worship will be at 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY services are offered at 12:00 and 7:00 p.m. EASTER SERVICES are at 7:00 and 9:15 a.m., with breakfast served around 8:15.

Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School March 27).

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed Friday afternoon, March 25.

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

Council President: Brenda Gieszler
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller
 Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis
 Secretary: Paul Berge
 Bldg & Grounds Crew: Kerry Hunter, Jeff White & J.R. Lang

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Emmaus, Our Savior's Youth Withstand 30 Hours of Fasting

What is it like to go without food?

30 Hours of Famine has been scheduled from 12:00 noon March 4 to 6:00 p.m. March 5. Confirmation students will join youth from Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday at Our Savior's.

During the time of fasting, there will be special activities. At 6:00 p.m. Saturday, the fast

will be broken with Holy Communion. A pizza feast will follow the worship service.



Youth Birthdays:

Erin Sommer	Mar. 3 18
Daniel Rieves	Mar. 4 10
Anna Butler	Mar. 9 5
Jackson Tepley	Mar. 12 1
Katie Maranger	Mar. 15 6
Stephanie Johnson	Mar. 16 5
Greg Gottfredsen	Mar. 17 15
Andrew Jaskulski	Mar. 25 10
Isaac Bustamante	Mar. 27 14
Dylan Scoon	Mar. 28 18
Amelia Bustamante	Mar. 31 5

Teen Intern Applications for Neighborhood Camp Open Soon

By Valerie Crehan

Attention teens 16 and older! Applications will soon be available for paid teen intern positions in the ELCA Neighborhood Summer Camp Program.

If you are enthusiastic and like working with children, this job is for you! One week of training will begin June 13; camp runs from June 20 to

July 22 (depending on the camp site).

Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

Applications will be available at the church office sometime in mid-March. Interviews will follow in May.

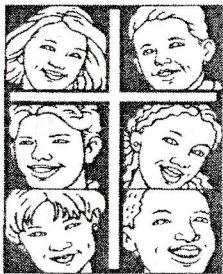
Think about applying. Please call Valerie Crehan at 634-5515 if you have any questions.



Mime Troupe Comes to Extreme Faith

By Rev. Denise Mbise

A youth mime troupe from Ascension Lutheran Church of Waukesha will perform at this month's "Extreme Faith" service



Youth Worship Service

at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. March 13.

For the past ten years, the Ascension Lutheran Church Youth of Waukesha, Wisconsin have shared the passion story of Christ. After six weeks of rehearsal, they share it with a different church each Wednesday and Sunday during Lent.

The presentation takes about 20 minutes and tells the story of Christ's passion through music, mime and some narration. It is a powerful journey from the upper room to the cross and beyond. The music that is used is from the sound

track of the movie "Dances With Wolves."

The entire cast is made up of youth in grades 9 through 12.

Fiesta Mexicana Slated May 1

by Gregg Albright

The sixth annual Fiesta Mexicana will be Sunday, May 1. Just like in years past, there will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction.

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 six for \$5.00. At press time, the youth are working on a personal computer, iPod, a spa package, sports and concert tickets, and many more items! We'll keep you posted as the weeks progress!

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 July, a group of middle and high school youth will travel to Texas and Mexico for a week of service. They will be accompanied by Pastor Mary, Ben Fields, and Ben's fiancée, Kelly.

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 here at

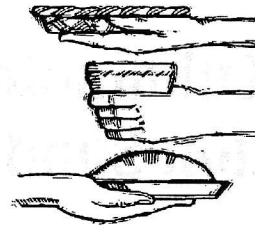
Emmaus.

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.

Emmaus Serves April St. Patrick's Community Meal

By Colette Schattner

Emmaus will again prepare and serve the food at the St. Patrick's Community Meal site on Thursday, April 7. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who can help by preparing a casserole, jello, or dessert and for those who can help serve the food.



Recipes for the casseroles are near the sign-up sheet if you did not pick them up at the Ministry Fair.

9"x13" pans are available in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Please tape your name to the pans (whether they are yours or were borrowed from the church) so they can be returned.

If you would like more information, please call Colette Schattner at 634-2761.

March Confirmation Schedule

Wed., Mar 2	6:30 p.m.	Class
Fri., Mar. 4	12:00 noon	Begin fasting for 30 Hours of Famine
	6:00 p.m.	Meet at Our Savior's for fasting/lock-in
Sat., Mar. 5	6:00 p.m.	Fast is broken with Communion service, followed by pizza
Wed., Mar. 9	6:30 p.m.	Class (last class until April)
Sun., Mar. 13	6:00 p.m.	Extreme Faith at Atonement
Sun., Mar. 27	8:00 a.m.	Serve Easter Breakfast

Northside Pantry Welcomes Food Donations

By Colette Schattner

The Northside Food Pantry, which Emmaus helps sponsor, is experiencing a shortage of the following items:

- Canned fruit
- Canned peas
- Canned soup
- Pancake mix
- Laundry products of all kinds
- Dish soap
- Bar soap
- Paper products

'40 Days' Culminates in Celebration Sunday

By Julie Hansen

On Sunday, March 13, we'll gather to celebrate the completion of our journey through "40 Days of Purpose." After the service, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and the closing celebration. This is for all

Emmaus members and friends.

Sign up to bring a salad, side dish, dessert, beverage, etc. (The main dish will be catered.) A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

The congregation's Ministry Fair was held after the



If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. All items may be left in the cart in the narthex and someone will take them to the Northside Food Pantry for you. Gifts of money will also be accepted.

Donations to the Boy Scout Food Drive (bags to be delivered March 12 and food picked up March 19) and the Letter Carriers' Food Drive (usually the day before Mothers' Day) will also benefit the Northside Food Pantry.

worship service on Sunday, February 27. The Sunday School children led us to Fellowship Hall for a congregational gathering where the ministries at Emmaus were on display.

This "show and tell" fair featured booths and hand-outs, craft tables, and of course, food. (How did you like the krumkake?)

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Ministry Fair!

P.S.: If you'd like to join a 40 Days small group, it's not too late. Contact Nancy Smith or Brenda Gieszler for the various days, times and meeting locations available.

Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camps Return This Summer

By Valerie Crehan

This summer, seven Racine ELCA Lutheran Churches will participate in the neighborhood camp program. Emmanuel, Emmaus, Holy Communion, Our Savior's, St. Paul's, Redeemer and Zion are the sites for this outreach ministry in 2005.

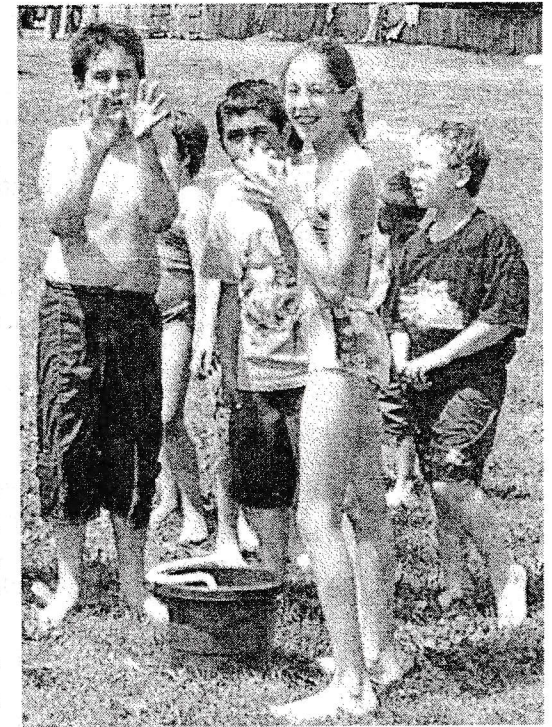
Each site will provide a safe and nurturing place for children aged 6-11 to play, to learn, and to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Last year, there were close to 200 children served by these camps.

There will be a week of leadership training for the 20 teen interns hired to assist with camp. Additional training will take place for volunteers.

Camp sessions will be held in June and July and last from two to five weeks depending on the site. The sites will choose from the following themes:

- Wheels and Spokes
- Wacky, Wet, and Wild
- Mad Scientist
- Time Machine



- Protecting Our Precious Planet

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 seven camp sites. This summer program will be funded by grant and individual/group donations. Donations may be made payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church or to Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund and designated for Neighborhood Camp.

Synod Sends \$175,000 for Tsunami Recovery Aid

By Ben McDonald Coltoet

In January, a challenge grant was issued for congregations and members of the Greater Milwaukee Synod to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in South Asia. As of Monday, the synod office passed on more than \$175,000 to the ELCA International Disaster Response – an incredible sum. Thank you!

I also include the following update on the ELCA relief efforts for tsunami victims, passed on by Franklin Ishida, the director for leadership development and mission personnel recruitment in the ELCA Division for Global Mission:

Dear friends across the globe,

For several weeks now, we have received many inquiries from individuals and congregations asking what they can do to help the thousands of tsunami victims in Indonesia. Sending money to a disaster relief organization seems so impersonal, some write.

Obviously the tsunami victims are going to need a lot of help to pick up the pieces and rebuild their shattered lives. Our hearts go out to them, and as Christians we want to be an active part of the solution. What kind of help should we offer,

though? From the vantage point of our place of work in Indonesia, we would offer the following suggestions:

*** Couldn't we serve as volunteers?**

Even though it may sound impersonal, the very best way to help tsunami victims is to send a financial donation to a reliable relief agency. Volunteers are rarely needed, we have learned, because disaster relief is a job that requires professionals with technical skills and prior disaster experience. An international disaster situation is more complicated than a domestic one, normally requiring passports, visas, fluency in the language of the area, and cross-cultural skills.

Hiring qualified survivors is much more cost effective and sustainable than relying on foreign volunteers. As well meaning as volunteers may be, they are apt to get in the way, taking up food, accommodations and supplies needed by local people and professional workers.

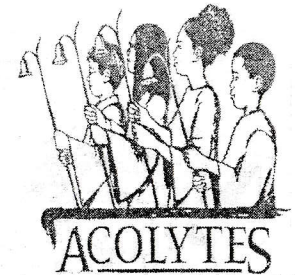
*** Why not send clothing and blankets to the tsunami victims?**

Collecting and sorting takes a great deal of time and effort. Exorbitant shipping costs make this impractical as well.

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	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Mar. 5 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Mar. 6 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Nancy Smith	Team 1 H. Miller	Brian Field Patrick Jansen
Mar. 12 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Mar. 13 9:15 am		Jacqueline Orth	Team 2 R. Christensen	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Mar. 19 5:00 pm	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	—	—	—
Mar. 20 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Cry of Whole Congregation	Team 3 H. Jensen	Aaron Smith Mariah Land
Mar. 24 7:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	Team 4 J. E. Cook	Hailey Sommer
Mar. 25 Noon	—	—	—	—
Mar. 25 7:00 pm	—	Karen Sedgwick Kelsey Albright Lee Woodward Chris Lamberton Kathy Christensen Carol Eschmann Karen Christiansen	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Justin Haman Brian Field
Mar. 27 7:00 am	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	Gregg Albright	Team 1 H. Miller	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Mar. 27 9:15 am	Evelyn Larsen	Julie Hansen	Team 2 R. Christensen	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
Apr. 2 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Apr. 3 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Peter Bayer	Team 3 H. Jensen	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, WI 53404 Phone: 262 634-5515 Fax: 262 634-0385</p>	<p>1 ST. DAVID 10:00 am Coffee 10:30 am 40 Days Group 12 noon Lunch 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm 40 Days groups</p>	<p>2 1:30 pm 40 Days group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm 40 Days group</p>	<p>3 10:00 am 40 Days group 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Stamp Club 7:00 pm 40 Days group</p>	<p>4 12:00 noon 30 hours of Famine begins 6:00 pm Youth meet at Our Savior's 7:00 pm REST</p> 	<p>5 DAY OF FASTING FOR YOUTH 2:30 pm 40 Days group 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 6:00 pm Youth break the fast at Our Savior's Lutheran</p>
<p>6 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am 40 Days group</p>	<p>7 10:45 am 40 Days group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm 40 Days group</p>	<p>8 10:00 am Coffee 10:30 am 40 Days Group 12 noon Lunch 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg. 7:00 pm 40 Days groups</p>	<p>9 1:30 pm 40 Days group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class 7:00 pm 40 Days group</p>	<p>10 10:00 am 40 Days group 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm 40 Days group</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>12 2:30 pm 40 Days group 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>13 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT; CELEBRATION SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Celebration Sunday 6:00 pm Extreme Faith at Atonement</p>	<p>14 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>15 <i>April Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>16 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class</p>	<p>17 ST. PATRICK 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm REST</p> 	<p>19 ST. JOSEPH 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>
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<p>27 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 7:00 am Sunrise service with Holy Communion 8:15 am Continental breakfast 9:15 am Festival service with Holy Communion <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p>28 ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD 5:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</p>	<p>30 5:30 pm ESL class</p>	<p>31 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline</p>	<p>April 1^{1/2} 7:00 pm REST</p>	<p>2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion</p>

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Store name	Emmaus earns	Denominations available	Quantity	Total
GROCERY & DRUG STORES				
Jewel/Osco	4%	\$10, \$25		
Piggly Wiggly	4%	\$25, \$50		
Walgreen's NEW!	2%	\$20		
TRAVEL/SERVICE STATIONS				
Citgo	2%	\$50, \$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
Speedway/SA	4%	\$25, \$100		
HARDWARE, BED & BATH HOME				
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25, \$100		
Home Depot	3%	\$25, \$100		
Menard's Home Centers	3%	\$25, \$100		
Pier 1 Imports	9%	\$25		
CLOTHING, SPORTING & DEPARTMENT STORES				
American Eagle Outfitters	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	7%	\$25		
Casual Corner	19%	\$25		
Claire's 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		
BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLY					
Amazon.com		7%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble		9%	\$10, \$25		
Walden Books		8%	\$10, \$25		
Office Depot	NEW!	4%	\$25		
Office Max		5%	\$25		
FOOD, RESTAURANTS					
Applebee's		8%	\$20		
Arby's		10%	\$5		
Boston Market		12%	\$10		
Burger King		4%	\$5		
Chuck E. Cheese	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		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES					
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		
TOYS					
Kaybee Toys		9%	\$10		
TousR Us/KidsR Us/BabiesR Us		3%	\$20		
					TOTAL:

Please check catalog, lay-away and charge account policies at your particular store. Some stores place restrictions on Scrip purchases with those services.
 Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church # 1111 W. 29th St. Emmaus, PA 17822
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Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

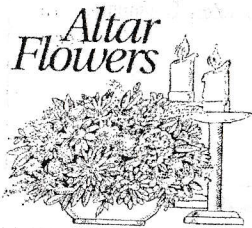
The 40 Days of Purpose discussion group continues March 1 and 8. We return to our regular Senior Citizen Fellowship Center meeting on March 15. The Center will not meet March 22 or 29.

Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., discussion or program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.



March Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Mar. 1	Jan Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane, Racine	53405
Mar. 4	Bev Hansen	130 23 rd Avenue, Kenosha	53140
Mar. 14	Selma Sorensen	6101 16 th St. Racine	53406
Mar. 16	Ginny Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive, Racine	53402
Mar. 21	Lillian Henrickson	1700 C.A. Becker Drive, Racine	53406



March Worship Assistants

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	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Assts.
Mar. 6	John Haanstad		Boots LeRoux	Karen Sedgwick
Mar. 13	Valerie Crehan	Celebration Sun.		—
Mar. 20	Art & Nancy Smith			Caren Lamberton
Mar. 24	—	—		Cindi Larsen
Mar. 27 7:00 am	EASTER GARDEN	Continental Breakfast		Shirley Velzka
Mar. 27 9:15 am				Nancy Brown
Apr. 3			Marge Jensen	Chris Lamberton

Letters

Thanks for Disaster Response Contributions

January 31, 2005

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your recent gift to the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, which provides both immediate and long-term assistance to children, families and whole communities around the world and close to home. Your gift responds to our call to "Go and Do Likewise" to neighbors who hunger, thirst and search for home.

Your gift provides food for those who are hungry and sustainable livelihoods and futures for those with few opportunities. Because of you, children will attend school and parents will provide healthy food and clean water for their

families. Because of you, whole communities will develop the resources needed to provide for themselves. Thank you for responding to those who suffer from natural disasters and from the tragedies of wars and violence... and thank you for responding to the "silent disaster" of extreme poverty and hunger throughout the world.

Your gift enables our church to bring light and hope for a better life to people in great need. Thank you for your commitment and your partnership in this ministry!

In Christ's service,

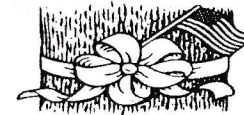
Kathryn Sime, Director,

ELCA World Hunger and

Disaster Appeal

Marine Unit Sends Thanks for Care Packages

This comes from all the Marines here in Iraq. What can we say — thank you for everything.



You should have seen all these guys' faces. All the kids were just thinking was what they were going to get. I'll tell you this every time that things were going bad here with a firefight and came back after 1½ hours we were just thinking about all the

things that we would get in the mail. Thanks.

This is why we are here for people like you, people that help out others in need.

From 1/7 B Co. 3rd Platoon, Unit 41525:

Lt. Richardson

Cpl. Woison

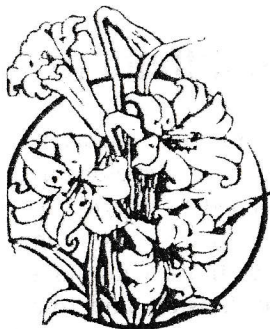
L.cpl. Matlock

L.cpl. Clements

L.cpl. Dunn

L.cpl. De la Cruz

PFC Rivera (aka El Gato)



Flowering plants, symbolizing rebirth, have long been used to enhance the worship experience at Easter services. We have a wide variety to choose from this year. Choose from the plants listed below to decorate Emmaus on this special day. The plants will be yours to take after the late worship service on Easter Sunday, March 27.

Please indicate your choice of plant(s) on this form and return it to the church office by March 13.

Quantity	Description	Cost
_____	6" white Easter lily (5-8 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6-1/2" azalea	\$12.50
_____	7" chrysanthemums	\$7.50
_____	7" daffodil (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" hyacinth (3-4 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	7" tulip (6-7 flowers)	\$8.00
_____	6-1/2" regal geranium	\$8.50
_____	7" hydrangea (3-5 flowers)	\$12.50
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		_____

Your name(s) _____ Phone: _____

Given in ___ memory ___ honor of: _____

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

Counters mark: _____ Office mark: ___ Bulletin ___

New Computers Up and Running

Three new computers replace the outdated computers in the church offices. Art Smith and a technician from Sierra Computer installed the computers, the software and the networking.

We now have a new e-mail address at emmausracine@sbcglobal.net. Our fax number has been changed also; the new number is (262) 633-0835.

Thanks also go to Kerry Hunter for extra time spent assembling office furniture and for painting the main office and patching up the excess holes in the walls. Thanks to Nancy Smith for furniture assembly,

persistence with SBC, shopping and running errands, and for installing the anti-virus software.

Colette Schattner was also part of the team, getting the laptop computer up and running. We thank Colette for using vacation time to help with a variety of office tasks and also putting some finishing touches on the Children's library.

Carolyn Wooster has spent countless hours in the office in her volunteer position as treasurer of the congregation. The many, many hours of volunteer time deserve a huge thank you to all who have served so tirelessly and so willingly.



Book Club Meets March 17

The Emmaus book club selection for March is *Motherland: Beyond the Holocaust: A Mother-Daughter Journey to Reclaim the Past* by Fern Schumer Chapman.

Motherland is the story of a trip by the author and her mother, Edith, to Stockstadt am Rhein, where Edith had lived until her parents sent her to live with relatives in Chicago in 1938. From *Publishers Weekly*: "Chapman, a former *Chicago Tribune* reporter, lovingly describes her scarred mother's decision to return to her

hometown; the emotional catharsis and peace her return brings; and the various reactions her return engenders in the townspeople."

Emmaus' book club meets in the Fireside Room on the third Thursday of most months. This month's meeting is at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 17.

All who are interested, come and join in and lend your suggestions to help make this club stimulating, interesting and fun.

Wosyk Elected to Represent Racine on Synod Council

The Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA held its annual assembly at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on February 1.

Members present discussed the future of the Mission Cluster's community meal, offered Sunday evenings at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The co-directors of the meal site resigned in January, and the Racine Mission Cluster Council wanted input on the future of the program before hiring their replacements. Several people expressed support for continuing the program.

Rev. Mary Janz (Emmaus) presented an update on plans for Neighborhood Camp this summer.

Rev. Karen Kastler (Redeemer) reported that about 120 middle and high school kids have been participating in "Extreme Faith" worship services at Atonement. The

services are held on the second Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Racine's outgoing representative on the Synod Council, MaryAlice Peterson (Bethania) reported that the council will produce a response to the ELCA's statement on human sexuality at its March meeting.

John Wosyk (Redeemer) was elected to represent the Racine Mission Cluster on the

Synod Council. Outgoing representative MaryAlice Peterson was thanked for her service on the Synod Council.

Bob Reinders (Our Savior) was elected Treasurer of the Racine Mission Cluster Council. Carol Slaughter (Zion) was elected President.

The Racine Mission Cluster Council meets four times a year. Its next meeting is on Tuesday, April 19. Emmaus does not currently have a representative on the council.



Tsunami Response

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Remember that clothing and blankets are nearly always available near a disaster area. By purchasing locally, relief agencies not only avoid such prohibitive costs but can find what suits the people of that culture best. Buying in the region also boosts the local economy and ensures that the goods arrive quickly

* What about adopting orphans from Aceh?

Professional relief workers tell us that the best home that can be provided for orphans of natural disasters is within their own community and culture. In Asia where cultures are group-oriented rather than individual-oriented, the extended family feels responsible to care for its own, and this is the least traumatic solution for the children. Nations have the responsibility of protecting their own citizens, too.

When World Help wanted to airlift 300 tsunami orphans out of Banda Aceh to put them into a Christian children's home, local Indonesians were aghast at the idea. The Indonesian government quickly prevented the "trafficking" of its children and prohibited the adoption of children by people outside of Aceh. Even Indonesia's First Lady was reportedly chided on a

recent visit to the area for suggesting that she could adopt a few Acehese children. Interestingly enough, the Acehese children themselves politely refused her offer, stating that they much preferred to stay in Aceh.

* Some American Christian relief agencies are proselytizing as well as distributing aid. Isn't this a good thing to do for the Kingdom of God?

Is it ethical to use the tsunami tragedy as an opportunity to evangelize, especially in Indonesia, the most populous Moslem nation in the world, where overt evangelism is strictly prohibited? To take advantage of the situation only increases religious tensions and makes it more difficult for local Christians later on. Then, too, can people who are traumatized and depressed make sound decisions? Is it right to use their hopelessness and vulnerability as a means to convert them? It seems to us that charity with a hidden agenda of this sort only breeds contempt and causes more harm than good.

The most credible relief organizations are not those with a hidden religious agenda who rush to the scene of a disaster to seek the lost, but those who were

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Tsunami Response

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doing relief work in the area before the disaster struck and have earned the trust of the people.

* Why bother routing our money through relief agencies if our congregation could send it directly to churches or companion synods in Asia?

Whenever there is a humanitarian catastrophe, aid agencies carefully assess the damage and determine what kind of help is needed. Hundreds of relief agencies, including ACT (Action by Churches Together) and church partners in the region through which our ELCA International Disaster Response funding is channeled, are now hard at work in the tsunami-devastated areas.

Sending a cash donation directly may sound like a wonderful idea and give your congregation a good name in the process, but by doing this independently, you bypass our national church and those affiliated organizations on location that are in the best position to assess the damage and render aid.

Ask yourself also if local churches and synod offices would be set up to handle relief efforts. Most local synods and congregations in developing countries are not equipped to

deal with disaster relief on their own or even to take the responsibility of handling large sums of money.

When you send funds, make sure they are part of a coordinated relief effort so that you know how the funds will be monitored and dispersed. Anyone who has had experience in developing countries knows that accountability can be a serious problem, even in the church. Where corruption is a way of life, gifts can be misappropriated as individuals and groups exploit the situation for their own benefit.

Remember, too, that our goal is long-term sustainable development. A credible relief agency like Church World Services and Action by Churches Together (ACT) has established a strong presence in these areas long before the tsunami disaster occurred and employs thousands of staff members, most of whom are residents of local communities. It is far more adept at assessing the needs and meeting the challenges faced by tsunami victims than individual churches or companion synod offices may be.

With thanks for your concern, love, and support,
Rosella and Daniel Kameo Indonesia

Spring Brunch

Women of the ELCA

Racine Mission Cluster

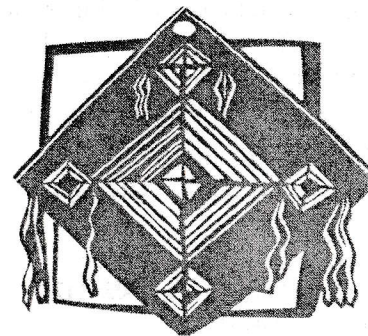
Saturday morning, April 23, 2005

8:30 (registration); concludes 12:00 noon

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
2417 Drexel Avenue

Two blocks north of Mitchell Elementary School

Elevator at parking lot entrance



***IN THE
SPIRIT***

***Hazel Red Bird,
Sakota***

***Romans 8: 16, 17: "The Spirit
Himself bears witness within our
spirit that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs..."***

Each church must call in its paid reservation count by

Monday, April 17

Brenda at 639-7366

Wittenberg University Choir Sings

SPRINGFIELD, OH — The Wittenberg University Choir will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2065 Geneva Street, Racine, on Sunday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m.



Under the direction of Dr. Donald Busarow, the 40-voice group is one of the most traveled college choral groups in the world, having earned rave reviews from critics all over the United States and in Canada, Latin America, Europe and Russia.

Featured in the concert program this year is the motet for two choir, *Das is meine Freude* by Johann Ludwig Bach.

A variety of works ranging from spirituals to well-loved hymns will be performed, along with two pieces from the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Wittenberg concert is one of a yearlong series of "Centennial Events" to celebrate Trinity's 100 years of ministry to the Racine community. Plan now to attend this inspiring event. A free-will offering will be taken.

Now I See in a Mirror Dimly

I Cor. 13:12-13: "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love."

Minutes ago, I stepped out of the eye doctor's office. My dilated eyes are trying to adjust to the light, and I am experiencing vision that is somewhat blurred. As we grow older, we face the reality of changing eyesight, which can range from a stronger prescription for glasses to dealing with glaucoma, cataracts or macular degeneration.

For now, I am fortunate to have only a slight change since my last eye exam and to hear the words, "See you in two years!" Eyesight is one of those precious gifts that is appreciated most when it is failing or has been lost completely.

Isn't it ironic that even as our physical eyesight may be fading, our insight can continue to grow and blossom? During the 40 Days of reflection and meeting in small groups, I have heard a lot of feedback. As groups grapple with questions of free will and of how God is active in our lives, questions arise. At times there are "huh?" moments and at other times there are the "aha!" moments.

It's as we are in dialogue with a perspective not written from a Lutheran point of view that various reactions are shared. I have heard responses such as, "We can't be so heaven-bound that we end up being no earthly good" to "Whatever happened to the good news that we are saved by grace alone?" (That good news of grace is *so* central to our Lutheran teaching!)

As some questions are answered, others arise. Sometimes the book or video is put aside as group members simply take time to listen to one another with care and compassion. Relationships grow.

Rick Warren doesn't "know it all," nor does your pastor, nor does the Bishop of the ELCA. In this process of spiritual growth, we echo the words of Paul, "Now I know only in part..." And we take comfort in the assurance that we are fully known by our God, a God of love.

It's because we know God is with us in our Lenten journey that we dare pray for insight and vision and commitment even as we live amidst the question. Where will the next steps take us? We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we move forward. May we grow in insight, understanding, and most of all, love as we walk together.

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, January :	2003: 141	2004: 132	2005: 111
Average weekend attendance, February :	2003: 127	2004: 124	2005: 117*
Average weekend attendance, March :	2003: 123	2004: 121	
Ash Wednesday attendance:	2003: 51	2004: 87	2005: 85

*Average calculated as of February 20, 2005.

Financial Figures

	Year to date
2005 General fund offerings received in '04:.....	\$6,100.00
General fund offerings received. in Jan:.....	\$15,208.93.....\$21,303.93
'05 Mortgage retirem't offerings received in '04:\$5,000.00	
Mortgage retirem't offerings received in Jan:.....	\$3,474.00.....\$8,474.00

Mortgage payments in Jan. & Feb.:	Principal \$665.63
.....	Interest \$1,318.37
.....	Extra principal \$12,509.00
.....	Total \$10,992.00
Principal balance as of January 14, 2005	\$134,451.20



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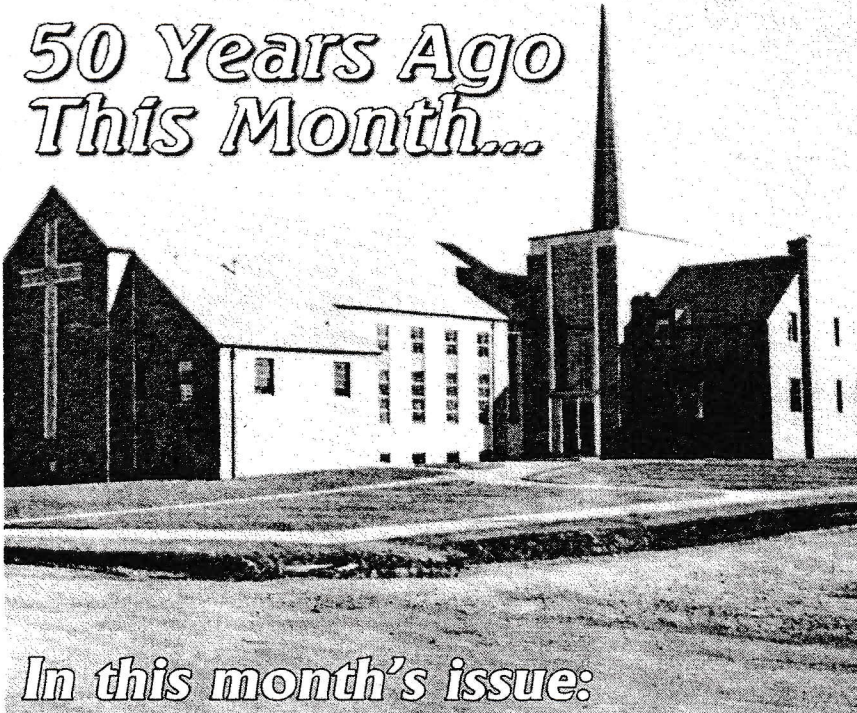
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This Month...*



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Pastoral Acts

Funerals:
Milton Christensen
March 10, 2005

Milt Christensen is survived by his wife, Marlyn; their children Milton Jr., Tim, Brad and Caren Larsen; his brothers Rich and Ken, five grandchildren and other relatives. Milt was a lifelong member of Emmaus, serving as an usher.

Hans Jepsen
March 29, 2005

Hans Jepsen, 91, was born in Isafjordur, Iceland; his family moved to Racine later that year. He was Emmaus church council president when the congregation moved to Summit Avenue in 1955. A talented model shipbuilder, Hans assembled the Sunday School's scale model of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in 2000. He is survived by daughters Cindy Cook and Sharon Crandall, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David Rhoads Preaches Here April 10

Dr. David Rhoads will be our guest preacher on Sunday, April 10 as part of our Green Team kick-off project.

Dr. Rhoads is a professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Rhoads is



advisor to the seminary's Green Zone Committee and has planned eco-conferences, edited guidebooks for parishes, and helped initiate "The Web of Creation," an online environmental service for congregations.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
Organist: Joyce Kaiser
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis
Secretary: Paul Berge
Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, JR Lang & Jeff White

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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.
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EMMAUS VISITOR

April 10 Marks 50th Anniversary

Sunday, April 10 will be the 50th anniversary of the first worship service in Emmaus Lutheran Church's current building. The first worship service here was held on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955.

Worship services continued in the Mound Avenue church through the spring and summer while work on the new church building

was completed. The dedication ceremony for the new church was held October 16, 1955.



Do you have a special memory of Emmaus 50 years ago? If so, contact the church office with that memory by April 5, and we'll include it in a collage of memories to

be printed in the April 10 Sunday bulletin.

Walk for Multiple Sclerosis April 17

This year's Multiple Sclerosis Walk is Sunday, April 17 at Memorial Hall. Check-in starts at 9:00 a.m.; the walk begins at 10:00.

Brochures and pledge sheets are available in the narthex for anyone interested in participating.

Task Force on Education Created

by Nancy Smith

What is the responsibility of the church to instruct our youth? Why is passing on the faith such a challenge today?

Over the next few months, a task force will begin to evaluate the education programs at Emmaus. The group will look at providing meaningful programs for children of nursery age through youth in high school.



Those who have agreed to serve on this committee are Cindi Larsen, Celia Bagley, Dave and Kris Smith, Amy Haman, Jamie Toslek and Nathan Lambertson.

If you have a suggestion or comments about this area, please feel free to tell one of the task force members. We

welcome your input.

Green Team Meets April 11

by Julie Hansen

Ready? Now that spring is here, it's time to kick off the new Emmaus Green Team. Everyone interested should plan to meet at church on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m.

We'll use this time to establish our capacity and



Be a good steward of God's creation

areas of interest, set up project teams and outline our first projects. Bring your ideas. There will be work both great and small, so don't let a busy schedule deter you from joining!

If you have questions, call Julie Hansen at 262-884-6529.

P.S. Are you using your new Green Team shopping bags?

Work to Begin on Kitchen Renovation

Beginning April 4, dust and disruption will be the temporary state of the small kitchen adjoining the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. As use of the two rooms for fellowship events has increased, so has the need for a more efficient work space in the kitchen.

Ongoing designated gifts have been given the past several years, and the designated profits from Scrip during the past two years have also been earmarked for the project.

It was the \$10,000 gift given by Dave Anderson in memory of his wife, Marilyn, that made it possible to begin specific plans to get the renovation launched. Most recently, memorials in the name of

Milt Christensen have helped meet the final goal.

Crystal Cabinets will coordinate the entire project, which will take about a month to complete. In addition to all new cabinetry and storage space, the reconfigured work area will include a new full-size range, microwave, refrigerator and small commercial dishwasher. Randy Bagley will install the flooring and tile work for the project.

Total costs of the renovation project come to \$18,344.00. Pat Jensen, Dave Anderson and Cheryl Dexter have led the planning of this project, along with others they have consulted in the process.



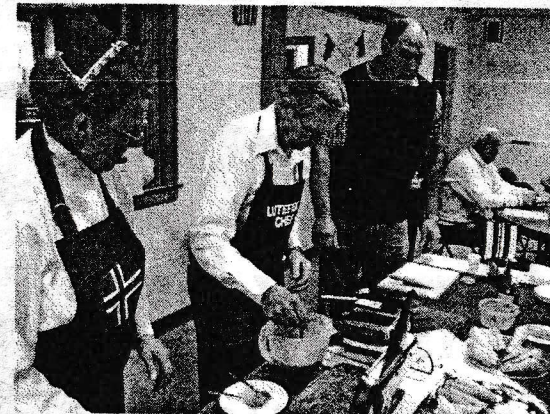
Did You Take Home the Wrong Coat?

Someone accidentally took Evelyn Larsen's London Fog coat home from Easter services and left their similar hooded coat at the

church. If you went home with the wrong coat, please call the church office, 634-5515.

Try This Krumkake Recipe

Did you sample the tasty Norwegian treats at the Ministry Fair in March? Thank you to Betty and Stan Breiwick, Brenda Gieszler and Dave Huber for preparing and rolling dozens of krumkake for us to enjoy!



3 Eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup butter
1 ts vanilla extract OR ½ ts almond extract
Dash ground nutmeg
Requires a krumkake iron.

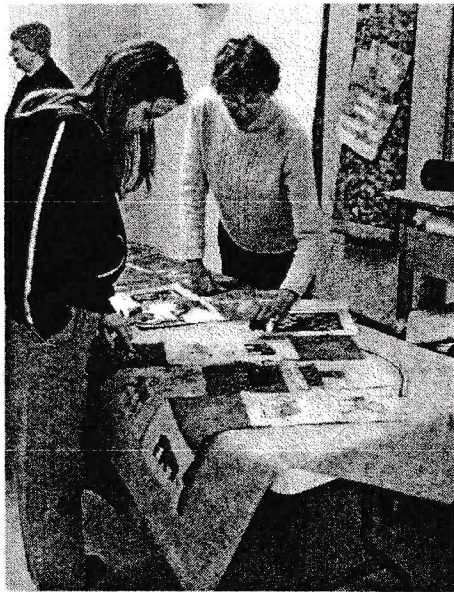
In a medium mixing bowl beat eggs with an electric mixer on medium speed about 1 minute. Add sugar; beat about 3 minutes or until sugar is almost dissolved.

Melt butter; cool slightly. Stir butter into egg mixture. Add flour, vanilla or almond extract, and nutmeg; stir just until smooth.

Heat a krumkake iron on the range-top over medium-low heat. For a 6-inch iron, spoon about 1 tablespoon of the batter onto the hot, ungreased iron.

Close gently but firmly. Cook over medium-low heat about 30 seconds or till light golden brown. Turn iron and cook about 30 seconds more. Open the iron carefully. Loosen cookie with a narrow spatula; invert onto a wire rack. Immediately roll the cookie into a cone or cylinder; using a wooden or metal form.

Let cool around the cone or cylinder until the cookie holds its shape. Reheat the iron and repeat with remaining batter. Cool rolled cookies on a wire rack. If desired, before serving, pipe or fill with whipped cream; top with chopped almonds or chocolate-flavored sprinkles, or serve with preserves if desired. Makes 26-30 cookies.



Ministry Fair February 27 at Emmaus



State PTA Honors Cathy Meyer

Cathy Meyer has been named the 2005 Wisconsin PTA State Elementary Teacher of the Year. The state Parent Teacher Association will recognize Cathy at their



annual state convention in Oshkosh April 16.

Cathy teaches at Gifford, where she was named the school's teacher of the year last December.

Community Meal Program Begins 25th Year of Service

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 25 years ago this month. No one is excluded as long as they want to come and share what is offered

Emmaus was one of five churches participating in the program. Ever since, Emmaus has served on the first Thursday of even-numbered month (April 7 this month).

We can always use volunteers to help prepare the meal. You can make 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.

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.

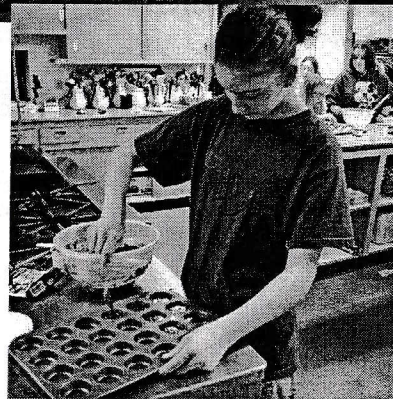
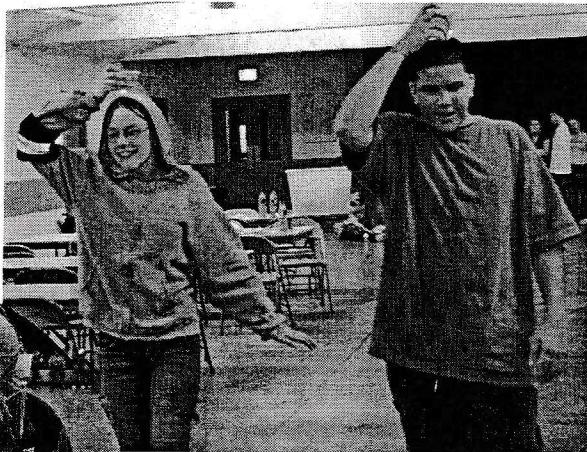
Sprinkle the green beans over the beef. Pour both cans of soup over the beans.

Spread the tater tots over the top of the casserole.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

30 Hour Famine

March 4-5 at Our Savior's



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Todos Están Invitados a la Fiesta Mexicana

by Gregg Albright

The sixth annual Fiesta Mexicana will be Sunday, May 1. As in years past, there will be dinner, raffle prizes and a silent auction.

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 six for \$5.00. At press time, the youth are working on a personal computer, iPod, a spa package, sports and concert tickets, and many more items! We'll keep you posted as the weeks progress.

Each year the Fiesta raises money for our youth trips. A portion is donated back to the church to support our Neighborhood Camp outreach program.



This July, a group of middle and high school youth will travel to Texas and Mexico for a week of service. They will be accompanied by Pastor Mary, Ben Field, and Ben's fiancée, Kelly.

April Confirmation Schedule

There will not be an "Extreme Faith" service in April.

Confirmation classes resume at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

April Youth Birthdays

Apr. 1	Christian Krug	3
Apr. 4	Sara Albright	5
Apr. 7	Jennifer Haman	11
Apr. 9	Diane Lasko	5
Apr. 12	Brian Field	15
Apr. 14	Natalie Longrie	10
Apr. 15	Kelsey Albright	16
Apr. 17	Alysa Bohn	4
Apr. 18	Michaela Keller	7

Bulletin Bloopers

Here are some messages culled from church bulletins and newsletters over the years:

"Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community."

"Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24

in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days."

"The women of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon."

Goodies Sought for Wadewitz Staff Appreciation

As in past years, Emmaus will extend our appreciation to the staff of Wadewitz Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4. In addition to sub sandwiches and soda, we'd like to treat the staff to homemade goodies baked by Emmaus members.

If you are able to contribute

bars, brownies, or cookies, please contact Valerie Crehan between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Help is also needed with some shopping, delivering food to the school and service on Wednesday, May 4. If you can help out in any way, call the church office (634-5515).

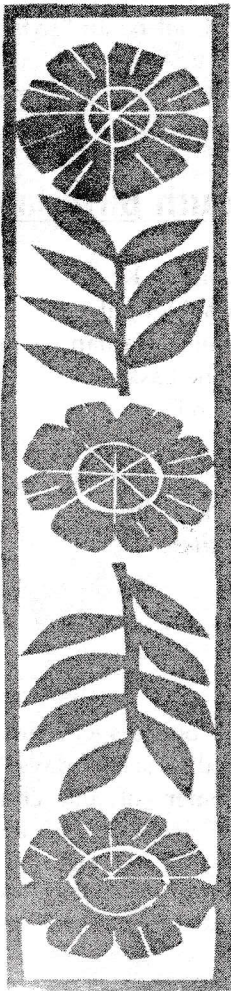
Children Learn What They Live

by Dorothy Law Nolte

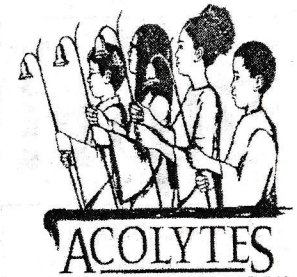
- If children live with encouragement they learn confidence.
- If children live with tolerance they learn patience.
- If children live with praise they learn appreciation.
- If children live with acceptance they learn to love.
- If children live with approval they learn to like themselves.
- If children live with recognition they learn it's good to have a goal.
- If children live with sharing they learn generosity.
- If children live with honesty they learn truthfulness.
- If children live with fairness they learn justice.
- If children live with kindness and consideration they learn respect.
- If children live with security they learn to have faith in themselves, and in those about them.
- If children live with friendship they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Submitted by Milt Christensen, Jr.

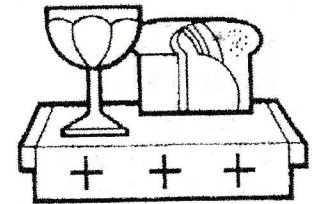
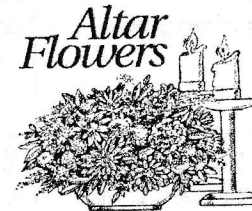
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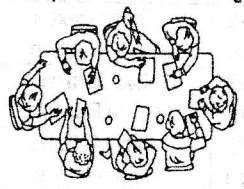



April Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 2 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Apr. 3 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Peter Bayer	Team 1 H. Miller	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang
Apr. 9 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Apr. 10 9:15 am	—	Amy Haman	Team 2 R. Christensen	Aaron Smith Patrick Jansen
Apr. 16 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Apr. 17 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Brenda Gieszler	Team 3 H. Jensen	Justin Haman Brian Field
Apr. 23 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Apr. 24 9:15 am	—	Suzanne Landis	Team 4 J.E. Cook	Kally Jansen Courtney Jansen
Apr. 30 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
May 1 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Kylee Albright	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Hailey Sommer Mariah Lang



	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Assts.
Apr. 3	Michele Nelson	TBA	Marge Jensen	Chris Lamberton
Apr. 10	Valerie Crehan	Green Team		—
Apr. 17	Gerry Dykstra	TBA		Kylee Albright
Apr. 24	Brian & Denise Keller	R. Hlavka		—
May 1	Art & Diane Rode	TBA	Pat LeRoux-Sodke	Jess Sedgwick

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April, 2005						
					1 ST. LOONEY UP THE CREAM BUN AND JAM 7:00 pm REST	2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time begins
3 2 nd SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	4 <i>Kitchen renovation begins</i> 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Sewing group 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee meeting	5 ELECTION DAY 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS.	6 10:00 am Pastor Mary leads worship at Villa St. Anna 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class	7 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	8 7:00 pm REST	9 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
10 3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER; 50 th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SERVICE AT 1925 SUMMIT AVENUE 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service Dr. Rhoads, preacher 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	11 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Sewing group 7:00 pm Green team kick-off meeting	12 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm Church council mtg 	13 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class	14 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	15 <i>May Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 7:00 pm REST  Newsletter Deadline	16 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
17 4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	18 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Sewing group	19 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Cluster council meeting at Zion	20 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Confirmation class	21 10:00 am Book club 2:30 pm EASY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	22 EARTH DAY 7:00 pm REST 	23 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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May 1 9:15 am Worship service 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana	2 2:30 pm EASY 7:00 pm Worship & Music	3 10:00 am Seniors 2:30 pm EASY	4 2:30 pm EASY	5 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY	6	7 5:00 pm Worship service

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Kwik Trip	3%	\$20, \$100		
Mobil/Exxon	1.5%	\$50		
Shell Gas	2%	\$25, \$100		
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Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10, \$25		
Bed, Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
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Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
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Amazon.com	7%	\$25		
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KFC	9%	\$5		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster	9%	\$25		
Panera's Bread	9%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	9%	\$5		
Starbucks	8%	\$10, \$25		
Wendy's	9%	\$10		
COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT, VIDEO RENTAL, MOVIES				
AT&T	20%	\$9.50		
Best Buy	2%	\$25, \$100		
Blockbuster gift card	7%	\$10		
Circuit City	3%	\$50, \$100		
Hollywood Video	15%	\$10		
Marcus	5%	\$10		
TOYS				
Kaybee Toys	9%	\$10		
Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us	3%	\$20		
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November 29, 2004

First Quarter Statements Available Soon

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

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

Lincoln Lutheran Skill Bank Connects Seniors

Lincoln Lutheran's Skill Bank uses the knowledge, skills and talents of adults aged 60 and over to help other 60+ adults in the community. There are no set fees; the worker and the person receiving the service negotiate the cost and time of service.



Some services offered are: carpentry, cleaning (basements, garages, homes), companion sitting, electrical repair, food preparation, interior and exterior painting, plumbing, transportation, and all kinds of yard work.

For information, call Eleanor Sorenson at 637-7515.

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet April 5 and 19. Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

April 5 Nancy Smith
April 19 TBA

April Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

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

Sewing Group to Make Rag Dolls

by Donna Rode



On Monday, April 4, the Monday night sewing group will start sewing Rag Dolls 2 Love. These dolls are sent to children in countries ravaged by war.

Donations of fabric, thread, batting and old nylons would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to join. We meet at 6:30 in the Sunset Room.

Any questions? Please call Diane Rode, 639-8079, or Joy Lippmann, 878-2081.

HALO Announces Plan for Homeless Shelter

The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) has been visioning and planning in order to provide a single site for the homeless of Racine.

The soon-to-be-renovated facility at 2000 DeKoven Avenue (near the County Workforce Development Center) will be completed in stages. The men's site is scheduled to open October 1, 2005, and the adjacent women and children's site will open by April 15, 2006.

Facilities will include a sleeping area, dining area, meeting rooms and classrooms, family space, laundry and green space.

The HALO shelter will replace the weekly REST emergency shelters hosted at Emmaus and six other Racine churches. The new shelter will operate year-round, and the REST organization will be under the umbrella of HALO.

A three-year capital campaign drive has begun, with an overall goal of \$2,050,000. City, County,

foundation and local business resources have already committed to over 75% of that amount.

Of the remaining 25%, there are hopes that Racine area churches will be able to provide \$200,000 of the funding over the next three years. Contributions will be used for building renovation, green space development, furniture and start-up for support services and programs.

Executive Director Cheryl Buckley and other staff will need volunteers from the churches. Additional community members will be recruited through businesses and service organizations in order to broaden the volunteer base.

For more detailed information, contact Cathy Knuteson, Emmaus member who serves on the HALO board.

To make contributions to HALO, checks may be made payable to Emmaus with "HALO" noted on the memo line.

Capital Fund Drive Helps Reduce Mortgage

Pledges totaling \$52,246.00 over the next three years are 39% of the overall goal set for the Capital Fund drive. The pledges from 29 households range from \$50 to \$17,500.

The pledged amount is 55% of the \$95,000 loan, the amount added to our existing mortgage last summer. Those funds were used for major building renovation, including new roofs, windows in the parsonage, and flooring in Fellowship Hall.

We welcome additional pledges of one to three years; pledge cards are available in the narthex or by calling the church office.

Each month, all donations to the mortgage reduction fund are forwarded with our regular mortgage payment. *All funds are applied to principal reduction only.* Special unpledged gifts may also be designated for this purpose by noting "mortgage reduction"

on your check or offering envelope.

On behalf of the Capital Fund Committee, Gregg Albright, Colette Schattner and Dave Douglas, thank you to all who have responded so generously.

Aikens Adopt Sunday

Our thanks to Marty Aiken for adopting a Sunday in March in memory of his mother, Betty Jean Aiken.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Memorials

In memory of Milt Christensen:
Designated for Kitchen renovation: \$1,150.00

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, February	2003: 127	2004: 124	2005: 117
Average weekend attendance, March	2003: 123	2004: 121	2005: 153
Average weekend attendance, April	2003: 178	2004: 169	
Maundy Thursday attendance	2003: 49	2004: 45	2005: 42
Good Friday attendance	2003: 113	2004: 118	2005: 96
Easter Sunday attendance	2003: 289	2004: 241	2005: 228

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Feb.	\$12,971.99	\$34,280.92
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Feb.	\$3,490.00	\$11,964.00

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40 Days of Purpose Sparks Some Next Steps

Forty days — a kick-off brunch, small groups meeting throughout the week, a sermon series with a focus on God's purpose for our lives, a ministry fair, Celebration Sunday with music from Out of Eden band, and a final pot luck with reflections and words of thanks.

Now that the ambitious program is complete, the question asked by some is, "What's next?"

For some, it will mean new involvement in the ministry of Emmaus. For others, it will be nurturing relationships that grew

during the 40 days. And for others, there is an interest and commitment to be a part of future small group discussions/Bible studies. There will be the opportunity for new groups to gather and for new friendships to be formed.

Times, topics and leaders of future small group studies are yet to be determined. Sign up in the narthex or contact Nancy Smith (nnsdaisy@aol.com or 633-3059) with any thoughts, ideas, or requests you may have regarding upcoming studies.

Spring Brunch

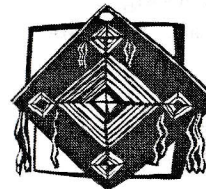
Women of the ELCA Racine Mission Cluster

Saturday morning, April 23, 2005

8:30 (registration); concludes 12:00 noon

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
2417 Drexel Avenue

Two blocks north of Mitchell Elementary School
Elevator at parking lot entrance



IN THE SPIRIT
Hazel Red Bird, Lakota

Romans 8: 16, 17: "The Spirit Himself bears witness within our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs..."

Each church must call in its paid reservation count by Monday,

April 17. Phone Brenda at 639-7366

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Letters:

Marine Adds His Thanks for Sunday School Care Package

January 25, 2005

Dear Emmaus Lutheran Church,

I can't thank you enough for the support you have sent to my men and me. All of your efforts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Things in Iraq are going very well, despite how the media portray it. The people of Iraq are preparing for their very first true election. Freedom and individual rights that are taken for granted have to be carefully explained here. I recently spent a while trying to explain to one man that he is allowed to vote simply because he is a citizen of Iraq. He kept saying that he didn't think that was true because he is only a sheep herder, and not part of any "party." I kept explaining that you did not have to be a part of any party to have a voice. I'm not sure if he fully understood, but



he was very excited after I told him that he was not only allowed, but expected to vote. It will take some time yet for this country to heal, but I feel like I am part of something good, even if it was just explaining to a shepherd that he could vote. As a Christian, it was strange to have to explain the importance of one shepherd. All I could think of is the difference our Shepherd made.

Well, I wanted to thank you again. The Lord has held my platoon and me in His protective hands, and blessed me with their safety. We have a little over a month left in Kubaysah, but still have plenty of work to do. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and means the world to us. Please continue to send your prayers ... they are working!

God bless you all, and God bless America!

Semper Fidelis,
2nd Lt. James Richardson,
USMC, 3rd Plt Cdr, B 1/7

Spring Ahead for Daylight Savings Time

If you don't want to end up being an hour late everywhere you go for the next six months, you have two choices. You can either set your clocks and watches ahead

one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, April 2, or you could persuade everyone else in the Central Time Zone *not* to.

Neighborhood Camp Gets in Gear for Summer

by Nancy Smith

Preparations are well under way for the fourth season of Neighborhood Camp at Emmaus. This year, St. Paul's and Holy Communion will join Redeemer, Zion, Our Savior's, and Emmanuel to round out the seven churches offering two to five weeks of enrichment for the underserved of our community.

Applications for the teen staff are available in the church office.

Once again, Emmaus will hold camp for five weeks: June 20 through July 21. The themes for this season will be: Wheels and Spokes; Mad Scientist; Wacky, Wet and Wild; The Time Machine; and Protecting Our Precious Planet.

Rumor has it that the Emmaus site may create a 50' whale — large enough for all of the campers to walk in at one time!

Help Wanted

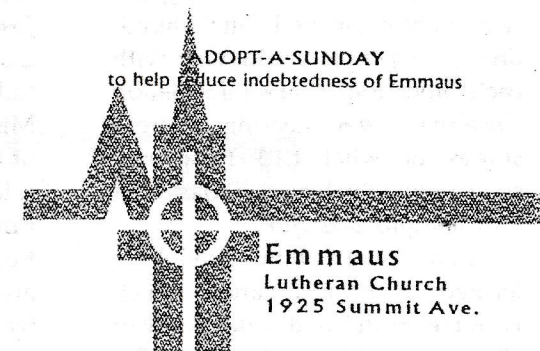
You, the members of the Emmaus community, have willingly come forward to volunteer your services. We will continue to need your help!

Cheryl Dexter has offered to head the food committee. Food is an important part of this

program. Help is needed to serve/clean up a light breakfast and lunch and to make a brown-bag lunch for field trips. (Emmaus has the potential for increasing its enrollment to 50 children.)

We also encourage your participation with arts and crafts and sewing, knitting, or weaving projects. Those who have helped in the past can attest to the excitement created when the campers participate in special projects.

Check in the narthex for the Neighborhood Camp Countdown Checklist. For info or questions, see Nancy Smith.



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

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Lutherans Extend Prayers to Red Lake Community

CHICAGO (ELCA) March 24 -- It "was a day of shock, confusion and sadness," the Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, a pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) serving All Nations Indian Church, Minneapolis, said about March 21, when a student killed five other students, a teacher and school security guard, and wounded several others at Red Lake High School, Red Lake, Minn., before killing himself. Other victims included the student's grandfather and the grandfather's woman friend.

"The Red Lake Reservation closed down Monday night, which meant that no one could enter or leave the reservation," Helgemo said. "We opened our church doors, so people could visit with each other and share information since many were hearing different stories of what had happened, collecting only bits and pieces of information," she said.

Red Lake High School is located on the reservation, which is home to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa. Many of that nation live near Minneapolis/St. Paul, Helgemo said. "I would say there's close to half living off the reservation. We've been working to collect and provide gas cards and money for food for urban Indians traveling back and forth

from the Twin Cities to the reservation," she said.

"There has been great support from the Twin Cities community, particularly from other tribal organizations," she said

"Many people here and across the country are concerned for our children. We're receiving many phone calls from people across the country, offering help and support," Helgemo said

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, St. Paul, and Lutheran Disaster Response are "networking and visiting with ministries already active in the Red Lake area to understand how we can be supportive and broaden efforts to meet increasing demands and future needs," said Melanie Josephson Davis, director of disaster response services, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota. To support the needs of the Red Lake community, Davis said Lutherans can contribute funds to Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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/ddrgive>

Elsewhere in Our Area

North Cape Women Host Craft Luncheon

The Women of the North Cape Lutheran Church will hold their annual Country Crafts 'n' Cookin' event on Saturday, April 30.

The craft and bake sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m. Crafters from within and outside the North Cape congregation will participate. John and Chris Poorman of Revival Antique Shop in Sturtevant will offer antique appraisals (one appraisal per person).

The women will serve an all-you-can-eat salad buffet lunch between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. featuring chicken salad, shrimp salad, fruit and vegetable salads, and an array of main dishes. Tickets for the luncheon are \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for children aged 4-12) and are available in advance or at the door. Men are welcome,

too.

For tickets, reservations, or information, please call the North Cape Lutheran office at 262-835-2206. North Cape Lutheran Church is located on Highway 45 just south of 5 Mile Road.

Peace Lutheran Hosts Senior Health Fair

Peace Lutheran Church, 1619 N. Newman Road, will host a Senior Health Fair on April 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by Aurora Geriatric Assessment Center.

Doctors will speak on heart health, osteoporosis, then offer free

bone density, blood pressure and blood glucose screening * tests. Exhibitors also include Aurora's pharmacy, Senior Resource Coordinator, physical therapists, and Aurora's new audiologist.

The event is free. No advance registration is required.

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Luther College Jazz Orchestra Wails in Waukesha

The Luther College Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Juan-Tony Guzmán, will perform in concert at the West High School Auditorium in Waukesha at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

West High School is located at 3301 Saylesville Road south of Highway 59. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students. Call 262-970-3247 for details.

Allison Leads Seminar in Bay View

The Wisconsin Council of Churches will sponsor a seminar by Catholic theologian, priest and author Dr. James Alison, Catholic Wednesday, April 6 at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Alison's topic is "Who Sacrifices Whom to Whom? — Undoing Violent Understandings of the Atonement."

Register online at www.wichurches.org/events, or call (608) 837-3108. Students with



I/D - \$10 (must register by phone); others \$75.

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams once said of Alison that he "achieve[s] clarity without popularizing... The writing is conversational, direct and very, very subtle."

Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church is in the Bay View area at 125 W. Saveland Avenue (one block west of the Shell station on Howell Avenue/Hwy. 38).

Mt. Hope Hosts Ministry Event

On Saturday April 23 Mount Hope Lutheran will host "Cross Generation — A Community Ministry Event For All Ages" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The evening will include music, skits, fellowship, puppets, and a drum circle. There

will be a free will offering. All ages are invited to attend. Mount Hope is located at 8633 W. Becher in West Allis. For more information about this event, please contact the Church at (414) 541-9500.

Pastor Mary's Column

Honoring the Past, Preserving the Future

Do you realize that it was Easter Sunday, April 10, 1995 when the first Sunday worship took place in our current sanctuary? Emmaus, a congregation that had already celebrated over 100 years of history, was transplanted to the current location fifty years ago this month. People of vision saw new possibilities in this rapidly growing neighborhood.

I have heard some of the stories of the nay-sayers who resisted looking ahead and of those who were afraid of change. I have also heard the accounts of the men who each gave \$50 toward the purchase of the lots where the church and parsonage now stand. The women did their part, too, dedicating funds to the new building.

Recently, significant renovation has taken place to keep these building structurally sound and to improve energy efficiency. Outreach ministry continues to grow.

As people of faith planted at the corner of Summit and Yout, how do we look ahead to the next fifty years? Fifty years from now, how will our generation be remembered? Will we be remembered as stewards of all that God has entrusted to us?

I think it's significant that it's on the 50th anniversary of that first

Easter worship at the corner of Summit and Yout when Emmaus will launch its official beginning as a Green Congregation. As we take seriously the mandate to love our God and to love our neighbor, we are reminded (and challenged) that love and care of creation is a part of that mandate. How do we cherish, honor and care for *all* of God's creation?

We've put our toes into the water as we recycle aluminum and as we use the "Green Team" bags in place of plastic. Dr. David

Rhoads, professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, will share more of the wider vision on Sunday, April 10. Not only will he preach that Sunday, but he will spend time with us following the worship service.

We are Easter people, called to be messengers of hope and life in a world too often clouded with despair and hopelessness. In the resurrection, we know that new life can and does emerge from death itself.

Seem impossible? With God, all things are possible!

We are called to be God's partners as we vision and work together. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mary



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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism: Lukas Anthony Burns April 24, 2005	Lukas is the infant son of Joshua and Amanda (Fiegel) Burns. His sponsors are April Lein and Jason Durham.
Marriage: Pamela Denneau Jeff Maranger April 30, 2005	Pam and Jeff are new neighbors of the church. Pam works in Milwaukee; Jeff is a lineman here in Racine. Jeff has three daughters, Emily, Abby and Katie.
Funeral: Arthur J. Winch April 23, 2005	Jim Winch, 58, passed away on April 20, the victim of an assault. A carpenter and father of three adult sons, he is remembered as someone who was always there to help his family no matter where his work took him. He is the son of Mavis Agerholm.

Register for Neighborhood Camp

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

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

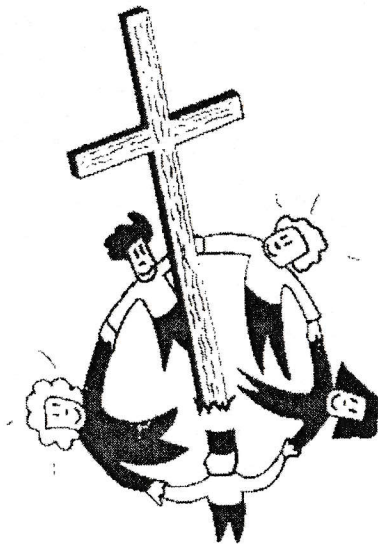
The camp at Emmaus runs

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from June 20 to July 21 for children ages 6-11. Neighborhood Camp will not meet Monday, July 4.

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

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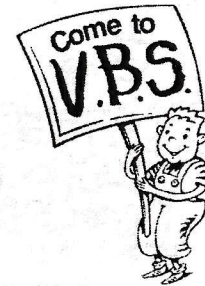
Clockwise from upper left: Counselor Chris Bowers and campers David Matson, Kyle Jansen, Tony Murillo and Noah Breiwick rest for a moment during Neighborhood Camp 2004.



Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School in Late July

The week of July 25-29 is earmarked for Preschool Vacation Bible School. The sessions held from 9:00 a.m. to noon will be led by Nancy Smith.

Each day, we will share a different Bible story through music, arts, crafts and drama. Other



activities include free play, snacks and organized games.

If you would like to volunteer to share God's love with our little ones through your time or talent, please contact Nancy at 633-3059, or e-mail nnsdaisy@aol.com

Retired Teacher Challenges Donors to Neighborhood Camp

Once again, Neighborhood Camp has received a challenge donation. All gifts up to \$5,000 will be matched by the generosity of a woman who spent her entire career teaching elementary school.

She has high regard for the value of education and is

especially concerned for the underserved. After her retirement, she volunteered many hours at an inner city program with individuals who were striving for their GED.

Neighborhood Camp is appreciative of her generosity.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
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 *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the June *Visitor* is May 15.

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EASY Runs Through May 27

by Valerie Crehan

Emmaus After School for Youth is nearing its end with our last day being May 27. This year our attendance remained strong throughout the winter with 26 children registered.

Our association with the Racine Unified Lighted School House Program has been a good one. We received resources (books and computers and snacks,



and busing) from them while still implementing our own program.

We are hopeful that this can continue next year with the help of some grants. Thank you to the

Emmaus members that supported this program. We have been able to make an impact in the lives of these children.

Goodies Sought for Wadewitz Staff Appreciation

by Valerie Crehan

Wednesday, May 4 is the day set aside for Emmaus Church to give some much needed support to the teachers of Wadewitz.

Wadewitz School is an important part of our neighborhood and our presence at this luncheon is very meaningful to the teachers. The fact that someone would go to a little bit of effort on their behalf is tremendous outreach and support for these teachers and they continually express their thanks to me for the church's efforts. The mood in the schools is one of



discouragement right now, and this is a real opportunity to show them our support.

If you could participate in one of the following ways, I guarantee you that your efforts will be greatly appreciated and are meaningful.

1. Send a baked good to Emmaus by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.
2. Help with set up at the school at 9:30 Wednesday morning.
3. Come anytime between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to greet teachers and help with serving.

To serve and show appreciation to these wonderful people is quite uplifting. Please contact the church office and let us know how you wish to help.

Thank you,
Valerie

Sunday School Bulletins

Sunday School Ends Year on High Note

by Colette Schattner

On Sunday, April 3, Colette Schattner, who became a new member of Emmaus last fall, began assisting Sunday School Director Denise Keller by leading the



Sunday School music program. Colette, who has done this ministry for many years in other church settings, will teach the children a new song each month, accompanying them on the guitar.

The last Sunday that the children will be participating at the 9:15 worship service for this school year is May 15 when they will be praising God in song. It is important that the children participate in the singing as it is a way for them to actively

participate in worshipping God. It is much more than "just" singing a song.

We will look forward to seeing the children in Sunday School. Have them bring a friend! Come One! Come All! Hear the children sing!

Birthdays in May

May 2	Lauren Longrie	8
May 4	Nate Robinson	5
May 4	Erin Keller	5
May 10	Celina Rodriguez	10
May 11	Alexis Christensen	7
May 14	Joe Devine	18
May 17	Austin Barker	10
May 19	Justin Haman	15
May 20	Patty Sovelenko	12
May 24	Ashley Villalobos	6
May 29	Courtney Jansen	15

Come to the Fiesta May 1

Tickets are available before and after church services this weekend and at the door for Fiesta Mexicana, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids.

Come for tacos, enchiladas, chips, salsa and more! Take your chances in the raffle and silent auction. Register to win a personal computer, including printer and software; an Apple iPod mini (PC

and Mac compatible); or a pair of tickets to Summerfest appearances by Kenny Chesney or Tom Petty.

Ticket and raffle proceeds go toward this summer's youth Mission Trip to Mexico and to Neighborhood Camp programs.

Kids: we have set-up Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again after church on May 1.

Scrip Proceeds Help Youth

You can use your Scrip purchase to help support the youth of Emmaus. Now through the end of July, Scrip proceeds will go toward youth mission trips.

If you really want to help, you can donate gift cards you have purchased through Scrip *back* to

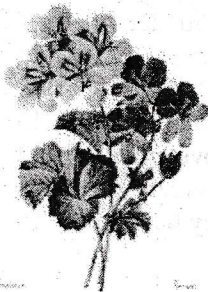
the youth to be raffled off during the Fiesta Mexicana. Not only do the youth earn money with your initial Scrip purchase, but we also use that gift card as a raffle prize during the dinner or silent auction.

Now that's using your money wisely!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIA

Non-designated memorials in memory of Hans Jepsen: \$615.00
 Designated for Neighborhood Camp in honor of Lillian Mowris: \$6,001.74

Geranium Sale for Greening of Emmaus



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

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

.....Geranium Order Form.....

Name/s _____
 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 9.
 Office use: Pmt. Order list

Emmaus Green Team Ranks Goals May 12

by Julie Hansen

The next Green Team meeting will be Thurs., May 12, at 7:00 p.m. at church.

Plan to establish a team charter; determine which project(s) fit into our team charter and which one(s) to move forward with; and identify project teams that will best enable us to accomplish our goals.

Everyone is welcome. Call Julie at 262-884-6529 or email

juliemh1965@yahoo.com with questions or ideas.

Earth Day Thank-You

The church grounds are spruced up for spring thanks to everyone who worked on them last Sunday. In our short time out there, we really got things looking tidy! Thank you to all who braved the wind and chilly weather. Now, watch for the date of the big grounds clean-up coming in May.

Join the 1-2-3 Program

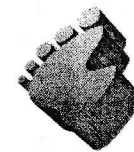
I pledge to:

- 1) lower thermostat 1 degree in winter
- 2) drive 2 miles per hour slower
- 3) put three compact fluorescent bulbs in my home.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact phone: _____
 (tear here)

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 I am doing my part to help save the planet. It's as easy as 1-2-3!



Along with the rest of the Emmaus congregation, I pledge to:

- 1) lower my thermostat 1 degree in winter
- 2) drive 2 miles per hour slower
- 3) put 3 compact fluorescent bulbs in my home

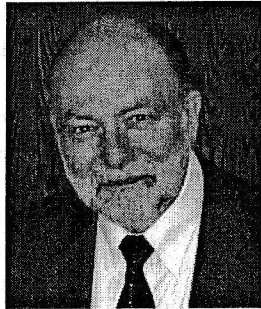
Signed: _____
 Date: _____

Find out what your ecological footprint looks like at
<http://www.earthday.net/footprint/index.asp>

Green Congregation Program Holds Open Meeting May 21

by David Rhoads

The Racine Green Congregation Program invites all those interested in greening their faith community to join together in order to hear how others are caring for creation and to learn steps to take to green your faith



community: Saturday, May 21, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 West Sixth Street (on the hill). For further information, contact Dave Rhoads (drhoads@lstc.edu).

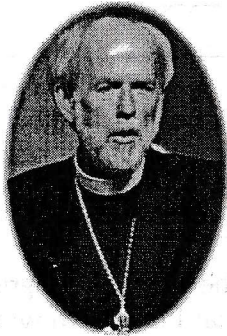
Easter Is For the Earth, Too

By ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our celebration of Easter Sunday 2005 has passed, but the power and promise of Easter continues to reverberate throughout the world — the whole world. According to Scripture, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the first fruits of the day when all things will be made new (Revelation 21:5). Easter is God's promise to all humanity of new life in Christ, but Easter is for the Earth, too.

I am writing, first, to thank those of you who have made plans to remember God's good Earth in



your prayers, praise, and proclamation on the Sundays before and after Earth Day 2005. I encourage many more of you to do so as well. I also would like to urge each of you to translate your celebrations of Earth's Easter hope into concrete acts of public witness and advocacy.

Our liturgical celebration of Earth Day is not a romantic rite of spring. It is a matter of life and death, as we proclaim the Risen Christ as Lord of the Earth and seek to reclaim the Earth for him. "Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against spiritual forces of evil in high places." (Ephesians 6:12).

Reclaiming the Earth for Christ includes reclaiming it as the place

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Representative Needed for Assembly

Emmaus needs a lay volunteer to represent our congregation when the Greater Milwaukee Synod gathers in assembly June 2-4. This year's theme is "Life Together: Living in God's Amazing Grace."

The assembly will be held at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha.

The Rev. Susan Briehl, author and liturgist, will deliver the keynote address on Thursday evening. Marty Haugen,

author, liturgist, and musician, will lead the 5:30 Friday "holden Evening Prayer service."

A cantor, guitar player, and flute player are needed for the Friday evening service. A rehearsal will be held prior to the service. If interested, please contact: Bill Bravener, Calvary Lutheran Church, Brookfield, phone 262-786-4010, or

e-mail: bill@calvarylc.com



They Decided Not to Call It 'Synod Idol'

by Rev. Paul VanDeBurg

Friday Night Live!

An Open Mike is being held at 8:00 p.m. on June 3, the Friday evening of this year's Synod Assembly. All are invited to come and be entertained by some of the most talented performers in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund.

The event will showcase you! That is, anyone who is willing to share a song, poem, dramatic reading (sacred or otherwise, but no preaching — OK, you can preach, but it better be good!), stupid human tricks, impersonations, stand-up or other

comedic adventures, dance...etc. All persons interested in performing may contact Paul VanDeBerg at pvandeberg@wi.rr.com to get your name on the performer list.

The stage will be open to each performer for 5 minutes (give or take) to entertain the masses.

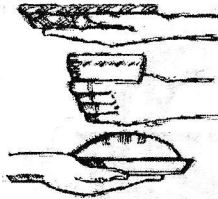
Again, a free will offering will be received during Friday Night Live! to benefit the Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund, so please plan to attend, support the Outreach Fund, and maybe even perform!

Friday Night Live! will take place after the anniversary of ordination ceremony and during an ice-cream social.

Donate Bags for Northside Food Pantry

by Colette Schattner

Joel and Pat Lampke, who run the Northside Food Pantry, wish to thank all who donated food to fill the two big boxes that Emmaus delivered to the food pantry last week.



You will notice that there are green containers near the front and back doors. We would encourage those of you who still do use plastic or paper bags furnished by the grocery stores to place them in these bins for use at the Northside Food Pantry where paper bags are

placed inside plastic bags and packed full of food for clients.

This makes the bags easy to fill as they stand up, yet are easy to carry because they have handles. This is important as many clients at the food pantry need to take the bus and have children with them as well.

The Northside Food Pantry served ninety households in March, an increase over previous months. Over 3,000 pounds of food donated to the Boy Scout Food Drive was given to the Northside Food Pantry to be distributed to needy families in the community.

Thank You to Community Meal Helpers

by Colette Schattner

On April 7 Emmaus once again prepared and served the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you to all who helped out in any way. The response this month was outstanding! It is good to see so many willing to help out those who are in need.



Our next scheduled date at St. Pat's is Thursday, June 2. Watch for a new sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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

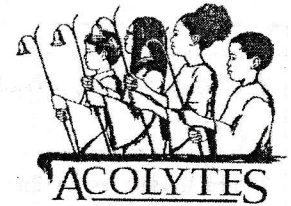
Good news for those preparing food. By the beginning of June the pans and the lids will be matched up and numbered so that every pan has a lid that fits!

For those who can't help on the days Emmaus is scheduled to participate in the Community Meal program, St. Pat's can use extra help on any Thursday as some churches bringing

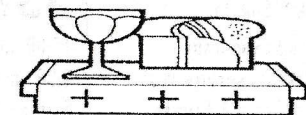
food do not stay to help. You do not need to sign up ahead of time—just go to St. Pat's around 5:00.



May Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Apr. 30 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
May 1 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Kylee Albright	Team 2 R. Christensen	Hailey Sommer Mariah Lang
May 7 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
May 8 9:15 am	—	Kathy Christensen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
May 14 5:00 pm	Jan & Al Svendsen	—	—	—
May 15 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright Valerie Crehan	Lee Woodward	Team 4 J.E. Cook	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
May 21 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
May 22 9:15 am	—	Carol Eschmann	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Aaron Smith Melanie Andersen
May 28 5:00 pm	Denise Keller Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
May 29 9:15 am	—	Ruth Hlavka	Team 1 H. Miller	Justin Haman Brian Field
June 4 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
June 5 9:15 am	TBA	Marion Keller	Team 2 R. Christensen	TBA



	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Assts.
May 1	Art & Diane Rode	Breiwicks	Pat LeRoux-Sodke	Jess Sedgwick
May 8	H.&M. Jensen	TBA		—
May 15	J.&L. Clinton	Celia Bagley		Carol Eschmann
May 22	J. & K. Cook	Hamans		—
May 29	C. Meyer	TBA		—
June 5	D. & C. Eschmann	TBA	Ev. Larsen	Cindi Larsen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 6 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER; ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 4:30 pm Fiesta Mexicana	2 10:00 am Sewing group 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Sewing group 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	3 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	4 10:30 am Teacher appreciation lunch at Wadewitz 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	5 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD; CINCO DE MAYO 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY  <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 5:00 pm Schweitzer-Meteyard rehearsal	7 2:30 pm Schweitzer-Meteyard wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

November 29, 2004

Recycle Those Old Cell Phones

by Julie Hansen

Here's your chance to get rid of old cell phones and help the environment at the same time. Sustainable Racine's Environmental Task Force is collecting used cell phones, and when they

get 4,000 phones, they get \$10,000 to purchase trees.

Drop off your phones in the designated box inside the north entrance area. Contact Arlyn Olson at 262-637-6003 or arlyno@themacisp.net for details.

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month..

Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

PROGRAMS:

May 3 Carol Christensen

May 17 John & Lila Berge: Northwestern Mexico



Seniors

May Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

May 1	Ruth Hlavka	1237 Isabelle Avenue, Racine	53402
May 1	Arlene Nielsen	Current address not on file	
May 9	Ruth Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue, Racine	53404
May 12	Bev Johnson	7131 Fieldview Drive #4, Racine	53406
May 13	Chester Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5, Racine	53406
May 13	Bernice Munch	3900 N. Main Street #305, Racine	53402
May 15	Don French	2301 Summit Avenue, Racine	53404
May 17	Janet Thomsen	3296 Backridge Rd., Woodlawn TN	37191
May 20	Lydia Jensen	5215 Douglas Ave. #303, Racine	53402
May 20	Marge Zielke	3121 Walden Way, Racine	53405
May 23	John Psiones	1421 Pheasant Run Dr. #201, Racine	53406
May 24	Mabel Meyer	1435 Windsor Way #5, Racine	53406
May 27	John Cook	5733 Alburg Avenue, Racine	53406

Racine Coaches Name Erin Sommer Gymnast of the Year

Erin Sommer was named All-Racine County Gymnast of the Year by the three coaches of the Racine Combined gymnastics team.

A senior at Horlick High School, Erin overcame a fall during the floor exercises to finish in

second place at the WIAA State Gymnastics Competition in April.

Gymnastic talent runs in the Sommer family. Erin's older sister, Rachel, finished first in the WIAA meet last year; younger sister Hailey, a sophomore, is following in their footsteps. Their parents are John and Doreen Sommer.

Letters

Nuechterlein Children Arrive in New Home

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Home at last! Hilton Micah Baffo (7) and Terry Stephen Baffo (3) have arrived from Liberia and are settling in to their new surroundings amazingly well. We would not have accomplished this feat without the



support of so many over the past 16 months. Many of you assisted with fundraising (total costs were just over \$26,000), gave us kind words of support, and most importantly sent up many, many prayers. For all that you did to help, we are grateful and send our deepest thanks.

—The Nuechterlein Family

ELCA Council Sends Three Resolutions to Churchwide Assembly

CHICAGO (ELCA) April 11—The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) developed and forwarded three resolutions to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this summer. The resolutions address

whether or not the church will bless same-sex relationships and whether or not the ELCA will allow people in such relationships to serve the church as professional lay and ordained ministers.

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Kitchen Cabinets Installed

Emmaus' little kitchen is really taking shape now! Crystal Cabinets has installed new wooden cabinets and a new counter.

The new microwave oven is mounted beneath the cabinets,

freeing up counter space. The dishwasher is hooked up and ready to go. The oven should be ready later this month.

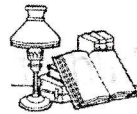
See the photos of the project on page 19.

Bible Studies Being Researched for Fall

by Nancy Smith

To all those who expressed interest in continuing Bible study after the 40 Days of Purpose, please be patient. Several studies are on order to be reviewed.

We are planning a study on Creation in the fall. Some other suggested topics are Psalms and



Prayer. If you have a particular interest in a subject, a certain book of the Bible, or book study, please let Pastor Mary or Nancy Smith know. Check the sign up list in the narthex - you now have a time preference to note and new seekers are always welcome.

Emmaus Reads — At Your Leisure

by Nancy Smith

In the left hand corner of the bookshelf in the Sunset Room, there is an overflowing basket of books that are for the people and friends of the congregation to borrow. There is no sign out sheet nor is there a return date. We only ask that when you take a book that you read it in a timely manner.

Several books are on the "encourage you to read list." *Blind Courage* is the true story of a blind man who walks the entire length of the Appalachian Trail with his seeing-eye dog. *Seedfolks*, a Racine Reads selection, is about

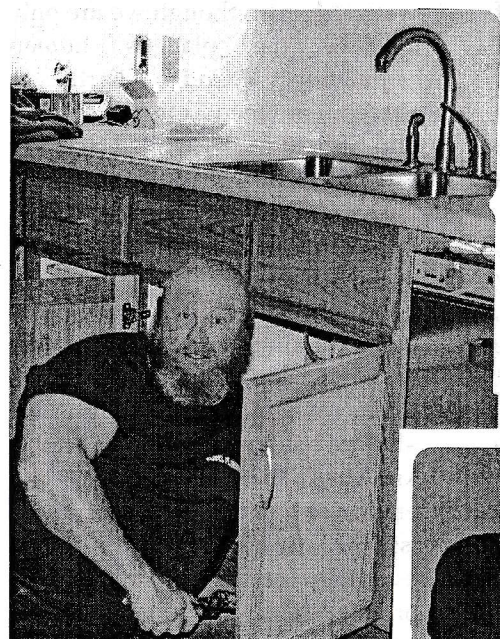
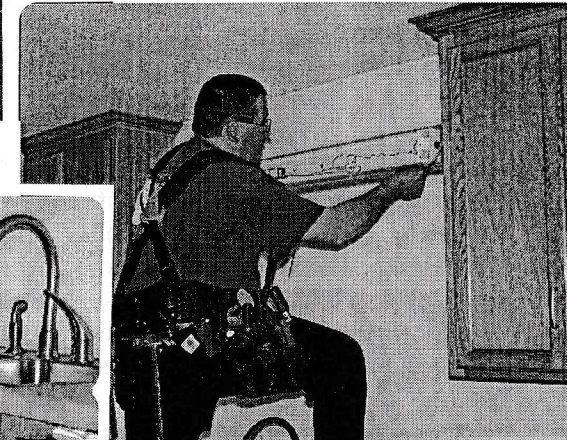
the creation of a garden in the inner city and how work on the garden transforms the neighborhood.

First Communion Classes Begin

Pastor Mary will lead First Communion classes for all fifth graders and their parents on Wednesday evenings, May 11, 18 and 25, at 7:00 p.m. The class is also open to older and younger children and their parents; please see Pastor Mary for information.



Photo Album Kitchen Project



Earth's Easter Hope

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where "the least of these," Christ's brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:40), can live in health and safety and enjoy the blessings of God's good creation.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the ELCA's northernmost congregation, Shishmaref Lutheran Church, located 20 miles south of the Arctic Circle on the Chukchi Sea, Alaska. The forces unleashed by global climate change are literally washing away the earth on which these 600 Inupiat Eskimos live.

Due to increased storms, melting sea ice, thawing permafrost, and rising sea levels, their island home will soon be under water. They must uproot themselves and their 4000 year-old culture and find a new, yet to be determined, place to live.

In the meantime, how will the rest of us respond to global climate change and its threat to the well-being of all creatures and species around the earth? In the ELCA's 1993 social statement, *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*, this church recognized the threat of "dangerous global warming, caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide" and announced that the idea of the Earth as a boundless warehouse, which lies

behind such developments, has proven both false and dangerous.

More recently, theologians called together by the National Council of Churches have called all Americans to acknowledge our sinful complicity in producing one-quarter of the world's carbon emissions, which exacerbate global warming, even though we are only 5% of the planet's human population ("God's Earth is Sacred: An Open Letter to Church and Society in the United States"). This is what distinguishes our Easter celebrations of the Earth from the many secular celebrations of Earth Day.

We are committed to repent of our own sinful misuse and abuse of the Earth, direct and indirect, when we confess our sins. But we also are bold in our faith and hope, knowing that God calls and empowers us to confront these issues of life and death. We do this especially for the sake of the poor of the earth, working on their behalf, even as we contend with entrenched political, economic, and social forces.

God's people of Shishmaref Lutheran Church in Alaska, and all who suffer from our wasteful ways upon this graced and gifted Earth, should expect nothing less of us.

Living in God's amazing grace,
Mark S. Hanson



Thanks for Adopting Sundays

We thank the following members and friends of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in April:

Loren & Cindi Larsen, in appreciation to the congregation for your support for Eric during

his deployment in Iraq.

Kathryn & Marty Aiken, in honor of Lillian Mowris on her 80th birthday.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

June Offering Envelopes Are On Their Way

Offering envelopes for June, July, August and September

should arrive in your mailbox this month.

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, March	2003: 123	2004: 121	2005: 153
Average weekend attendance, April	2003: 178	2004: 169	2005: 133
Average weekend attendance, May	2003: 138	2004: 133	

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Mar.	\$13,261.60	\$47,542.52
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Mar.	\$1,752.00	\$13,716.00
Mortgage payments in Mar. & Apr.:		
Principal	\$764.71	
Interest	\$1,219.29	
Extra principal	\$1,645.00	
Total	\$3,629.00	
Principal balance as of April 14, 2005: \$119,250.50		



ADOPT-A-SUNDAY to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)
Sunday to adopt: _____
In memory of: _____
In honor of: _____
Occasion: _____
Contributor: _____

ELCA Council Resolutions

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The third of three resolutions that the council put on the assembly agenda would "create a process for the sake of outreach, ministry and the commitment to continuing dialogue, which may permit exceptions to the expectations regarding sexual conduct for gay or lesbian candidates and rostered leaders in life-long, committed and faithful same-sex relationships who otherwise are determined to be in compliance" with the conduct the church expects of its ministers.

"Rostered" leaders of the ELCA are lay and ordained ministers of the church. Lay ministers are associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers.

The process for granting an exception to the church's current policy -- expecting gay and lesbian ministers to abstain from sexual relations -- begins with the "reasonable assumption or confirmation" that an ELCA congregation would invite the person to serve in a ministry setting, according to a description of the proposed process that accompanies the council's recommendations.

The Church Council drafted specific bylaws that the Churchwide Assembly will consider, defining the process for exceptions. The bylaws clarify

that, once an exception is granted, the minister cannot be disciplined for non-compliance with expectations by a future bishop or council.

The council's recommendations serve as a starting point for the deliberation and decisions of the Churchwide Assembly in August.

In keeping with the first task force recommendation, the Church Council drafted an assembly resolution "that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... concentrate on finding ways to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements, recognizing the God-given mission and communion that we share as members of the body of Christ."

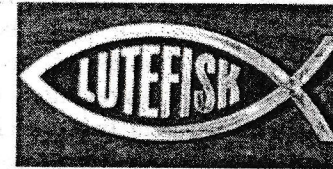
The council drafted a second assembly resolution "that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America continue to respect the guidance of the 1993 statement of the Conference of Bishops" and "that this church welcome gay and lesbian persons into its life ... and trust pastors and congregations to discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care to same-sex couples."

Adopting or amending bylaws of the ELCA requires approval by two-thirds of the voting members of a churchwide assembly. The first two assembly resolutions would need a simple majority.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Hales Corners Hosts Scandinavian Fest

The Nordic Council of Wisconsin presents its 15th annual indoor Scandinavian Festival, Saturday, May 7 at Hales Corners Lutheran Church, 12300 W. Janesville Road, Hales Corners.



Entertainers include folk dancers and musicians, arts and crafts, sales and demonstrations. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children age 4-12.

For information, phone 414-421-0666 or 262-895-6419.

Walk Through the Old Testament at Emmanuel

by Elaine Peters

The members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, invite all interested persons to join them for a "Walk Thru the Old Testament." This Lutheran Bible Ministries Seminar is designed to put the people, places, and major events of the Old Testament in order in a fun and memorable way. There's lots of laughing involved in this learning process.

Join us for an educationally fun day Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Emmanuel. Cost

is only \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per students (grades 3-12) or \$30.00 for a family. The fee includes the seminar presentation, illustrated workbook, noon meal, coffee break and child care. Register by April 30.

Need more information? Call 633-4949.

Blind Boys of Alabama Sing at Carthage

The Mary Lou Mahone Endowment of the Kenosha Community Foundation presents the 8TH Annual Gospel Music Extravaganza featuring The Blind Boys of Alabama, with special performances by Colorful Creators and the Carthage College Gospel Messengers: Saturday, May 14, 2005 at Carthage College Siebert Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 - General Admission Seating, \$30 - Reserved Seating, or \$100 - VIP Seating (Includes 5:00 pm Reception at Todd Wehr Center).

For tickets or information, call (262) 654-2412 or visit www.mahonefund.org or purchase online at www.kenoshacounty.com

'Mi Casa Es Su Casa'

"...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (the inscription on a plaque in the living room of the Pequeno home in Weslaco, Texas)

In less than 48 hours I have seen and experienced hospitality, have made new friends and have witnessed a family dedicated to serving the Lord.

Just a few short weeks ago Pastor Jeff Barrow from Holy Communion Lutheran Church gave me the phone number of Maria Pequeno. She is from Weslaco, Texas and is a member of Mision Luterana San Pablo (St. Paul Lutheran Mission Church). She, her husband, Raul, and their daughter Jehovannie welcomed me into their home these past two days. (In fact, in this electronic age, I am using their computer to write this as I wait for a ride to the airport to fly back to Wisconsin)

Maria took time off work to guide and host me while in Weslaco. She works as an aide for special needs kids in a school very much like Wadewitz, and Raul works for the phone company. As we drove to Nuevo Progreso (one of the towns directly over the border) and on to Rio Bravo (the site of one of the vacation Bible schools we will lead in July), we shared stories.

There is something about being sisters in Christ that allows the conversations to go deeper than they might otherwise go.

I was then invited to the homes of two families of the congregation. One of the members will be our "chief contractor" this summer as we build a swing set and a picnic shelter on the grounds of the church/pre-school. Jose Luis educated me about the cost of concrete, tar paper, lumber and more as we measured the field area and planned the summer project.

We also went to the home of Benito and his family, the site for the second VBS. They are opening up their big yard to neighborhood kids for the week we are here. There we will play and pray, sing and tell stories of the Bible.

As we were driving and talking, Maria and I were able to share some of what the joys and challenges have been in our lives. She told me of some of the past heartaches of a congregation that split a number of years ago. What is so inspiring was that she and Raul decided to stay be rebuilders in a church that appeared to be only rubble. God has used the gifts of these talented members and of the pastor and his family to rebuild this community of faith.

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Pastor Mary's Column

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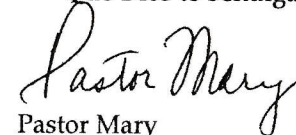
Maria said to me that while we each have adversity in our lives, it's how we handle it that matters. Prayer had become a primary focus for her and others as they ask God to guide and lead them. And how they work! "If it's for the Lord, nothing is too good," says Maria, and she pours her heart and soul into the mission of the church.

Maria speaks out against injustice, she communicates whenever necessary (her cell phone is always with her), she teaches catechism classes, she cooks and serves, and now she is making arrangements for a group of "wet behind the ears" teenagers coming from Wisconsin this summer. And we will all be richer for it (I already am!).

Please keep all of us in prayer--the groups from Emmaus, St. Andrew, Bethania, Holy Communion and Our Savior's who will go to Texas and Mexico, and all of the people from San Pablo and those in the communities we will serve.

Hospitality, building trust, sharing passions and hopes--all in the name of Christ--that is how the rebuilding is happening. But, it's not all talk--there is a lot of hard work and action, too. We will be privileged to be a small part of that witness of faith this summer as we travel south on our mission trip.

Que Dios te bendiga,


Pastor Mary

Author Speaks on 'Tempering Hate'

The Memorial Lutheran Church Book Club invites you to attend "Tempering Hate Through Faith and Understanding," a presentation by Dr. Prem Sharma, the author of *Mandalay's Child* and *Karma's Embrace*, on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Lutheran Church, 7701 N Green Bay Road, Glendale, Wisconsin.

Born in Burma, Dr. Sharma fled with his family to India during

WWII. He met Mahatma Gandhi and saw the violence of the partition of India when 680,000 Hindus and Muslims slaughtered each other.

By sharing his extraordinary life's journey and the lessons he learned from it, he delivers a compelling message, in both his books and his presentations, of the need for harmony between people of diverse faiths, cultures and races.

Register for Neighborhood Camp



After School Program Ends May 27



Wadewitz Teacher Appreciation May 4



Sunday School Kids Sing May 15



Fiesta Mexicana May 1



Green Team Meeting May 12



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PASTORAL ACTS

Marriage:
Terri Lynn Schweitzer
Kevin Meteyard
May 7, 2005

Kevin is the son of William and Linda Meteyard. Their daughter, Ashlynn, was flower girl at the wedding. Kelly Schweitzer and Jason Meteyard were maid of honor and best man.

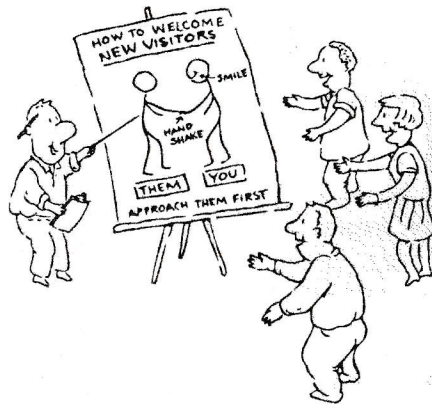
Do Visitors Feel Welcome Here?

by Kathy Christensen

Do visitors to Emmaus feel welcomed by our congregation? Do new members find it easy and comfortable to fit in and to participate in our activities?

Even though it is good to visit with our friends, it is also important to include those who may be new in our midst.

We ask each of you to be more intentional about greeting people you don't know. Invite them to our coffee hour, or to participate in an upcoming event.



The Worship and Music Committee wants to be sure that no one leaves our church after a worship service feeling ignored or left out. We are going to begin having Greeters to welcome people coming into the church to attend worship. Several people have already signed up, but we can still use more.

If you are willing to be a Greeter on an occasional Sunday morning, please call the church office (634-5515) or Kathy Christensen (886-2151).

Thanks to Pentecost Decorators

Thank you to Pat Jensen and Cheryl Dexter, who decorated the church for Pentecost.

Thank you to all who contributed geraniums. We ordered 131 geraniums this year;

Pat and Cheryl have planted a number of them around the church. Thanks also to Judy Yorgan, who has planted flowers around the church sign.

Mass On the Grass Returns July 24

Emmaus celebrates "Mass On the Grass" Sunday, July 24 with Out of Eden Band accompanying our worship service. Bring your lawn chairs if you can and plan to stay for the picnic afterward.

Provided we have people to help with



Outdoor Worship

the Mary or Nancy Smith.

organization, a Neighborhood Carnival will be held on the field. Are you willing to help? Call the church office or talk with Pastor

Pastor Mary, June Beck Represent Emmaus at Synod Assembly

Pastor Mary and June Beck will represent Emmaus at the Greater Milwaukee Synod annual assembly June 2-4. This year's assembly meets at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha under the theme "Life Together: Living in God's Amazing Grace."



Featured guests include:

- ▶ The Rev. Susan Briehl, author and liturgist, keynote address
- ▶ The Rev. Martin Wells, bishop of Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod, ELCA churchwide representative
- ▶ Marty Haugen, author and liturgist, musician

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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 *Visitor* is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the July-August *Visitor* is June 16.

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Neighborhood Camp Is Filling Fast

by Valerie Crehan

Registration forms for this summer's Neighborhood Camp are available at the church. The camp has a capacity for 40-50 campers and openings are filling fast.

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



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

The camp at Emmaus runs Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from June 20 to July 21 for children ages 6-11. There will be no Neighborhood Camp on Monday, July 4.

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

Neighborhood Camp Garners Grants

Great news! The Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp applied for \$20,000 from the Siebert Foundation to help pay for some of our camp expenses this summer. We just recently received word that all \$20,000 has been granted to camp! Thank you to the Siebert Foundation, for your support of our mission to the children of Racine.

Additional good news! Racine Unified Lighted Schoolhouse has allocated a portion of its summer funding to help Neighborhood Camp. The money comes from funds allocated for child care and enrichment for Racine's children.

We are grateful for the partnerships that make our neighborhood outreach possible.

Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School in Late July

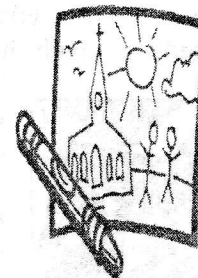
Pre-school Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 25-29. Nancy Smith will lead the daily sessions for the pre-schoolers from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.

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

Neighborhood Camp Seeks Odds, Ends

by Nancy Smith

Items needed for Neighborhood Camp:
Wrapping paper rolls
Toilet paper rolls
Paper towel rolls
Bubble Wrap
Buttons
Cardboard egg cartons
Paper grocery bags



National Geographic magazines

Nature/Science magazines
Thread spools (wooden)
Used paint trays
Cloth/canvas paint tarps
Paint brushes
Aluminum pie/brownie tins
Wheels from discarded equipment (not vehicular)

Youth Plan for July Mission Trip

On July 25, parents will drive sixteen Emmaus youth and three chaperons to Chicago's Midway Airport. There the group will depart for their week-long venture in southwest Texas and the border area of Mexico. During the week there will be a total of nearly 50 from Racine gathering in Weslaco, Texas, for this summer's mission trip.



Hosted by Mision Lutheran San Pablo (St. Paul Lutheran Mission), the youth will participate in construction projects and in leading a neighborhood Vacation Bible School during the week.

The youth have their choice of staying with families or in a retreat

center during their time in Weslaco. Ashley Lamberton has requested the experience of a homestay, while the others in the group will stay at El Instituto.

The kids will spend the final weekend in a local motel, taking a side trip to Padre Island beach on the free day.

Other participating churches include Bethania, Holy Communion, Our Savior's and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches. Chaperons for the Emmaus youth will be newlyweds Ben and Kelly Field (their wedding day is June 11) and Pastor Mary.

¡Muchas gracias! to all who have supported our youth through bake sales, wreath sales and la Fiesta Mexicana. The group asks for your continued support in prayer.

Congratulations to the Class of 2005!

Congratulations to Emmaus high school and college graduates in 2005! We reached some of our graduating seniors, who shared their post-graduation plans:

Katie Douglas graduated from Park High in January with high honors. She will begin classes in the dental hygiene program at Gateway Kenosha in August. In the meantime, she has been working with our after school kids and at a local coffee shop.

April Falaschi is graduating from Park High School. She plans to study art education at UW Parkside in the fall.

Ashley Lamberton is graduating from Horlick High School in June. She has been active in Future Business Leader of America and has received a scholarship toward college this fall. She will attend UW-Whitewater, majoring in Business and Accounting. Best of luck to Ashley!

AnnMarie Liesch is graduating from Case High School. She is going to UW-Parkside in the fall, majoring in Museum studies, with help from a McDonalds scholarship.

Dylan Scoon is graduating from Park High School.

Erin Sommer is graduating with honors from Horlick High School, where she was a member of the state champion gymnastics team and captain of the state runner-up team. She will attend UW-La Crosse in the fall, majoring in the health field, and competing for the gymnastics team.

Jill Lynch graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Economics. She was an outstanding member of the Track and Field team for four years and served as team captain in her senior year. She will return to Racine in June to pursue future career opportunities.

Sarah Elizabeth (Knuteson) Fox graduated on May 13, 2005 with a Doctor of Medicine degree from UW-Madison. Dr. Fox, daughter of John and Cathy Knuteson, has accepted a residency position with the UW Department of Family Medicine in Madison. She lives in Madison with her husband Ryan, grandson of the late Don Velzka and Shirley Velzka, and her 10-month-old daughter Ella Sophia.

Best of luck to all our high school and college graduates, including any we have not mentioned here! Keep in touch!



Sunday School Bulletins

Have a Fun Summer

by Denise Keller

Thank You Thank You and Thank You to everyone that was involved in a successful and fun-filled Sunday School Year. Especially thanks to Jamie Toslek, Denise Johnson, Kris Smith, Celia Bagley and Colette Schattner for their dedication each week. Thank

you to parents who shared their children with us and provided tasty treats. Have a fun summer and see you in September.

Mark Your Calendars

The Sunday School will resume on Rally Day September 11. Watch for details for how you



can be involved in our great Sunday School program.

Children Celebrate First Communion June 5

On Sunday, June 5 Michaela Keller and Abbygail Maranger will receive their First Communion.

Birthdays in June

- June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 16
- June 8 Katelyn Harris-Lange, 16
- June 9 Zachary Smith, 7
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 11
- June 18 Shai'ela Mosley, 12
- June 23 Ken Krug II, 5
- June 23 AnnMarie Liesch, 18
- June 30 Ariyah Brooks, 3

Pilgrim Lutheran Youth Group to Visit

Fourteen youth and four adults from Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Indianapolis will be our guests June 25 and 26. Pilgrim Lutheran Church is the parish of Rev. Al Goertemiller, who served as Emmaus' Associate Pastor from 1974 to 1978.

The youth group is in Racine for a Group work camp June 20-25,

after which they will spend Saturday night at Emmaus and join us for Sunday morning worship.

Youth adviser Miki Hamstra tells us that the kids from Pilgrim would enjoy meeting the youth of Emmaus, so we hope you can come share experiences with them.

Scrip Proceeds Help Youth

You can use your Scrip purchase to help support the youth of Emmaus. Now through the end

of July, Scrip proceeds will go toward youth mission trips. Thank you for your support!

WELCA Bulletins

Luncheon Planned in September

by Celia Bagley

Calling all women: mark your calendars. Emmaus WELCA will have a salad luncheon Saturday, September 10, 2005.

Our agenda includes discussion about WELCA, lunch, guest speaker and picking our Secret Pals.

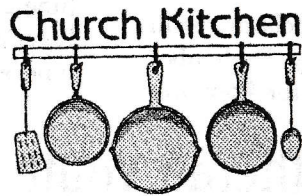
Look for more details to follow.

Secret Pals will be unveiled during Memorial Day weekend, May 28 or 29. If you're not available to meet your secret pal after church, send her a card exposing your identity. New secret pals will be picked at the salad luncheon (September 10.)

Thank You to Kitchen Committee

by Pat Jensen

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kitchen Committee: David Anderson, Bill Irvine and Cheryl Dexter for their ideas and insight into helping make the renovation



coming soon!

of the main floor kitchen such a success.

Watch the *Visitor* and Sunday bulletin for plans of a Kitchenette Shower

MEMORIALS

An anonymous challenge grant of \$6,001.74 for Neighborhood Camp was erroneously reported in the May *Visitor* as an honorarium in the name of Lillian Mowris. The challenge grant was not an honorarium for Lillian Mowris. We apologize to the anonymous donor for the error.

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Carolyn Lakvold: \$20.00

Designated for Neighborhood Camp:

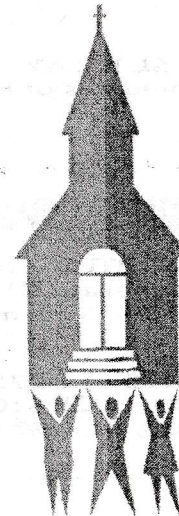
In memory of Don, father of Laura Whale: \$50.00

Capital Fund Drive Still Needs Your Support!

by Gregg Albright

As a congregation with over 150 years of history, God has blessed us again and again. We are privileged to share his blessings with those around us. Children in our community and church experience Christ's love through Sunday School, EASY, My Mentor and Me, Neighborhood Camp and more. Likewise, adults know of God's goodness not only through REST, English as a Second Language program, TOPS and Senior Center, but also choir, circles and many other activities.

Last year, you as a congregation voted to commit over \$95,000 to improvements to our church and parsonage, many of which have now been completed. This money was added to our current mortgage of around \$40,000 and refinanced through a new 20-year mortgage. With this in mind, we begin a new 3 year Capital Fund Campaign to reduce and hopefully eliminate this mortgage by 2007!



Our theme for this new campaign is: Building on God's Blessings. From I Corinthians 3:10 we learn, "God was kind and let me become an expert builder. I laid a foundation on which others have built. But we must be careful how we build, because Christ is the only foundation." God's many blessings have allowed us to build these foundations for others to build upon and our church is the foundation for so many things.

So far, our campaign, Building on God's Blessings, has over \$52,000 pledged and over \$13,000 given to date. What a wonderful response from a vibrant and dedicated congregation!

If you haven't made a commitment to the Capital Fund Drive, won't you please consider doing so now? Pledge forms are available in the narthex. You may place your pledge into the giving box on the table or in an envelope in Pastor Mary's mailbox. The question and answer page and giving options are also available in the narthex right next to the giving forms.

Please prayerfully consider a gift. Let us continue to lay the foundation we have begun, a foundation on which others can build, a foundation in Christ.

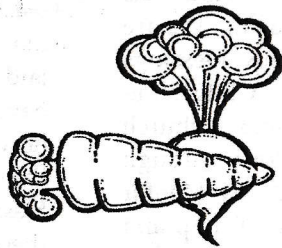
Plant a Row for Northside Food Pantry

by Colette Schattner

The Northside Food Pantry received 6,824 pounds of food from the Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 14. Thanks to all who donated so generously. This sounds like a lot of food, but it will not last long during the summer when children are home from school and do not get lunch (and sometimes breakfast) at school.

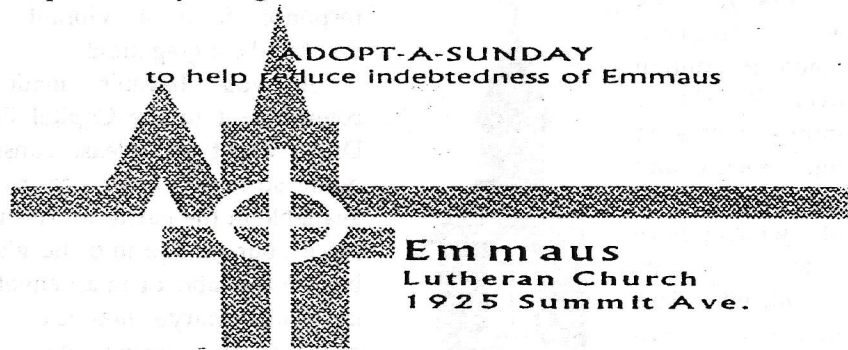
Joel and Pat Lampke, directors of the Northside Food Pantry, have requested that if you plant a garden this year to plant an extra row for the hungry or even a few extra plants if your garden is

small. If you find that during the summer you or someone you know have extra produce that cannot be used to donate it to the Northside Food Pantry. Those who are hungry will really enjoy having fresh vegetables, too.



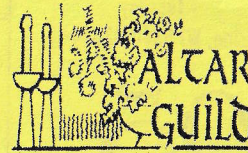
Joel and Pat will arrange to either pick up the produce or will meet you at the

Northside Food Pantry so that you may drop it off. Feel free to call them any day or evening at either their home (637-6021) or on their cell phone (262-939-5603).

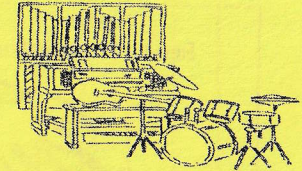


I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
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(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
 In memory of: _____
 In honor of: _____
 Occasion: _____
 Contributor: _____



June Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Jun. 4 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Colette Schattner	—	—	—
Jun. 5 9:15 am	Joy Lippman, Marge Jensen, Doreen Sommer	Marion Keller	Team 2 R. Christensen	Jill Lomasney
Jun. 11 5:00 pm	Barb & Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Jun. 12 9:15 am	—	Kelsey Albright	Team 3 H. Jensen	David Schulz
Jun. 18 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Jun. 19 9:15 am	Ruth Estep, Audrey Villalobos, Bev Hansen	Celia Bagley	Team 4 J.E. Cook	Jennifer Haman
Jun. 25 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Jun. 26 9:15 am	—	Ron Jensen	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Suzanne Landis
July 2 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
July 3 9:15 am	Jan Bertram Virginia Haugsby	TBA	Team 1 H. Miller	Jeremy Kriedeman

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Communion Assts.
May 29	C. Meyer	TBA	Ev. Larsen	—
June 5	D. & C. Eschmann	TBA		Cindi Larsen
June 12	D. Bagley	Eschmann-Keller		Caren Lamberton
June 19	G. Dykstra	TBA		—
June 26	Rommelfaengers	C. Bagley		Gregg Albright
July 3	S. Velzka	TBA	Jan Svendsen	—

We've Got a Secret

by Carol Eschmann

Shhh! — Pastor Mary has a birthday in August. The morning sewing group will be collecting signatures and short messages for a special quilt to honor the occasion. Please see Shirley Velzka,

Marge Zielke, Jan Svendsen, Kathy Christensen, Marion Keller or Carol Eschmann. These ladies will have the fabric and special pens. Remember to keep the secret. Thanks!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church ▲ 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404-2374  Phone 262 634-5515 ▲ Fax 262 634-0835 ▲ e-mail emmausracine@sbcglobal.net			1 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Green Team mtg.	2 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 6:00 pm Nelson- Robinson rehearsal	4 1:00 pm Nelson-Robinson wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, Country Springs, Waukesha</i>						
5 3 rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	6 10:00 am Sewing group 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	7 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	8	9 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	10 	11 ST. BARNABAS 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary out of town June 10-12</i>						
12 4 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	13 10:00 am Sewing group	14 FLAG DAY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	15 <i>July-August Visitor articles needed in church office 12:00 noon Clergy mtg. at All Saints SMMC</i>	16 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	17	18 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Pastor Mary out of town</i>		<i>Neighborhood Camp training</i>				
19 5 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FATHERS' DAY 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Adult Forum 	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST 10:00 am Sewing group	21 SUMMER BEGINS 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	22	23 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	25 PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, 1530 8:30 am ELCA Greening Congregations 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 9:00 pm Indiana youth group overnight
<i>9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Camp</i>						
26 6 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	27 10:00 am Sewing group	28 5:00 pm TOPS	29 ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, APOSTLES 	30 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	July 1 CANADA DAY	2 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.: Neighborhood Camp</i>						

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.



June Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

June 1	Marcie Runge	3920 N. Green Bay Road	53404
June 7	Jim Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 10	Evelyn Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
June 12	Lyle Zielke	3121 Walden Way	53405
June 17	Mildred Schroth	3900 N. Main Street #231	53042
June 18	Nancy Brown	1814 Mars Avenue	53404
June 22	June Johns	5527 Marboro Avenue	53406
June 27	Al Svendsen	158 Merrie Lane	53405

Community Meal Is Fast Approaching

by Colette Schattner

Emmaus' next turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church is on Thursday June 2. The date is rapidly approaching.

We are still in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the food.

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

The pans and covers have been matched and marked and are



placed in a box in the narthex. In addition to never having to hunt for a cover that just might fit you will never again have to go crawling to the back of a cupboard to find a pan. There will be pans and matching lids in a carton in the narthex each time the sign-up sheet is put out.

If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to call Colette Schattner at 634-2761 or the church office.

Donations Sought for Refugees

The Refugee and Immigrant Services Program at Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is collecting furniture and other donations for many newly arriving refugees from war-torn countries such as Somalia, Liberia, Burma, Russia (Meskhetian Turks) and Laos (Hmong)..

Refugees arrive with very few possessions, so your donation will

contribute significantly to their new lives in the United States. We are in an immediate need of baby car seats, kitchen tables with chairs, beds (twin and full), dressers, couches, lamps, end tables, and coffee tables. Your help and resources would be deeply appreciated.

For more information, contact Ako Hasegawa of LSS at (414) 325-3063 or e-mail ahasegaw@lsswis.org

Rodes and Kellers Walk for Life

Art and Diane Rode and Brian, Denise, Michaela and Erin Keller will join the WE Energies Team in participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Racine on June 10 and 11 at Case High School.

Relay for Life is an annual team effort to raise funds for cancer research and patient services nationwide. Members take turns walking the track; teams stay overnight during the relay.

Last year, the WE Energies team raised \$5,670.30, an increase of over \$1,000 from 2003. \$24 million was raised at 407 American Cancer Society Relay for Life events held in the Midwest Division in 2003-04.

The Rodes and Kellers urge you to give any amount of money you are comfortable giving. All participants are asked to raise at

least \$100. The Rodes and Kellers will collect donations through Wednesday, June 1.

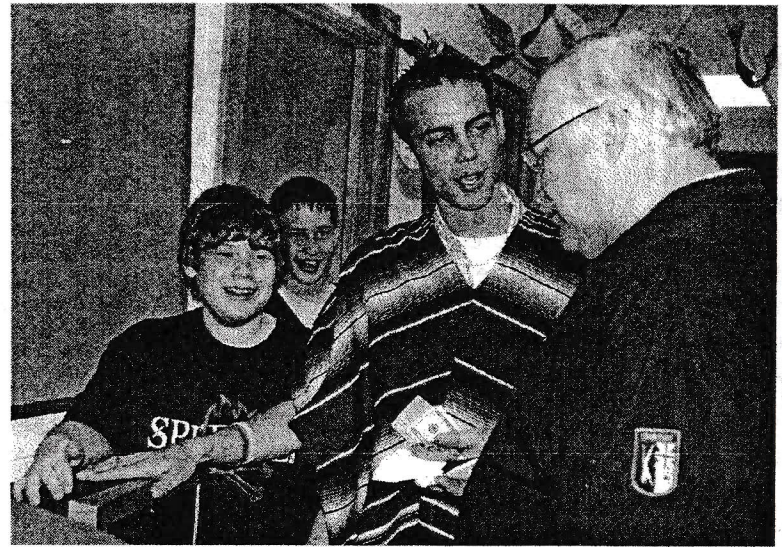
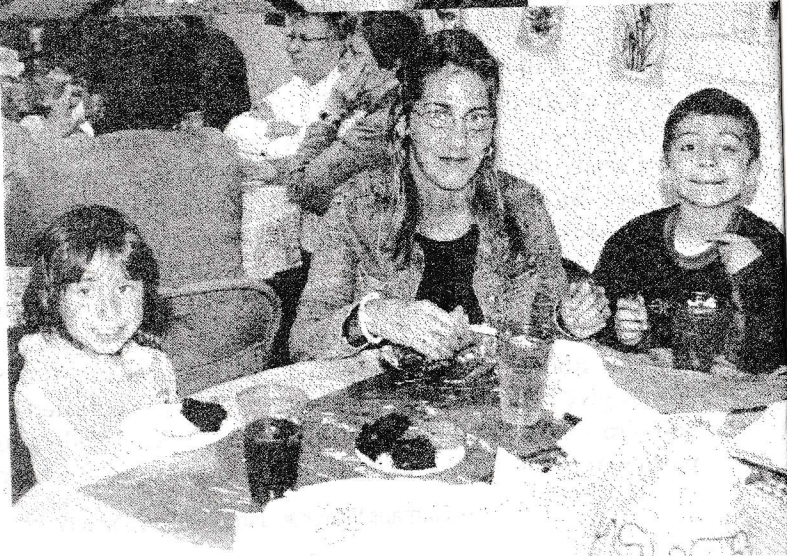
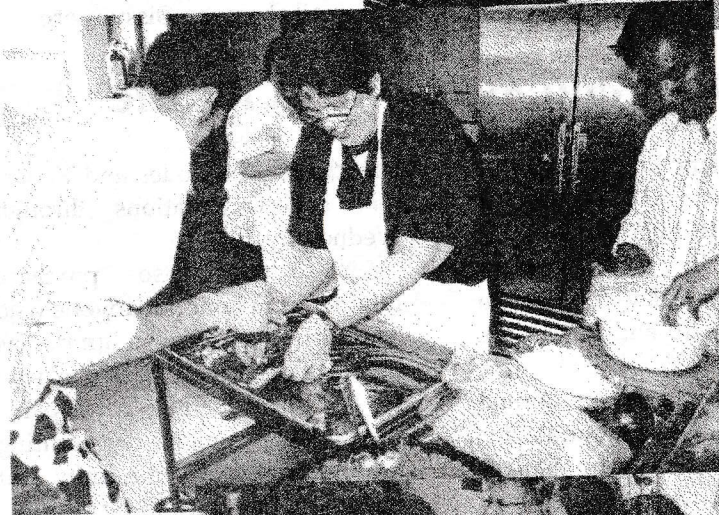
You may also purchase luminarias in honor of anyone who has battled cancer. The luminarias light the track and light the way for the Relay for Life participants throughout the night, representing healing power of community and the importance of funding to find a cure. Luminarias cost \$5.00 each.

Please pray for the people who are battling cancer at this time, those who are survivors, and for the families.

Every dollar raised brings hope to the hearts of cancer patients and their families. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life celebrates the fact that cancer *will* be defeated.

The Kellers and Rodes thank you in advance for your support.

Photo Album: Fiesta Mexicana



Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp

Six Racine Lutheran churches are participating in the neighborhood summer camp program this summer. Emmaus camp sessions will be held 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays June 20 to July 21. This year's camp themes are: Wheels and Spokes — Mad Scientist — Wacky, Wet & Wild — The Time Machine — Protecting Our Precious Planet

This summer program will be funded by grants, and individual/group donations, both monetary and in-kind. Donations may be made payable to Emmaus, designated for Neighborhood Camp.

Count on my/our support!

(Up to \$5,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor)

Financial:

1 week staff at one site (includes site coordinator, 3 teen interns and one resource person)	\$725	_____
1 week's food at one site	200	_____
1 day's food at one site	50	_____
Bus for weekly field trip	200	_____
Campership for 1 child/week	90	_____
Cash donation: \$100 _____ \$40 _____		
\$20 _____ \$10 _____ Other _____		

Donations of Goods/Supplies:

Sports equipment (games)	_____
Snacks for 30-35 persons	_____
Dessert/treats for 30 persons	_____
Juice/milk/chocolate milk	_____

Donation of Time:

Volunteer helper	
Playground _____ Kitchen _____ Music _____	
Arts/crafts _____ Shopping _____	
Registration/paperwork _____	

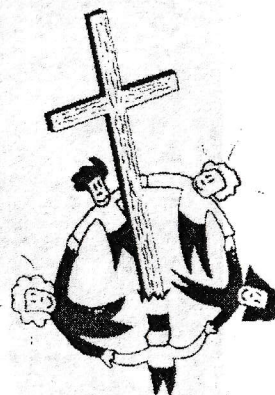
Prayer Support:

Daily prayer for this outreach ministry _____

Name _____

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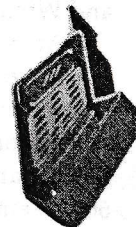
E-mail _____ Phone _____



Recycle Those Old Cell Phones

by Julie Hansen

Here's your chance to get rid of old cell phones and help the environment at the same time. Sustainable Racine's Environmental Task Force is collecting



used cell phones, and when they get 4,000 phones, they get \$10,000 to purchase trees.

Drop off your phones in the designated box inside the north entrance area. Contact Arlyn Olson at 262-637-6003 or arlyno@themacisp.net for details.

Thanks to Clean-Up Crew

by Julie Hansen

Thank-you to everyone who helped with the mini-clean-up of the grounds on Earth Day: Marge and Lyle Zielke, Cheryl Dexter, Audrey Villalobos, Dave Douglas, Howard Jensen, Betty and Stan Breiwick, Natasha and Chris Chan-A-Sue, Rich and Kathy Christensen, and Pat Jensen. In our short time out there, we really got things looking tidy!



to adopt an area, plant flowers if possible, keep the area weeded and looking attractive.

Some areas just need to have the bushes trimmed regularly.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and a diagram of the church grounds with the areas identified by number.

If you don't feel you can take on a project by yourself, perhaps you could work

as a part of a team. Many hands make light work and will help beautify our church property.

Green Team Meeting

The Green Team will meet at church June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Help Keep Up the Grounds

The Green Team is looking for your help to keep our church grounds looking well cared-for.

There are several areas in need of continued care during the warmer months. We need people

Lutheran Women to Gather in Texas

CHICAGO (ELCA) May 17 —About 5,000 women from the United States and around the world will focus on health, the ordination of women and other topics at the Sixth Triennial Gathering of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) July 5-10 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas.

"The triennial gathering brings together women from across the U.S. and Caribbean for worship, praise, learning, service and fellowship," said Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director, Women of the ELCA.

Featured speakers include Barbara Ehrenreich, author of the book *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*. Ehrenreich will share her experiences that formed the basis of her book and address health issues faced by low-wage-earning women who cannot afford health insurance or to take time off from work to visit the doctor.

A highlight of the gathering will be "faith-in-action" or servant event opportunities, where Lutheran women will visit the San Antonio community to volunteer and learn about ministries there. Places where women will volunteer their time include the Children's Shelter of San Antonio, inner-city parks, peaceCENTER, San Antonio Food Bank, Habitat

for Humanity, El Jardin de la Paz and Woman at the Well House.

At a banquet celebration on July 9, participants will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the ordination of women in the ELCA. Participants will also observe the 60th anniversary of Lutheran World Relief -- the overseas relief and development ministry of the ELCA and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

"Delegates will also consider memorials from the synodical women's organizations. Twenty-one synodical organizations have asked delegates to consider a partnership relationship between Women of the ELCA and Adults Savings Kids, an organization seeking to end commercial sexual exploitation. Other memorials address support for immigrants, denounce ageism, and promote efforts to end world hunger, among other topics," Bushkofsky said.

"The gathering and convention also serve to bring to a close the 2002-2005 triennium and its theme, 'Listen! God is Calling,' and to launch the 2005-2008 triennium and its theme, 'Act Boldly.'" she said.

The Women of the ELCA organization has more than 7,800 local units in congregations of the ELCA and "institutional settings" across the United States and Caribbean.

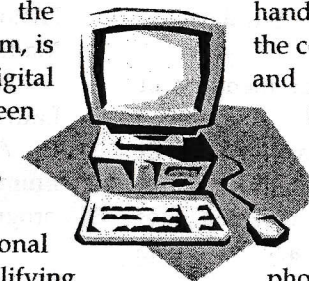
Tech Corps Seeks to Bridge Digital Divide

PC's for Racine County (PCFRC), sponsored by Tech Corps Wisconsin and the Lighted Schoolhouse Program, is working to close the "digital divide" — the gap between those who have access to technology and those who don't.

PCFRC provides personal computer systems to qualifying low-income, minority, youth and elderly recipients. This project is the only program in Racine seeking to provide 1,000 Racine County residents with subsidized tools and skills necessary to compete for jobs and educational opportunities.

In addition to the computer system, recipients receive internet

access, as well as two evening training sessions, a half hour of hands-on training when the computer is delivered, and a year of technical support.



Qualifying recipients must live in Racine County, have a phone line in the home, pay a \$100 registration fee and \$50 upon completion of training, and not already own a computer.

The program runs April 15 through June 30. Registration forms are available at church or at Tech Corps Wisconsin, 1220 Mound Avenue, Suite #205 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Berge Cartoon Takes Second Place Honor

This May, The Milwaukee Press Club awarded second place for Best Single Editorial Cartoon to a cartoon our secretary, Paul Berge, drew for *The Business Journal* serving Greater Milwaukee in May of 2004.

First prize went to Joe Heller, cartoonist for the *Green Bay Press Gazette*.



Paul has drawn a weekly cartoon for the *Business Journal* since January, 1995, illustrating the newspaper's weekly editorial. In this case, the editorial writers expressed hope

that the Milwaukee Brewers could put together a winning team in spite of the team's financial disadvantages relative to big-city ball clubs.

Thanks for Adopting Sundays

We thank the following members and friends of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in April:

Earl Lakvold, in memory of Carolyn Lakvold.

David Anderson, in honor of Aimee Spreeberg and Benjamin Anderson; Aimee received her Doctorate in Pharmacy from the

University of Wisconsin at Madison; Ben earned his B.S. in History from Edgewood College in Madison.

Julia Durand, in memory of Laurier E. Durand on his birthday.

Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, April	2003: 178	2004: 169	2005: 133
Average weekend attendance, May	2003: 138	2004: 133	2005: 125*
Average weekend attendance, June	2003: 124	2004: 135	
Average weekend attendance, July	2003: 119	2004: 105	

* Average calculated as of May 22, 2005

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Mar.	\$13,261.60	\$47,542.52
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Mar.	\$1,752.00	\$13,716.00
Mortgage payments in Mar. & Apr.: Principal	\$764.71	
Interest	\$1,219.29	
Extra principal	\$1,645.00	
Total	\$3,629.00	
Principal balance as of April 14, 2005:	\$119,250.50	



Elsewhere in Our Area

St. Andrew Lutheran Celebrates 40th Anniversary

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road, celebrates its 40th anniversary on Sunday, June 12. Rev. Said Alibouni will preach at a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mary Vance-Walsh and Brittani Madala will

dance, and Sue Cawley will lead the choir.

They will have a dinner that day. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Contact the St. Andrew office for further information. 639-2072

Pastor Mary's Column

It's Inevitable!

Held together by duct tape, my five-year-old cell phone was deposited into the recycle bin last week. I stopped to reflect, "What has happened in the past 50 years?"

I remembered the rotary dial phone we had while growing up. Those were the days of party lines and 5-digit numbers. Others will remember the days of "two longs, a short, and a long" when a number of phones were on the same system run by an operator, and when "rubber necking" was not uncommon.

Today I have a new cell phone and several cordless phones throughout the house. The church phone system has recently been changed to accommodate digital phones.

Change. It's inevitable, isn't it? It comes at so many levels. This past month I have observed change as I have taken my regular walks in the neighborhood. I have watched bare trees as they have budded. With time, those buds have moved from tiny leaves to large ones, and other buds have burst out into colored blossom.

Grass has greened and dandelions have already gone to seed. A school year ends and summer begins.

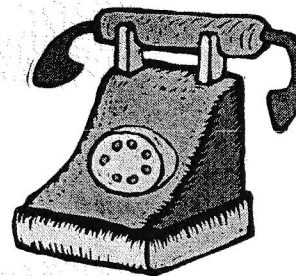
Changes occur in our family settings, too. There is movement in and out of our homes — babies are born, graduates make plans to move on, and those who are in the "third age" of their lives (that's how "seniors" are referred to in Spain) make changes, too. Houses are sold and new homes are established in apartments or assisted living facilities.

Change — we see it in health status, in marital status and in income status. Change comes in music, in liturgy and church organization, too. Remember the days of all male pastors and the days of a large, active Ladies Aid?

In the fall we'll see a change *back* to a Sunday morning nursery, *but* it won't be the same as it always was. The nursery will be staffed by a paid caregiver and a number of volunteers. (There will even be a beeper system, as is used in some restaurants and clinics, to call parents if their child needs extra attention!)

How do we best face the many changes we encounter in our lives? We can't do it alone! Our constant prayer (and one that is answered *before* the words leave our lips) is

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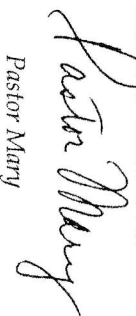
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for the guidance, comfort and counsel of the Holy Spirit. God is with us through every part of our journey — both as individuals and as a faith community.

Even when change is challenging or difficult, we can count on God to move *forward* with us, carrying us when necessary. One thing never

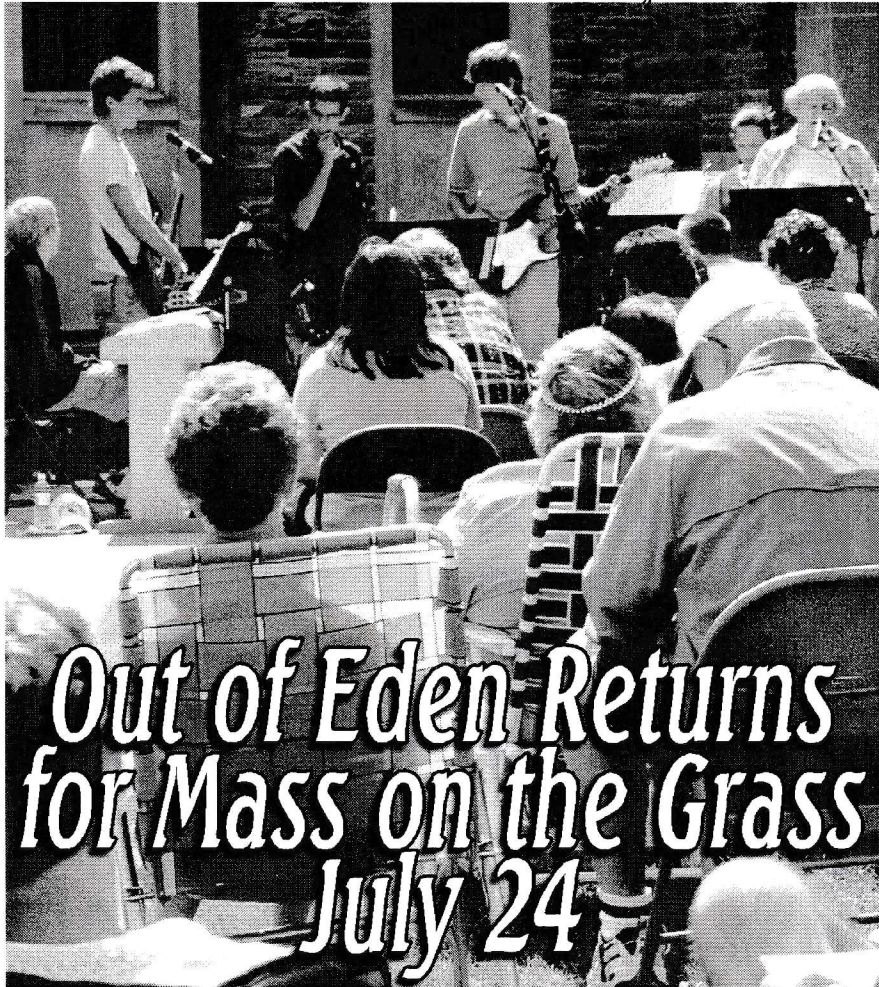
changes — God's commitment and love for us.

May you experience God's presence and faithfulness through all the changes before you. Remember, change is inevitable — and so is God's love!


Pastor Mary

Emmaus Visitor

Summer, 2005



Out of Eden Returns for Mass on the Grass July 24

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue
"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Racine, Wisconsin 53404
e-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net Phone: 262 634-5515
<http://www.emmaus-racine.org> Fax: 262 634-0835

Pastoral Acts

<p>Marriage: Michele L. Nelson Robert L. Robinson June 4, 2005</p>	<p>Michele is the daughter of Ted and Karen Nelson. Bob's son Zachary was his best man; Michele's daughters Natalie and Lauren were her bridesmaids.</p>
<p>Funerals: Lillian Watts-Card June 18, 2005</p>	<p>Lillian Card passed away June 13 in Oconomowoc. Some members may have known her as Lillian Watts, a member of Emmaus from 1968 to 1976, when she lived on Yout Street.</p>
<p>Grace Christensen Unger June 29, 2005</p>	<p>Grace Unger was a lifelong member of Emmaus. She was an active member of the Rebecca Circle and the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center, and was extraordinarily generous with her time and talents here. She was a sister of Bill Christensen and the widow of Frank Unger.</p>

Milestone Congratulations

Congratulations to Jim and Nancy Brown, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 9!

Pastor Mary helped officiate at the



wedding June 11 of Kelly Larson and Ben Field, son of Julie and the late Gary Field. The two were married in Mondovi, Wisconsin. Ben works at Field Pharmacy in Berlin; Kelly is a pharmacist in Ripon.

Thanks for Adopting Sundays

We thank the following members and friends of Emmaus who have adopted Sundays in June:

Chester & Mabel Meyer, in thanks for God's blessings.

John & Cathy Knuteson, in celebration of Ella Fox's first birthday.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program.

Celebrate Mass on the Grass

Emmaus will celebrate our annual "Mass on the Grass" Sunday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, we will gather for a special worship service with Holy Communion out on the lawn.

We will have some chairs set up, but we encourage all who are able to bring their own folding chairs. You may want to bring a parasol as well.

"Out of Eden" will provide the music for the service. This is the fourth time band members Nathan

Albright, Isaac Hargrove, Michael Wideburg, Kyle Clark and Michael Scheussler have helped lead our worship services.

Following Mass on the Grass there will be a Neighborhood Carnival on the field, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and running to 2:30 p.m.

Dress casually.

Bring a friend. Come for a time of worship and fellowship, fun and food with your Emmaus family and the families in our neighborhood.



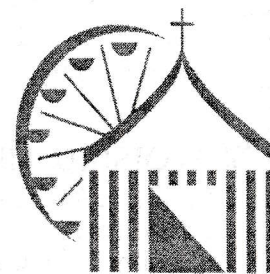
Outdoor Worship

Step Right Up for Emmaus Carnival

The carnival is coming — to our back yard!

Sunday, July 24, Emmaus will host a time of fun, games and food for our members and neighbors. Our carnival will be out on the field from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., offering an inexpensive afternoon of fun for families, couples and singles alike.

Following the morning's "Mass on the Grass," the carnival will once again provide folks the opportunity to dunk Pastor Mary. You never know who else might show up in the dunk tank!



Help is needed in a number of areas. Please see how you can help, and give Cindi Larsen a call at 681-0282 to volunteer.

- Publicity
- Shopping for supplies
- Baking cakes for the cake walk
- Distribution of flyers in the neighborhood
- Table/equipment set-up or tear-down
- Running a game (1½-hour shift, or alternate with family members and friends for the three hours)
- Grilling hot dogs

Join the fun! Be part of the Emmaus Neighborhood Carnival on July 24.

Racine Youth Travel to Weslaco

Sixteen youth from Emmaus will join kids from four other Lutheran congregations in Racine in a mission trip to Weslaco, Texas this month.

Kelsey Albright, Caroline Crehan, Brian Field, Justin Haman, Isaac Hargrove, Katelin Harris-Lange, Klerissa Kossack, Nate, Ryan and Ashley Lamberton, Mariah Lang, David and Stephanie Lopez, Emily Maranger, Hailey Sommer, and Frank Williams will put in a week of challenging work and fun. Pastor Mary and Ben and Kelly Field will lead the Emmaus group.

Connections are being made with Mision Luterana San Pablo, a Spanish-speaking ELCA congregation.

Weslaco is located near the southernmost tip of Texas in an area known since the 1740's as Llano Grande. Weslaco was ranchland until the railroad came through in the early 20th Century.



The town was named for the W.E. Stewart Land Company, the original developer in 1919.

Today, it has a population of about 27,000 people and perhaps 6,000 "Winter Texans."

The group will leave from Emmaus at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 25.

They are scheduled to arrive back at Midway at 8:45 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastor: Rev. Mary L. Janz
 Church office: 262 634-5515
 Fax: 262 634-0835
 Council President: Brenda Gieszler
 Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller
 Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser
 Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis
 Secretary: Paul Berge
 Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, JR Lang & Jeff White

EMMAUS VISITOR

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Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com

Valerie Crehan: yout@sbcglobal.net

Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15 (10:00 a.m. July 24).

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 September *Visitor* is August 16.

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Emmaus Offers Pre-school Vacation Bible School July 25-29

Register now for pre-school Vacation Bible School, coming the week of July 25-29. Nancy Smith will lead the daily sessions for pre-schoolers age 3-5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.



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

Emmaus Reopens Sunday Nursery in September

by Beth Tepley

Great news! Emmaus is planning to start the nursery on Rally Sunday, September 11, 2005.

To get started, we need your help! We are seeking volunteers to staff the nursery every Sunday.

Look for sign-up sheets soon outside the church office.

Also, we are in need of many nursery items, such as bouncers, changing pads, pre-school toys, music tapes/CDs, videos, etc. For more information regarding the nursery, contact Beth Tepley at 637-3274.

Emmaus Volunteers Make It Work

Thanks go to Cheryl Dexter who managed to get over \$1,000 of plastic dishware for \$452! The purchase has been made, and Neighborhood Camp is now using the colorful trays, bowls and glasses.

Thanks to Pat Jensen and Kathy Christensen who spent hours weeding and beautifying the berm area and to Arlyn Olson who has also spent hours working in

the front of the church, planting a lot of perennials and creating some new space for planting around the benches. Thanks to Judy Yorgan, who is caring for the flowers by the sign.

The garden area plot will be tilled this week. Thanks for Nancy Smith for coordinating the effort and to Rich Christensen for hauling the sod.

Volunteers Keep Our Sunday School Going

by Denise Keller

Sunday School kick-off is Sunday, September 11, 2005 — 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 of one of the Bible characters and visiting the Sunday School kids
- Working alongside the kids as they learn on the computer (expect the kids to teach you!)
- Working as a computer techie, making sure the computers are in working order
- Working with kids on arts and crafts 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

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Sunday School Bulletins

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- Helping with Christmas program
- Preschool teacher or assistant (3- and 4-year-olds)

If you are interested in becoming involved in Sunday School in any way, we can talk! Let us know whether you'd like to teach a particular area, 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 the form on page 8 and I will get back to you.

Sunday School Pre-Registration

"Creation" is our first unit

Rally Day — Sunday, September 11, 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
School	Grade in fall	
Parents/Guardians' names		
Siblings' names/ages:		
Allergies/medical info:		
Other notes:		

Further ConGraduations Are Due

We missed at least one graduate when we wrote about our 2005 graduates in the June Visitor. Ryan Sedgwick was graduated from UW-Madison this spring with a Master of Music degree. He is planning to move to the Cincinnati area.

Scrip Proceeds Help Youth

You can use your Scrip purchase to help support the youth of Emmaus. Through the end of July, Scrip proceeds will go toward youth mission trips.

Thrivent Matches Fiesta Funding

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, \$800.00 earned in fund raising for Emmaus has been doubled. Emmaus received a

check for \$800 from Thrivent in June.

Thank you to everyone who helped support this fund raiser!

Youth Birthdays in July & August

July 1	Mariah Lang, 15
July 7	Klerissa Kossack, 15
July 7	Stephanie Lopez, 17
July 12	Ella Fox, 1
July 18	Kadin Purath, 2
July 19	Vanessa Kossack, 17
July 20	Patrick Jansen, 13
July 23	Kaitlyn Krug, 8
July 24	Sydney Tepley, 11
July 26	Alexis Austin, 9
July 26	Ken Soens, 14
July 27	Amy Meteyard, 17
Aug. 2	William Yunker, 2
Aug. 7	Alex Karbulka, 2
Aug. 12	Ashley Valerio, 16
Aug. 15	T. J. Andersen, 11
Aug. 26	Alexa Ahrens, 6
Aug. 26	David Lopez, 16

Emmaus to Become a Green Zone

by Kathy Christensen

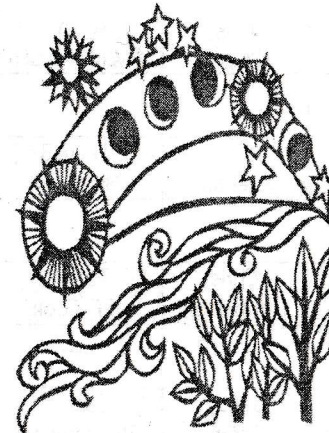
You are about to witness a change at Emmaus! The Emmaus Green Team has been actively planning ways to turn Emmaus Church into a Green Zone.

We hope to raise the awareness of the congregation and all people who use the Emmaus facility to environmental responsibility.

Each month there we will feature environmental tips in the *Visitor* to help our members "think green."

The Green Team has already begun several initiatives with the hope that our congregation will contribute to these efforts already in place:

- reusable shopping bags
- recycling aluminum cans
- cell phone recycling
- adopt-a-space/ grounds care
- using glass plates and cups rather than paper products
- reusable dishes for Neighborhood Camp
- commitments to the 1-2-3 plan



Reusable shopping bags may be purchased for \$5.00 and are available in the narthex.

Aluminum cans and cell phones can be brought to the church for recycling. There is a box in the narthex for old cell phones and cans may be placed by the rear entrance to the church.

As you look around the church property, you can see the results of volunteers who are working to beautify areas by planting flowers and keeping their adopted space weeded. More volunteers are needed to help with this project.

We now have a dishwasher in the newly remodeled kitchenette and can easily wash our dishes after social gatherings.

Cheryl Dexter located plastic reusable dishes to be used by Neighborhood Camp.

The 1-2-3 Plan will be re-emphasized in the fall.

The Green Team is excited about the contributions we can make individually and as a congregation to care for our environment. We *can* make a difference. As you witness the changes being made, we hope you will become excited, too. Do you want to be on the Team? The next meeting will be in early August at a date to be announced.

Yes! I'd like to help Emmaus Sunday School - or at least hear more!

Name _____

Best times of year for me to serve (please 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: _____

E-mail? _____

Best times to call _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	July 1 CANADA DAY	2
JULY-AUGUST 2005						
3 4 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>Office closed. No Neighborhood Camp</i>	5 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS.	6	7 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	8	9 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.</i>						
10 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	11 10:30 am Sewing grp.	12 6:30 pm Church council mtg 5:00 pm TOPS	13	14 BASTILLE DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	15	16 10:00 am Stamping Up, to 3:00 pm 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.</i>						
17 6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 1:00 pm Stamping Up, to 4:00 pm	18 10:30 am Sewing grp.	19 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST	21 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline TBA Neighborhood Camp closing program	22 MARY MAGDALENE	23 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
<i>Neighborhood Camp 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.</i>						
24 7 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 am Mass on the Grass 11:30 am Neighborhood Carnival, to 2:30	25 ST. JAMES THE ELDER 8:00 am Mission Trip group leaves	26 5:00 pm TOPS	27	28 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	29	30 5:00 pm Worship service
<i>Pre-school Vacation Bible School: 9:00 a.m. — noon</i>						
31 8 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: LBW Setting 2 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 8:45 pm Mission Trip group due at Chicago Midway	August 1 10:30 am Sewing grp. 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee	2 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	3	4 11:00 am Bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	5	6 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
7 9 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: LBW Setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	8	9 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	10 ST. LAURENCE	11 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Ice Cream Social	12	13 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
14 10 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; V-J DAY 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word and Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	15 ST. MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD September Visitor deadline	16 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS	17	18 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	19	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
21 11 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	22 EMMAUS FOUNDED, 1851	23 5:00 pm TOPS	24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW	25 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	26 TBA Szwawowski Hughes rehearsal	27 1:00 pm Szwawowski-Hughes wedding 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
28 12 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 am Worship service: WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	29	30 5:00 pm TOPS	31	Sept. 1 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	2	3 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

November 29, 2004

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

July-August Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

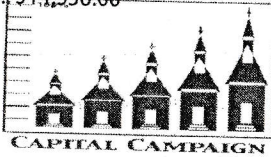
July 9	Helen Mickelson	1737 Shoop Street.	53404
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 27	Joyce Toslek	3919 Ruby Street #316	53402
July 29	Larry Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 30	Ralph Rasmussen	221 SW 44 th Terr. Cape Coral	33914
July 31	Edna Mathies	1716 Warwick Way	53406
July 31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
Aug. 8	Norman Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
Aug. 10	Margaret Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Aug. 11	Betty Breiwick	1133 N. Sunnyslope Drive #102	53406
Aug. 12	Joyce Kaiser	14220 56 th Road, Sturtevant	53177
Aug. 12	Al Beck	833 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Aug. 14	Robert Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
Aug. 17	Audrey Rasmussen	221 SW 44 th Terr. Cape Coral	33914
Aug. 15	Rich Christensen	1019 Highway V, Sturtevant	53177
Aug. 28	Caroline Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405

Attendance Statistics

Average weekend attendance, May	2003: 138	2004: 133	2005: 119
Average weekend attendance, June	2003: 124	2004: 135	2005: 107
Average weekend attendance, July	2003: 119	2004: 105	
Average weekend attendance, August	2003: 143	2004: 106	

Financial Figures

	Total for month	Year to date
General Fund offerings received in Apr.	\$14,489.99	\$62,032.51
Mortgage retirement offerings received in Apr.	\$1,752.00	\$14,536.00
Mortgage payments in May:		
Principal	\$387.77	
Interest	\$604.23	
Extra principal	\$0.00	
Total	\$992.00	
Principal balance as of May 13, 2005:	\$118,864.70	



Sign Up to Help with Community Meal

by Colette Schattner

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the June 2 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. That night 101 guests enjoyed the meal that we prepared for them with over half of them going back for seconds.

The Community Meal is even more important now that the



R.E.S.T. program, which also used to provide meals, has shut down for the summer.

The next meal that we will serve at St. Pat's is on Thursday, August 4. Watch for the new sign up sheet and the pans to reappear in the narthex in early July.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

by Colette Schattner

During the summer if you, or anyone you know, have more fresh fruits and veggies than they can use, please call Joel or Pat Lamke, directors of the Northside Food Pantry.

They will either arrange to pick up the produce or will go to the Northside Food Pantry so it



may be dropped off. Feel free to call them any day or evening at their home (637-6021) or on their cell phone (262-939-5603).

The people who come to the Northside Food Pantry for food will really enjoy the fresh fruits and veggies — as much as you do.

Help Fill the Basket With School Supplies

Thanks to your support, every Wadewitz child had needed school supplies this past school year. Let's help make that possible again this year!

Look for a basket in the narthex soon where you can donate:

- spiral notebooks with wide lines.

- new #2 pencils with erasers
- colored pocket folders
- glue sticks and regular Elmer's glue
- large pink school erasers
- crayons (boxes of 16 or more)
- rulers (with both inches and centimeters)
- boxes of watercolors with a brush

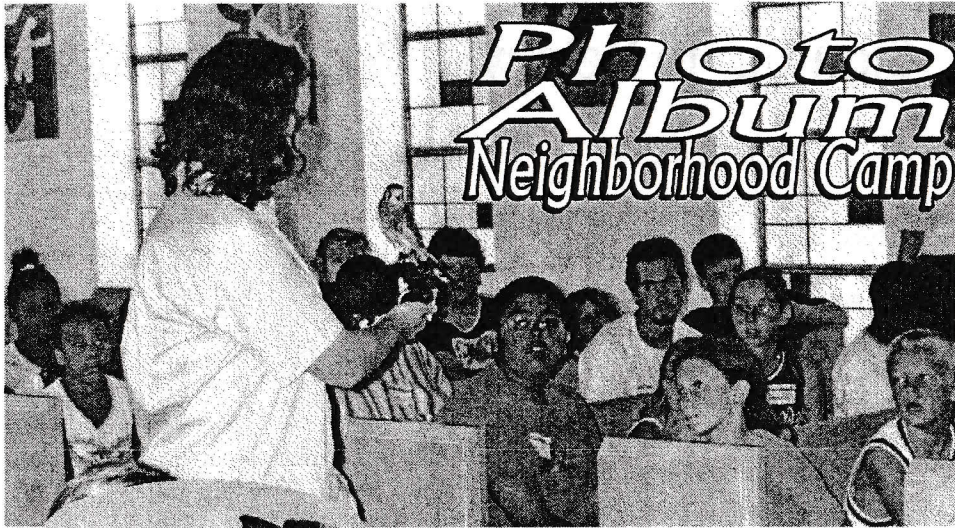


Photo Album Neighborhood Camp



Nearly 50 kids attended the first week of Emmaus' Neighborhood Camp June 20-24. The kids learned about the natural world around us, including a visit from real live raptors from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee. Joined by the kids from Zion's Neighborhood Camp, they got to see a kestrel and an actual bald eagle, among other birds.



Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp

Six Racine Lutheran churches are participating in the neighborhood summer camp program this summer. Emmaus camp sessions are held 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays June 20 to July 21. This year's camp themes are: Wheels and Spokes — Mad Scientist — Wacky, Wet & Wild — The Time Machine — Protecting Our Precious Planet

This summer program is funded by grants, and individual/group donations, both monetary and in-kind. Donations may be made payable to Emmaus, designated for Neighborhood Camp.

Count on my/our support!

(Up to \$5,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor)

Financial:

1 week staff at one site (includes site coordinator, 3 teen interns and one resource person)	\$725	_____
1 week's food at one site	200	_____
1 day's food at one site	50	_____
Bus for weekly field trip	150	_____
Campership for 1 child/week	90	_____
Cash donation: \$100	_____	\$40 _____
\$20	_____	\$10 _____ Other _____

Donations of Goods/Supplies:

Sports equipment (games)	_____
Snacks for 30-35 persons	_____
Dessert/treats for 30 persons	_____
Juice/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 _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



Assembly Recommends Change in ELCA Policy on Ordination

Story by Ben McDonald Coltvot, synod communications director
Parts of this report were contributed by voting member Jerry Borchardt, member of Cross Lutheran (Ixonia)

MILWAUKEE, (GMS) June 7 — The Greater Milwaukee Synod passed resolutions Saturday, June 4, indicating that they trust their pastors and congregations to exercise good judgment when it comes to blessing same-sex unions. Voting members also said, in a vote of 177-120, that they wanted to change ELCA rules to allow the ordination of homosexuals in committed same-sex relationships.

The assembly also recommended that ELCA congregations should be in prayerful study and discernment of God's will regarding the full acceptance of gays and lesbians.

The synod assembly will forward its resolutions in the form of a "memorial" - or recommendation for action - to the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Fla.

In other action, the assembly elected Susan Cyr to serve a four-year term as synod vice president and re-elected Roger Schroeder as synod treasurer.

The 2005 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly brought 475 voting members to the Country

Springs Hotel in Waukesha from June 2-4 to celebrate worship, partnership and action.

Sexuality Captures Attention

A workshop titled "Timely conversations regarding the church and sexuality" engaged participants in unmediated small-group conversation. Each group of 15-20 individuals considered a list of questions and participants were encouraged to speak honestly and listen deeply to each other.

Discussions ranged from theological points and scriptural interpretations to biological and social debates surrounding homosexuality. Participants raised a range of perspectives and asked clarifying questions, probing to find out what it means to "fully welcome homosexuals" in congregations and what blessing a same-sex union means.

Individuals shared their hopes and fears for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to be held this August in Orlando, Florida. Comments ranged from "I'm so tired of talking about this," to "This is the most civil discussion I've been a part of yet."

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Synod Assembly

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Gathering worship featured "Unfailing Light," with Susan Briehl presiding over communion, Marty Haugen leading songs on the piano, and Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers preaching.

After the opening plenary session, Briehl delivered the assembly keynote, "The Immeasurable Richness of God's Grace." She said that too often, today's churchgoers settle for a God that is "just the right size, the God that fits me, the God that I can live with." Rather, Briehl urged, Christians should look for stories that "open to you a vision of the

world where our imagination is broken open, the hungry are fed, the poor are lifted up, the mourning are comforted and swords and weapons of every kind are beat into instruments of harvest."

This kind of God delivers "grace immeasurable," said Briehl, urging her listeners to "pray for the really big things." She returned to the power of song, saying that poets and musicians have the ability to revive stories that we may have lost, stories that tell of God's immeasurable riches: "Once they [the songs] are there, they're hard to get out."



Rev. Susan Briehl

On Friday morning, Bishop Richard Sklba of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee spoke on unity and truthfulness. On the feast day of Pope John XXIII, Sklba related the importance of remaining united in the word. "Your unity in the word matters to all of us." He added:

"Guarding the truth is a day-by-day process, worked out in community."

During his Bishop's Report on Friday morning, Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers introduced the theme of Life

Together for the assembly. He challenged voting members to remember that they are not only "stewards of abundance" but that the synod needs to move toward being "practitioners of extravagance" in love for one another.

Budget amended

The assembly approved the 2006-2007 ministry plan of \$2,783,550, which included 61% giving to the ELCA.

After considerable debate, voting members amended the budget to return ELCA support to

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Synod Assembly

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the 2005 level of 62%. It was further amended that ELCA support would be restored to 62% on the condition that the additional \$100,000 is raised by January 31, 2007, by asking congregations for additional support so that other synod ministries are not reduced.

Resolutions Adopted

The assembly passed the first of five resolutions on Friday morning with little debate. The resolution (Resolution 3) will serve as a memorial to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, calling for support and monitoring of anti-racism work on the churchwide level.

As expected, the three resolutions concerning the ELCA stance on human sexuality (Resolutions 2a, 2b and 2c) initiated vigorous and emotional debate. Resolution 2a encouraged congregations to continue to be in prayerful study and discernment of God's will regarding the full acceptance of gays and lesbians.

Resolution 2b asked that the churchwide assembly permit gays and lesbians in committed relationships to serve as rostered leaders by changing language in the policy document "Visions and Expectations." The action does not constitute a change in local policy, but rather functions as a

recommendation to the larger church body to consider in August.

Resolution 2c memorialized the churchwide assembly to allow individual congregational approaches to blessing of same-sex unions, practicing the "mutual conversation and consolation of the saints."

All three resolutions passed; only Resolution 2b merited a vote count, and it passed by a margin of 177-120.

The final resolution considered, Resolution 1, expressed opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment in Wisconsin (Joint Resolution 66, which states that "only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid and recognized as marriage in this state.") Resolution 1 passed on Saturday morning by a significant margin.

Grace Moments

"Grace Moments" highlighted many of the local mission projects of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Pastor Larry Harpster talked about Spirit Alive, the mission start west of Kenosha that plans to officially join the synod as a congregation at next year's assembly. Pastor Carol Baumgartner presented on the "Greening the Congregation" project that adopted by several Racine congregations.

How Hot Was It?

One Monday morning, a New Yorker, a Texan, and a Wisconsinite were discussing how hot the previous day had been at home.

"Yesterday was so hot, you could fry an egg on the sidewalk," said the New Yorker. "In the shade."

"That's nothing," scoffed the Texan. "It was so hot in Texas, all the snakes learnt to fly just to stay off the ground!"

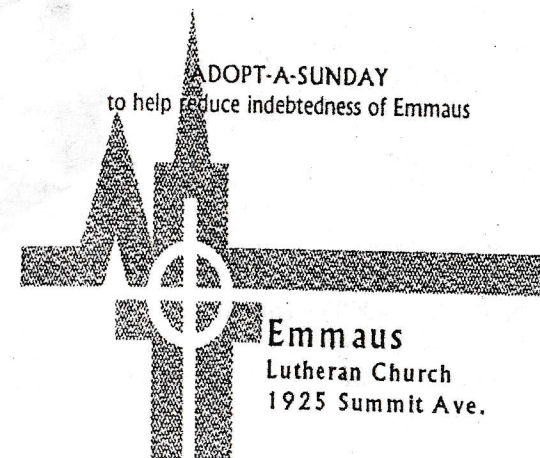
"I've got you both beat," said the Wisconsinite. "Yesterday was so hot, the Lutherans didn't serve coffee after church."

With all the hot weather we've had, the temptation to skip coffee after church is perfectly understandable, but there's no excuse to skip church. It may be uncomfortably hot in our sanctuary on a Sunday morning, but there is always the alternative of coming to worship in the air conditioned comfort of our 5:00 Saturday evening service.

The Saturday evening service meets in the Sunset Room rather than in the sanctuary. Holy Communion is celebrated every week, not just on the first and third Sundays of the month. (Well, almost

every week. The service on July 30 will not include communion.)

Die-hard Lutherans who would rather come to worship on Sunday can always take to heart the words of St. Paul that "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us." And besides, there will be coffee afterward.



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(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Recycle Those Decrepit Old Cell Phones

Sustainable Racine's Environmental Task Force is collecting used cell phones, and when they get 4,000 phones, they get \$10,000 to purchase trees. Drop

off your phones in the designated box inside the north entrance area. Contact Arlyn Olson at 262-637-6003 or arlyno@themacisp.net for details.

How to Tell a Good Recycler from a Not-So-Good Recycler

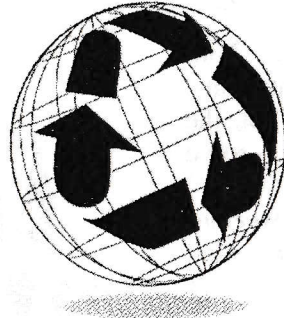
by Mark Jeantheau

GOOD RECYCLER: You fill up the recycle bin every week with cans, bottles and jars.

NOT SO GOOD: You give the recycle bin to the kids to use as a toboggan.

GOOD RECYCLER: You take your used motor oil to the nearest recycling station or collection facility.

NOT SO GOOD: You avoid the used-oil problem by never changing your oil. You recycle engines instead.



GOOD RECYCLER: You recycle not only your newspapers but also your phone books, magazines and cardboard boxes.

NOT SO GOOD: You leave your newspapers in the bathroom stall at work after

you're done. Doesn't that count?
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Elsewhere in Our Area

Auxiliary Plans Ice Cream Social

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary's annual ice cream social will be Thursday, August 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.,



rain or shine, at Lincoln Villas, 5820 Lincoln Village Drive.

Parking will be provided courtesy of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

A \$4.00 donation is requested. The Auxiliary will also sell hot dogs, bratwurst and lemonade

Pastor Mary's Column

Planting Seeds



Larvae to butterflies, a tadpole becoming a frog, seeds to green shoots — our Neighborhood Campers are observing that and so much more. A bald eagle with its razor sharp vision was within a few feet of us right inside the sanctuary!

The wonder of God's creation and how we care for all living things has been a focal point at this summer's camp. With over 50 children registered at camp and six former campers serving as volunteers, the paid staff and adult volunteers are busy every minute of the six-hour day, which is packed with activities.

After hearing me tell them the story of creation and the Garden of Eden during their daily "God Time," the eager campers then planted their own Garden of Eden in the fenced-in area near the alley. Seeds were planted (take a look for yourself and check out the "creative" rows!) with hope and anticipation. Regular watering has resulted in green shoots peeking through the soil.

Naysayers are asking, "Why plant anything anyway? It's bound to be vandalized!" Perhaps the response is that most important are the seeds being planted in the hearts and minds of the little gardeners. That is what gives us most hope.

One of the neighborhood children who flattened and broke stems of many of the daffodils in the berm this past spring is now one of our young gardeners. As a camper, he's taking pride in the seeds and flowers he and his friends have planted in the new garden. He has even rung the parsonage doorbell on the non-camp days asking if he can plant more!

Our little neighbor is learning first-hand about caring for what is being entrusted to him. Will our Garden of Eden bear tomatoes and squash and radishes and lettuce? That is our hope, knowing that a lot of care and watering will need to happen to have results.

Is there still the threat of storms or creatures or vandals hurting our fragile plants? Very definitely!

Will the seeds being planted in the fertile minds and hearts of our young campers bear fruit? That is also our hope. It is our prayer that the Spirit will help them grow in the faith so that they may become all that God created them to be. So, we plant seeds, we nurture, we water and we share God's love with each and every camper, asking God to protect and bless them. We pray that the garden grows!

Pastor Mary

In the Summer

Emmaus Visitor:

- ∞ Mass On the Grass and
Neighborhood Carnival
July 24
- ∞ Mission Trip Departs for
Weslaco July 25
- ∞ Preschool Vacation Bible
School Begins July 25
- ∞ Sunday Morning Nursery
Planned
- ∞ Green Team Offers
Environmental Tips
- ∞ Synod Assembly Report
- ∞ Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary
Ice Cream Social Aug. 11
and much, much more!

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Pastoral Acts

Funeral:

Janet Anderson Svendsen
July 6, 2005

Jan Svendsen was an active member of Prayer Chain, Altar Guild, and the Lydia Circle, a volunteer in the Community Meal program and REST. She served as a past co-president and treasurer of the Emmaus Women of the ELCA. She is survived by her husband, Al; their sons John, Steve and Timothy and daughter Sharon Wanvig; as well as eight grandchildren and many friends.



Memorial service:

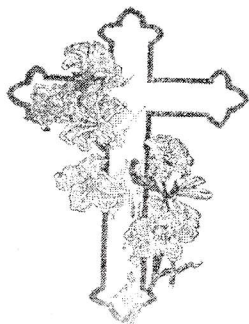
Robert Rommelfaenger
August 19, 2005

Robert Rommelfaenger, son of Ray and Rose Rommelfaenger, passed away August 14 while visiting Racine. Robert, 45, had lived in many parts of the country, most recently in California.

We Offer Our Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family of Lucille Adams Dudek, who passed away in Clintonville on August 28. Because of declining health, Mrs. Dudek, a member of Emmaus and the Senior Citizen Fellowship Center, had moved to Clintonville this summer to live with her niece, Margaret Zwirschitz. A private graveside service in Oconto is planned. The family is requesting memorials to Emmaus Lutheran in lieu of flowers.

We extend our condolences to Celia Bagley upon the death of her father, Vincent D'Alie, on July 8. Mr. D'Alie, 80, was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Racine.



Memorials & Honoraria

Non-designated memorials

In memory of Jan Svendsen: \$3,650.00

In memory of Grace Unger: \$225.00

Designated for Downstairs Kitchen:

In memory of Jan Svendsen: \$50.00

In honor of Hank & Kathy Bardenhagen: \$20.00

Rally Sunday Worship Introduces Creation Theme

Mark Sunday, September 11 on your calendar now! This is a Sunday morning that you will not want to miss!

Scheduled Events

9:15: Celebration worship service with an emphasis on the

theme of Creation. The Adult Choir will sing, and Daisy the Clown will officially welcome children of all ages as the Creation theme is introduced.

10:30: Kick-off for "Creation" Sunday School year

First Rotation Centers on Creation

by Denise Keller

The Bible tells us that God created all things. Created means "made." God created the plants and trees. God created the animals, fish, birds and the bees.

What's more, God created you and me! Both boys and girls; we are made in God's image. Being made in God's image means that of all God's creation, only people like us can think, feel and believe.

Only people can create. And the best part of it all is this: when God looks at what he made, God said, "It is very good!"

What we will learn:

- God created the universe and all that is in it.

- God created the world good.
- God wants us to care for God's creation.

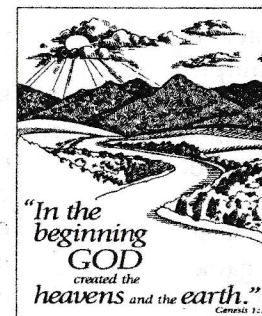
- We are most like God when we nurture and bless the world and each other.
- God loves us and the world.

Workshops: In Video, watch the creation stories. Make a clay plaque or paint like

Michelangelo, or make a quilt square in Art. Explore the Creation story through music and movement in Music. Retell the story of Creation in Drama/Storytelling.

Thank you to our Creation Workshop leaders, Julie Field, Joy Lippmann, Cindi Larsen and Kylee Albright.

Thank you to our Shepherds, Jamie Toslek and ... perhaps you?



What Is Workshop Rotation Model?

by Denise Keller

The workshop Rotation method is a different approach from traditional Sunday School. Traditional Sunday School teaches using a "sit and listen" approach. Rotation workshops change this to "learning by doing."

The same Bible story or concept is taught in the workshops over four or five weeks. Each Sunday, the groups of children rotate in a new workshop. Kids love the repetition and need it to remember their lessons.

Because each of the workshop leaders teaches through a different style of learning, the kids don't get bored. Instead, this multiple-intelligence approach enhances the learning process. Children come to know God through a variety of ways.

Each Sunday morning at 10:30, the Sunday School children gather with their shepherd in the Temple Room. This is a time together for singing, prayer, bringing offerings to God. Then the children adjourn to their workshop for the remainder of the hour.

The workshop leader's role:

- Four or five week commitment
- Greet children as they enter the workshop
- Prayer
- Briefly tell the story



- Activities
- The shepherd's role:
- One or two semester commitment
 - Take children from Temple Room opening to their workshop
 - Take attendance
 - Assist workshop leader with activities
 - Follow up when children are absent (a note in the mail or a phone call)
 - Assist with discipline
 - Help children who need to go to the bathroom
 - Always remember to greet children (This is an opportunity to develop a caring relationship with another member of our congregation)

If you are interested in becoming involved in Sunday School in *any* way, we can talk! Let us know whether you'd like to teach a particular area, 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 call Denise at 619-9911.

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 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Gregg and Kylee Albright's, 317 Wolff Street.

Please bring your meat for the grill and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Bring your families and enjoy good fellowship. A short rehearsal will follow the party.

For more information, call Suzanne Landis (884-4231) or the Albrights (634-6433).

Emmaus Starts Our Own Praise Band

After the positive response to our Praise Band-led worship services this year, Emmaus is bringing together a praise band of our own.

So far, group members of Emmaus' praise band are David Smith and Gregg Albright on drums, Joyce Kaiser and Kylee Albright on piano, Jim Yorgan on bass, Willie Maryland on guitar, and vocalists Suzanne Landis, Valerie Crehan,

Kelsey, Kylee & Gregg Albright. More musicians are most welcome!

Rehearsals are on Monday evenings beginning on September 12 at 6:30. The schedule may change once a basic repertoire is established.

The first Sunday that the Praise Band will play is October 2. The band will accompany the Sunday School kids singing "Awesome God."



Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School Pre-Registration

"Creation" is our first unit

Rally Day – Sunday, September 11, 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
School	Grade in fall	
Parents'/Guardians' names		
Siblings' names/ages		
Allergies/medical info:		
Other notes:		

Yes! I'd like to help Emmaus Sunday School – or at least hear more!

Name

Best times of year for me to serve (please check all that apply):

Fall Winter Spring

Area I'd like to be involved in:

Not sure – give me a call so we can talk more!

Phone: E-mail?

Best times to call

Extreme Faith Moves to First Wednesdays

For the 2005-06 school year, we have designated the first Wednesday of each month (minus Lent) as Extreme Faith night. The all-Racine youth worship service will take place at Our Savior's Lutheran Church from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (6:00 worship, 7:30 fellowship).

Last year, about 130 people attended each worship service, and this year we would like to see it

grow to include even more of our ELCA congregations. Right now, the following congregations are committed to participating: Bethania, Emmanuel, Emmaus, Good Shepherd, Holy Communion, Messiah, Our Savior's Redeemer, St. Andrew, St. Paul's.

The Extreme Faith Cluster Confirmation Retreat will be May 5-7. More details about this retreat will be published in the spring.

Come for '2nd Wednesday' Food and Fun

Would you like to gather with your Emmaus family occasionally for dinner and conversation and fun ... just because?

Would you like to have an affordable, tasty meal for you or your family now and then without having to cook? Would you like to join old friends and make some new ones?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then "Second Wednesday" is for you! Mark your calendar now for Wednesday, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. The evenings are intended to be for young and old alike and will vary from month to month.

Wednesday, September 14, will be "Games & Grub" Night. Come to play your favorite board or card game or to learn a new one.

5:00-5:30 Gathering and game time

5:30-6:15 Supper and games

6:30 More games for those who are not off to Confirmation class.

6:30-7:30 Confirmation class

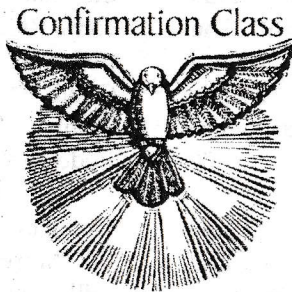
7:30-7:45 Evening vespers

Because the fall Second Wednesdays are being subsidized by outreach funds, we are able to serve dinner on a donation basis. For those who are able, the suggested donation for dinner is \$1.00 for kids 10 and under, and \$2.00 for older kids and adults.

To estimate the amount of food to be prepared, it would be a big help if you could sign up in the narthex or calling the church office by the previous Monday. If you need child care, let us know and that can be arranged, too!

7th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation Slated September 14

September 14, at 6:30 p.m., seventh, eighth and ninth graders will meet for Confirmation orientation in the Sunset Room. The format, schedule and requirements for this year's classes will be discussed.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes are held weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Beginning in October, confirmation sessions on the first Wednesday of the month will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at the corner of Washington and Taylor Avenues.

Tenth Graders Prepare for October 30 Confirmation

As the final phase prior to affirming their Baptism on October 30, the tenth graders will need to complete any unfulfilled requirements for worship and service points 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.

All tenth grade confirmands are expected to meet with Pastor Mary Sunday mornings, September 18 and October 2 at 10:45 a.m. in preparation for their October 30 Confirmation.

Churchwide Assembly Wrestles With Sexuality Issue

The 2005 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) gathered in Orlando, Florida, August 8-14. 1,018 representatives from around the

country voiced strong opinions on a variety of issues, notably three proposals from the ELCA Church Council on human sexuality.

Voting members supported a
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Youth Turn Sights to San Antonio Gathering

by Gregg Albright

We hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer but, alas, it's almost over and off the kids go to school. It's also the time of year we begin to make plans for next summer's trip to San Antonio.

Wait a minute. Didn't we go to Texas this past summer? That's right, but unlike this summer, next year's trip will not be a mission trip, but rather, the ELCA Youth Gathering.

The Gathering is held every three years and is a week of mission, worship, fun and games, stewardship and connecting with other high school youth in our Synod. How many youth? About 60,000, that's all! And we need a pretty big place to "gather," if you know what I mean.

The 2003 Gathering in Atlanta was awesome! Top Christian entertainment (like Audio Adrenaline) and the marching band from the movie *Drum Line* (rent it...it's a great flick) just to name a couple. There is a huge entertainment area filled with activities for the youth, opportunities for service, learning seminars and much, much more,

all aimed at our ELCA high school youth.

Just like we did with our Atlanta trip, we'll be going with several other ELCA churches in Racine. We'll stop along the way for a day of fun (or, if we fly, we'll have a day of fun in San Antonio). Your child will meet new friends, see new places and learn that being a Christian can be awesome!

We'll stay in a nice hotel, most likely in downtown San Antonio where there will be activities every day and night. All supervised and geared toward our Christian youth. It is an experience unlike a mission trip; its intent is to get our youth fired up about being Christian and motivated for his or her Journey With Jesus.

If you want more information, please visit www.elca.org/gathering/home.html. We'll most likely attend the week of July 12-16, so check your calendars.

We will be registering as soon as possible after September 15 to make sure we get a hotel room close to the convention center.

More information will be coming soon! Hope to see you in Texas. ¡Cruzando! Journey With Jesus.



Racine Youth Build Pavilion in Texas

Ben and Kelly Field led a group of fifteen Emmaus youth and friends on this summer's mission trip to the southern tip of Texas during the last week of July. The Emmaus group, along with five other groups from Racine ELCA churches, put in some hard work in hot weather in the town of Weslaco.

Pastor Mary made most of the arrangements for the group and was to have accompanied them on their trip, but was forced to stay home after fracturing her ankle in a fall just one week before their scheduled departure.

Emmaus' group consisted of Kelsey Albright, Caroline Crehan, Brian Field, Justin Haman, Isaac Hargrove, Katelyn Harris-Lange, Klerissa Kossack, David and Stephanie Lopez, Emily Maranger, Hailey Sommer, Frank Williams, and Nate, Ryan and Ashley Lamberton.

They helped construct a pavillion, and put up and painted fencing at Mision Luterana San Pablo, a Spanish-speaking ELCA congregation. The groups also led a neighborhood Vacation Bible School in Weslaco.



There was also time for a short visit to Nuevo Progreso Mexico and some R&R at Padre Island beach.

In addition to the crew from Emmaus, youth from Holy Communion, St. Andrew, Bethania, Our Savior's put in many hours of work in Weslaco during the week.

Many thanks to Ben and Kelly Field for all their leadership and hard work ¡Gracias! also to everyone who helped support our youth fund raisers this year.

Youth Birthdays

- Sept. 2 Kyle Jansen, 11
- Sept. 3 Melanie Pearce, 12
- Sept. 9 Andy Reischl, 18
- Sept. 10 Brian Liesch, 14
- Sept. 14 Brittany Lasko, 9
- Sept. 15 Cody Andersen, 8
- Sept. 15 Amy Jaskulske, 13
- Sept. 16 Emily Maranger, 15
- Sept. 22 Tayler Ready, 6
- Sept. 23 Lucas Steffensen, 16
- Sept. 25 Ryan Lamberton, 13

Child Care Available Sunday Mornings

Beginning Sunday, September 11, we will offer child care during Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School. Meeting the needs of parents of young children and providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children are the goals of those organizing the new nursery.

Every Sunday morning, child care will be available from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. A paid nursery attendant will be assisted by volunteers each week. To volunteer for a particular Sunday, please sign the form in the church narthex.

Confirmation students may earn service points, but no more than two students may sign up on any given week.

The new nursery is located in the area of the former YWCA day care (the area directly below the offices and Sunset Room) with easy accessibility through the south door off



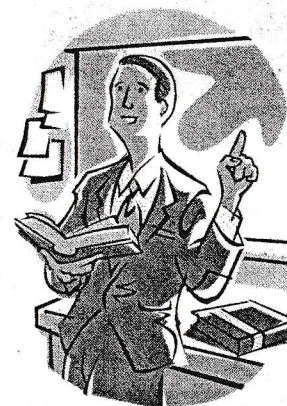
the circle drive. A pager system will be in place should a parent need to be notified during worship, fellowship or education time.

Questions? Contact Nancy Smith (633-3059), Debby Wyma (878-9124) or Beth Tepley.

English Literacy Courses Offered Here

The Racine Literacy Council will begin its second season at the Emmaus location September 8. The program will be held weekly every Monday and Thursday evenings.

With Richard Marciniak as its director, the



program coordinates classes for approximately 30 adults studying English as a Second Language (ESL). While the ESL classes are being led by Gateway instructors, other staff members have planned classes and activities for the pre-school and elementary children of those studying English.

'Let Me Read to You' Volunteers Sought

The eyes of an elementary child attending our EASY program light up every time they are told they have an adult friend who has come to listen to them read. Incorporated into our EASY after school program is time for use of the rich array of books found in our Emmaus children's library.

As kids are encouraged to check out and read books from the library, a highlight for them is some adult attention while they do so. Do you have an occasional half an hour on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon

that you would be willing to share with a child? Let Valerie Crehan know when you are available, and she will arrange for an eager child to read to you.

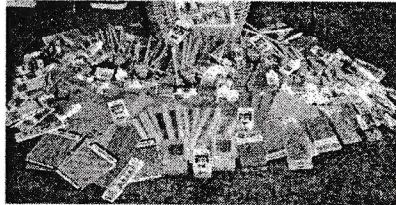


message and she'll call you!

It is easiest to reach Valerie at the church office (634-5515) between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If that's not convenient, leave her a

Help Fill Our Basket with School Supplies

Remember the nervousness and excitement that grew as the first day of school neared? I remember, ah yes, I remember it well; the trip to the store to buy a new box of crayons, pencils with clean erasers and that special notebook to carry all those homework papers.



There is a basket in the narthex for school supplies for children attending Wadewitz whose families are on tight budgets.

Last year, thanks to Emmaus' support, every Wadewitz child had needed school supplies. Let's

help make that possible again this year! Items especially needed:

- spiral notebooks with wide lines
 - new #2 pencils with erasers (orange or yellow)
 - colored pocket folders (red, green, blue, light blue and purple)
 - glue sticks and regular Elmer's glue
 - large pink school erasers
 - crayons (boxes of 16 or more)
 - rulers (with both inches and centimeters)
 - boxes of watercolors with a brush
- Questions? Call Nancy Smith.

EASY to Resume Three Days per Week

Emmaus After School for Youth (EASY) will again offer an after school program for Wadewitz students.

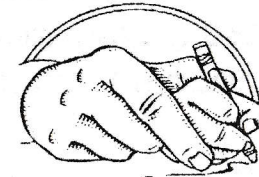
Under the direction of Valerie Crehan, the program will operate Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Enrollment is now open for up to 20 first through fifth graders.

Selection of one paid adult assistant and one paid teen volunteer will be made by mid-

September. Any interested candidates should contact Valerie (634-5515) immediately for further information.

The staff serves a daily snack, assists with homework help and reading in addition to planning program and playground activities.

The program is free to all participants and is funded by support from the ELCA Division for Outreach Fund and individual contributions. Gifts to the EASY program may be made in honor or memory of a loved one.



Nancy Smith to Direct Mentor Program

Beginning this fall, Nancy Smith assumes leadership of My Mentor and Me (MM&M), the mentoring partnership with Wadewitz School. Each volunteer mentor spends time with one at-risk first or second grader once a week during the school year. Building relationships and self-esteem as well as reading and

homework help are a part of the one-on-one time together.

Would you like to be a caring adult to a vulnerable child? If you would like to learn more about how a mentor spends about 45 minutes per week making a difference in a child's life, please contact the church office or Nancy Smith (633-3059).

Help Serve Community Meal October 6

Emmaus' turn to serve the Community Meal at St. Patrick's is coming up Thursday, October 6. 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.

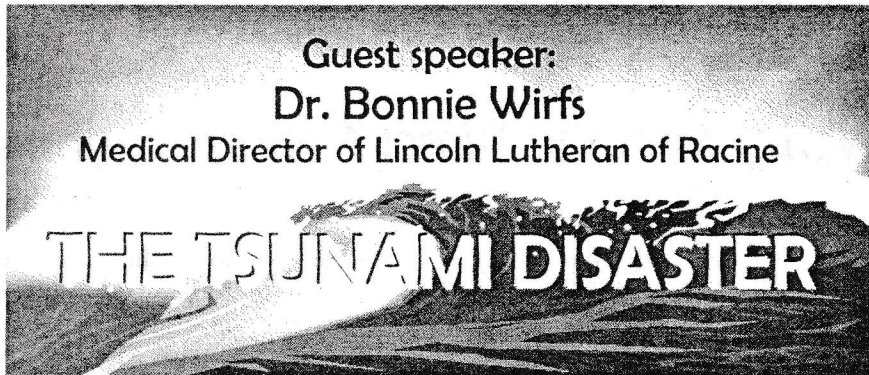


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Fall Brunch

Women of the ELCA
Racine Mission Cluster
Saturday morning, October 1, 2005
8:30 (registration);
concludes 12:00 noon

Atonement Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue at Quincy
Elevator at rear parking lot entrance



Guest speaker:
Dr. Bonnie Wirfs
Medical Director of Lincoln Lutheran of Racine

Cost: \$4.00
Reservation

John 13:35: "By this, all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Emmaus must call in our paid reservation count by
Monday, September 26

WELCA Bulletins

Come to Women's Lunch September 10

by Celia Bagley

All women 18 and over are invited to attend a salad luncheon on Saturday, September 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Emmaus Lutheran Church.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at church; please indicate if you plan to bring a salad to pass. If you are not able to bring a salad but would still like to attend,

please contact Celia Bagley at 835-1215.

Secret Pals will be picked at the luncheon. This event is sponsored by WELCA.

Lydia Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle resumes Bible studies 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 7.

Wirfs to Address Racine Women Fall Brunch

Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, will host the fall brunch of the Racine Women of the ELCA Saturday morning, October 1.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. The brunch runs from 9:00 to about noon.

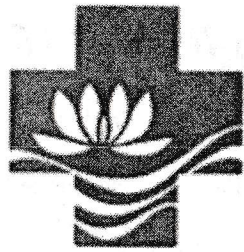
Guest speaker Dr. Bonnie Wirfs, the Medical Director of Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, will talk about last December's tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean.

Cost to attend the brunch is \$4.00. We need to call in our paid reservation count by September 26.

Women Of The ELCA Note Anniversary

SAN ANTONIO (ELCA), July 9, 2005 — Delegates attending the Triennial Convention of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) supported restoration of a tax exemption for a Lutheran hospital in Jerusalem, and elected 17 executive board members to guide the work of the women's organization for the next three years.

2005 marks the 35th anniversary for the ordination of women in the Lutheran church in North America. Delegates resolved that the Women of the ELCA affirm and promote efforts to celebrate the anniversary with special observances and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the lay and ordained women of the church in the "past, present and future."



Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention

Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, 2005
 Fox Point Lutheran Church
 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53217
 Theme: *The Bold and the Beautiful*

Download forms for registration, scholarships, resolutions and nominations at <www.milwaukeesynod.org/gleanings.htm>.

HALO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MEAL A MONTH

for Groups or Families

Prepare a meal for our residents, once a year, once a month or once a week—whatever fits the needs of your group or organization.

DESK COVERAGE

for Individuals

Train for desk coverage. Learn about Caller Contacts and how to do intakes. Help is most needed from 3pm – 9pm, Monday through Friday. This position requires extensive training so we ask that you commit to 10 hours of volunteer time a month after training.

ADOPT A ROOM

for Groups or Individuals

You can paint and decorate a room.

STORY HOUR

for Families or Individuals

Spend an hour reading to our kids. We have the books, you provide the love.

CHILD CARE

for Individuals or Families

Prepare a meal for our residents, once a year, once a month or once a week—whatever fits the needs of your group or organization.

ADVOCATE / MENTOR

for Individuals

Share knowledge and skill development, transport to appointments, encourage activities, and be a good listener.

SPECIAL EVENTS

for Groups or Families

Let your imagination or expertise be your guide. Take the kids to the circus or to a movie. Teach them your favorite craft or have a cookie bake.

Are you a carpenter, plumber, electrician or plasterer? Do you love to knit? Is your son or daughter's scout troop or academic club looking for a project? Do you love to putter in the garden or know how and when to transplant bulbs or prune rose bushes? Give us a call!!!

If you are interested in any of the projects listed above or if you have a project of your own, call 926-21833-3235 and ask to speak to the Volunteer Coordinator.



September Worship Assistants





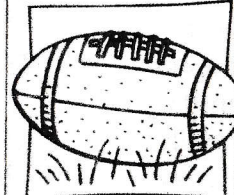
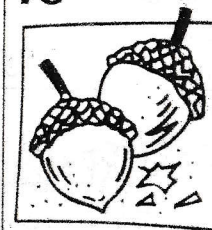
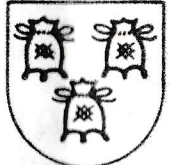
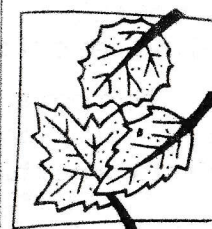

	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Special Music
Sept. 3 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Sept. 4 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Chris Chan-A-Sue	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Valerie Crehan Kylee Albright
Sept. 10 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine	—	—	♫ Acolytes ♫
Sept. 11 9:15 am	—	Peter Bayer	Team 1 H. Miller	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Sept. 17 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Sept. 18 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Cindi Larsen	Team 2 R. Christensen	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
Sept. 24 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Sept. 25 9:15 am	—	Al Svendsen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang
Oct. 1 5:00 pm	TBA	—	—	—
Oct. 2 9:15 am	TBA	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 J. Cook	Aaron Smith Patrick Jansen

Openings Remain on Flower Calendar

There are still a few open Sundays on the Emmaus altar flower schedule. At press time, October 30, November 6, and December 4 and 11 were available for anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers those days.

We ask \$15.00 to sponsor altar flowers. The church secretary will give you a call during the week before your sponsored Sunday to ask how you want the dedication to appear in the worship bulletins.

	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Commun'n Assts.
Sept. 4	Randy & Celia Bagley	TBA	Pat Jensen	Joy Lippmann
Sept. 11	David Anderson	TBA		—
Sept. 18	John & Kathy Cook	H&M Jensen		Pat Jensen
Sept. 25	Rick & Amy Haman	TBA		—
Oct. 2	Gil & Barb Toslek	TBA	Caren Lamberton	Chris Lamberton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">September, 2005</p> <p>1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 Phone 262 634-5515 Fax 262 634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net http://www.emmaus-racine.org</p>				1 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	2	3 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
4 16 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	5 LABOR DAY Office closed 	6 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	7 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 6:00 pm Church choir picnic at Albrights'	8 5:30 pm ESL class 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline	9 	10 11:00 am WELCA Brunch 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
11 17 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; RALLY SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School Rally Day activities 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	12 10:00 am Sewing group 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal	13 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	14 HOLY CROSS 5:00 pm "Second Wednesday" dinner 6:30 pm Confirmation orientation, grades 7-9 and parents 7:30 pm Vespers	15 <i>October Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	16 	17 CITIZENSHIP DAY 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
18 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:45 pm 10 th grade confirmands meet with Pastor Mary	19 10:00 am Sewing group 5:30 pm ESL class 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster council meeting	21 ST. MATTHEW 6:30 pm Confirmation class, grades 7-9 	22 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:30 pm ESL class	23 	24 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
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Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

September Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Sept. 1	Bob Christensen	5311 Douglas Avenue # 320	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 7	Betty Woodward	2333 Arlington Avenue	53403
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2704 James Boulevard	53403
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Avenue	53404
Sept. 16	Ray Olesen	333 Lake Avenue # 608	53403
Sept. 25	Robert Mathieus	1716 Warwick Way	53406
Sept. 27	John Haanstad	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 30	Vic Johnson	7131 Fieldview Drive # 4	53406

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:

The first Wednesday of the month,

(note change from last year!)

starting October 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2219 Washington Avenue (another change!)

Sponsored by the ELCA churches in Racine.

Campers Enjoy Another Busy Summer

by Valerie Crehan
Overall Camp Coordinator

The Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp completed its fourth summer of programming on July 22. Six ELCA Lutheran churches throughout the city opened their doors to 186 children aged 5-12. These camps were free to all children who attended.

There were 2,775 free lunches served and breakfast offered at each site every morning. The camp employed eight adults and 23 teens, and accumulated over 2,500 documented volunteer hours.

The six sites covered the city from Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on the south to St. Paul's on the north, with Our Savior's, Zion, Holy Communion and Emmaus in between. Representation throughout the city was good, but the camp is looking for more sites in order to expand its boundaries.

Programming consisted of a choice of six week-long themes, emphasizing activities in math, science, reading, and social studies enrichment.

Emmaus campers planted a large vegetable garden and watched larvae turn into butterflies. Zion offered "secret pals" between campers and congregation members, and Our Savior's volunteers read with the children to help them earn books.

Some sites partnered with Barnes & Noble to receive free books for their campers if reading goals were met.

Each week, the children took a field trip. The Kenosha Museum, the Milwaukee Public Museum, the Pettit National Ice Center, a seven-mile canoe trip, Prairie Days at Wehr Nature Center in Franklin, a work day for Sustainable Racine at Homeward Bound, River Bend Nature Center, and St. Monica's Nursing Home were some of the destinations.

All of these trips were free to the campers. The camps operate through grants from the Siebert Foundation, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the Greater Milwaukee Synod Outreach Fund, the 21st Century Lighted Schoolhouse, and the support of many individual donors.

These six churches donated materials and time and money to contribute to the success of the camps for the underserved children of Racine. The members of Emmaus and other Racine Lutheran churches are committed to helping youth and families in our community. This is the type of work that our community so desperately needs and we are trying to provide in a safe, healthy, Christian environment.

Thank you to all who helped make this possible for another summer!

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Script Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

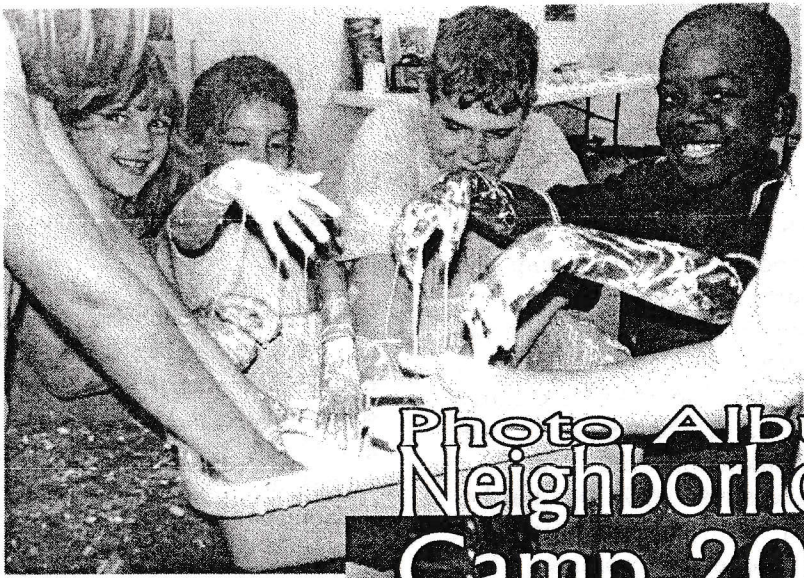
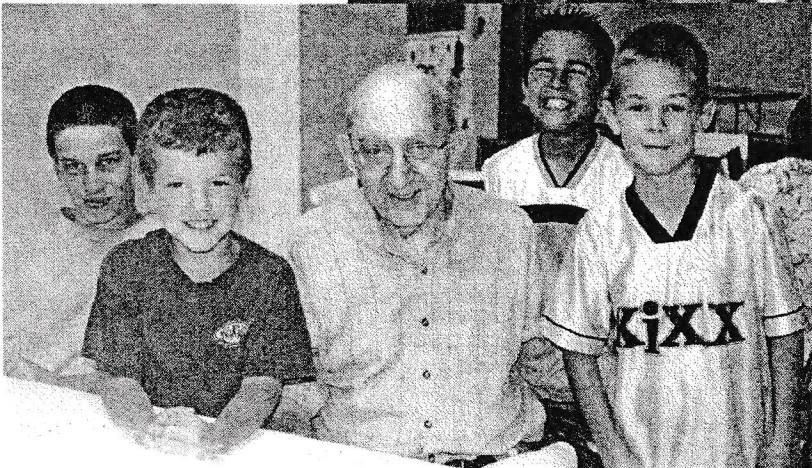
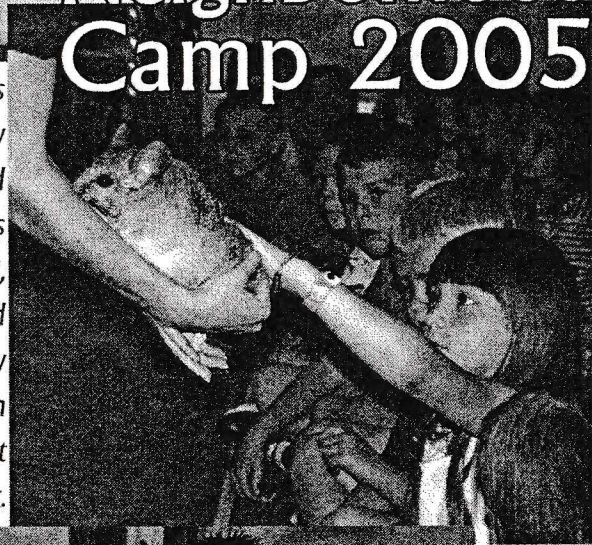


Photo Album: Neighborhood Camp 2005

Kids at Emmaus Neighborhood Camp saw strange animals, visited residents at St. Monica's (here with John Psiones), canoed the Fox River, held chicks at a farm, grew vegetables in their own garden, and cooled off at Festival Park.



New Groundskeeper Named

Following the resignation of Jeff White, groundskeeper and handyman for the past several years, Emmaus has hired a new groundskeeper. Effective September 1, Milt Christensen, son of Marlyn and the

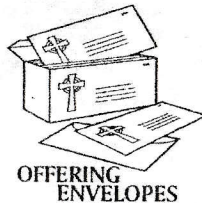


late Milt and parsonage.

Christensen, will assume the position. Milt will work 8-10 hours per week. His work will include lawn mowing, leaf removal, general yard work and other maintenance jobs around the church

Fall Envelopes Are On Their Way

Emmaus members should receive their offering envelopes for October, November, and December and



January in the mail sometime this month. Please watch for your set of envelopes, and if they have not arrived by September 19, please contact the church office.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, June	2003: 124	2004: 135	2005: 107
Average weekly attendance, July:	2003: 121	2004: 131	2005: 115
Average weekly attendance, August:	2003: 124	2004: 106	2005: 102
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2003: 143	2004: 120	

Financial Figures

Genl. Fund offerings received in June, '05	\$12,724.70		
Genl. Fund. offerings received in July, '05	\$16,314.82	YTD 104,567.40	
Bldg. Fund offerings received in June, '05	\$996.00		
Bldg. Fund offerings received in July, '05	\$746.00	YTD \$18,675.00	
Unified budget receipts for June-July, '05	\$30,781.52	YTD \$123,242.40	
	July 1, '05	Aug. 1, '05	Total
Mortgage payments: Sched. principal	\$389.74	391.72	781.46
Interest	\$602.26	600.28	1,202.54
Total	\$992.00	992.00	1,984.00
Principal balance as of July 14, 2005	\$118,087.19		

St. Monica's Welcomes Campers' Visit

by Nancy Smith

Neighborhood Camp kids spent a few hours with the residents of St. Monica's having conversation about the "good old days" (What was it like when they were kids?), playing exercise games with a parachute and a variety of balls, and leading a sing-along.

Barbara Schoeffel, Director of Activities at St. Monica's, writes, "It was one of the most heartwarming events of the year to see your students and the residents



interact. The residents raved about the courteous youth and the great fun they had with them. I know I

don't have to tell you this because it was very obvious to all watching the morning fun. What a fortunate day three years ago when the Camp first visited us. Thank you for your friendship."

As the campers said their farewells, they spontaneously went around the room giving all the residents warm hugs. Truly this visit was a blessed moment.

Thanks to All Who Helped with Emmaus Carnival

by Cindi Larsen

A special thanks is extended to everyone for their assistance in helping to make this year's Neighborhood Carnival another fun event. Despite the weather,



everyone had a wonderful time in fellowship as our church extended its outreach within our neighborhood.

Many area children as well as children from Neighborhood Camp were in attendance despite the heat. The most amazing part was that no one complained about the weather.

Fire Destroys Stoughton Church Facilities

by Rev. Jim Rasmus, Norway
Lutheran Church

I got a phone call from a member of our congregation yesterday, telling of the destruction by fire of Christ Lutheran Church in downtown Stoughton. This occurred two days before the tornado that caused so much damage in that area. They completed the building of a new facility just five years ago.

She wondered if congregations in our area might want to assist them during this hour of need. If nothing else, I'm sure we would want to pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ.

The fire destroyed the congregation's gymnasium and school, and caused serious damage to the sanctuary, Rev. George G. Carlson, bishop of the ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin told the ELCA news service. The congregation planned to conduct worship in the parking lot on August 21, Carlson said.

Lutherans Launch Response to Stoughton Tornadoes

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is working with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Milwaukee, to provide assistance to people affected by a series of tornadoes that struck in south-central Wisconsin August 17. Most seriously affected was Stoughton,

Wis., where at least one person was killed, more than 20 people were injured, and several homes and buildings were destroyed or damaged.

LDR is a joint ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

LDR, through LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, plans to provide skilled volunteers to assist with debris removal in affected areas and will offer spiritual and emotional care to anyone who needs it, Feltman said. In addition, Lutherans plan to work with a long-term recovery committee to provide help in rebuilding homes for people who have little or no insurance, she said.

LDR director Heather Feltman emphasized that financial gifts to LDR will be put to good use in situations like this one. There is no guarantee of federal assistance, she said, leaving relief and recovery work to private organizations such as LDR and LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

"Gifts to LDR are needed," she said. "In situations like this, the church is being called to live out its mission and stand with these people."

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>

ELCA Assembly

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new hymnal, urged "Peace Not Walls" in the Holy Land, and called for a church statement on genetics technology.

The Racine Mission Cluster was represented by Mount Pleasant Lutheran member Gene Holtz.

The assembly devoted virtually all day August 12 to the three recommendations related to the ELCA's Studies on Sexuality. The first recommendation, calling



Members took turns speaking for and against motions on the floor

for unity, was easily approved, 851 to 127.

The second recommendation originally committed the ELCA to "welcome gay and lesbian persons into its life (as stated in Churchwide Assembly resolutions from 1991, 1995, and 1999), and trust pastors and congregations to discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care to same-sex couples."

Voting members voted down amendments that would have

expressly allowed or forbidden ELCA pastors to bless same-sex unions. The assembly did approve an amendment by the Rev. Carol Hendrix, bishop of the ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synod, to replace the phrase "same-sex couples" with "all to whom they minister."

Rev. Roy Harrisville III, a leader of Solid Rock, a Lutheran group opposed to same-sex unions and gay or lesbian clergy, later

wrote, "Now that [the resolution] no longer even refers to same-sex couples and the Whereas clause makes clear that no such blessing has warrant in scripture or tradition, it will be exceedingly difficult to try and read the motion as though it

gives permission to bless same-sex couples."

Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Stumme-Diers said in a written statement, "The ELCA Assembly has demonstrated ... that as a church body we are much more comfortable with pastoral approaches to matters of homosexuality than we are with legislative." He noted that Recommendation #2 "contains little

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change to existing positions, and is consistent with the actions and the practices among the congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod."

The third recommendation would "create a process for the sake of outreach, ministry and the commitment to continuing dialogue, which may permit exceptions to the expectations regarding sexual conduct for gay or lesbian candidates and rostered leaders in life-long, committed and faithful same-sex relationships who otherwise are determined to be in compliance" with the conduct the church expects of its ministers.

"Rostered" leaders of the ELCA are lay and ordained ministers of the church. Lay ministers are associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers.

The Solid Rock forces proposed amendments to strengthen prohibitions against gay clergy. On the other side, a group calling itself GoodSoil sought to remove existing requirements that gay clergy members be celebrate.



GoodSoil protesters line up in front of podium GoodSoil group left failed. The group remained in silent protest throughout the rest of the session.

Arguments became fairly emotional. Some speakers likened homosexuals to alcoholics and pedophiles, and warned against an "Anything Goes" theology. Others spoke of their hurt at being barred from their call to ministry on

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Following the defeat (374 to 617) of an amendment by Gladys Moore to remove all barriers to ordination of gay and lesbian clergy, 100 persons wearing rainbow sashes came out from the visitors' section of the hall and lined up in front of the dais facing the assembly. The Goodsoil members ignored pleas by Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson for them to leave. A motion to adjourn the assembly until the

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account of biblical injunctions they believe are irrelevant to 21st Century gays and lesbians living in loving, committed relationships.

In the end, Recommendation 3 was voted down, 490 to 503, falling far short of the two-thirds majority which would have been necessary to adopt the resolution.

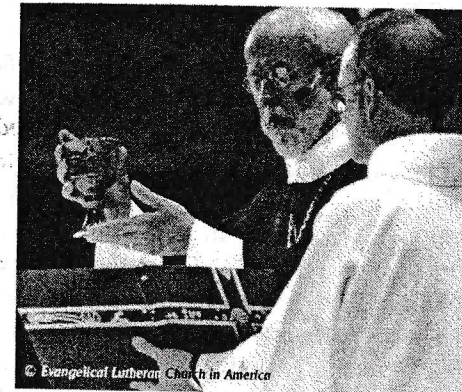
GoodSoil member David Weiss, coordinator of the Reconciled in Christ program in the Twin Cities, wrote of the assembly's actions, "Some might say the church chose unity, but I don't think anyone - on any side - really feels very united. ... The church ... chose to be something less than the people of God, something more akin to the anxious steward, eager to return the church to God exactly as received."

At a news conference after the voting, Bishop Hanson said that he knew going into the debate that "however the vote turned out some would be disappointed" but he also stated that he "hopes that those disappointed in the votes would not sever their relationship with the church or step back" from their involvement. I hope that

"everyone hears it clearly -- all week as we have discussed publicly and clearly -- that gay and lesbian persons are welcome in this church."

Eucharistic Sharing with United Methodist Church

On August 11, the Assembly agreed to begin an "Interim Eucharistic Sharing" with the United Methodist Church by a vote of 877 to 60. The agreement



Bishop Mark Hanson leads worship service

had previously been approved by the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church in April 2004, pending this decision by the ELCA.

"What an historic moment this is for United Methodists and the ELCA," said Bishop William Oden, ecumenical officer for the Council of Bishops and Head of Communion for the United Methodist Church, as he greeted the assembly following the vote. "We have invited each other into each other's house."

The terms of the agreement

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foster "mutual prayer and mutual support, study together of the Holy Scriptures as well as the histories and theological traditions of both churches, and joint programs of theological discussion, evangelical outreach, and social ministry endeavors," while encouraging joint services of Holy Communion following guidelines established by both churches.

The agreement, which looks forward "to the future possibility of a relationship of full communion," comes after nearly 30 years of theological dialogue between the two churches that had resulted in convergence in matters relating to baptism and episcopacy (oversight). The agreement also recognizes the United Methodist Church "as a church in which the Gospel is preached and taught" and that "the basic teaching of each respective church is consonant with the Gospel."

Many in the assembly expressed support for the proposal, including the Rev. David Housholder, voting member, ELCA Pacifica Synod, who expressed his hope that "we can catch up with the grassroots" efforts of joint Methodist-Lutheran work already existing.

Some concern was raised in the floor debate on the proposal over perceived differences between the two churches on the local level.

Other Resolutions

In other actions, the assembly voted 740 to 252 to approve working toward adoption of *Renewing Worship* as the central hymnal and worship resource of the ELCA, replacing *The Lutheran Book of Worship* which was published in 1988.

The assembly endorsed "Peace, Not Walls: Stand for Justice in the Holy Land," a campaign approved by the ELCA Church Council in April.

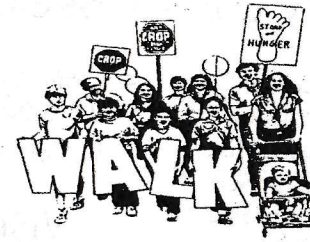
The campaign urges members of the ELCA and its related agencies and institutions to pray for peace with justice between Israel and Palestine and continued witness of the Christian church, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL); build relationships with the ELCJHL and other partners; learn about the situation in the Holy Land; intensify advocacy for peace with justice; and "steward" financial resources -- both U.S. tax dollars and private funds -- in support for

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Help Fight Hunger with CROP Walk

The Volunteer Center of Racine will sponsor the 2005 Racine CROP Walk on Sunday, October 2. The Walk will start at the First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street.



Registration opens at 12:30 p.m.; the Walk begins at 1:00. Walkers raise money by gathering sponsors for their 5 or 10 kilometer walk. Funds help feed the hungry in Racine and around the globe.

ELCA Assembly

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a just peace in the Holy Land and the ministries of ELCA companions.

The assembly approved a memorial from the ELCA Northeastern Iowa Synod calling on the ELCA Division for Church in Society to develop a social statement that "addresses significant theological, ethical, public, and pastoral challenges arising from developments in genetics" for possible consideration by the 2011 churchwide assembly and "encourages continued faithful conversations on the topic throughout the church."

Voting members approved action to "welcome and encourage task forces to empower this church in its engagement with refugee and immigrant issues" and mandates strengthening the church's work with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. It also calls on the U.S. Congress

"to end immediately the detention and imprisonment of non-criminal asylum seekers, undocumented laborers," and others who are incarcerated and to "implement just, consistent and humane practices regarding the treatment of asylum seekers."

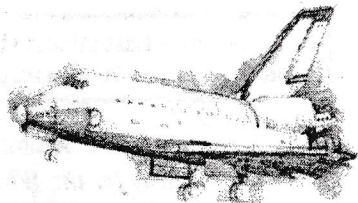
A memorial of the ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod called on the ELCA to "amend its documents" and take other measures that would allow licensed lay ministers to "solemnize weddings ... subject to the laws of the state in which [their] community is located." The memorial adopted by the churchwide assembly also "anticipate[s] that a report and possible recommendations" about licensed lay ministers might come to the ELCA Church Council at its April 2006 meeting.

Chicago's Navy Pier will host the next churchwide assembly of the ELCA in August, 2007.

The Challenge of Reentry

This past month was a risky and challenging one for NASA and all involved in the space shuttle endeavor. Had past flaws been remedied? What could those re-entering the earth's atmosphere expect? Would the repairs made in outer space be enough?

Focus, teamwork, patience and prayer — they were all ingredients that led to the safe reentry for the astronauts coming back to earth.



Reentry can even be challenging after something as apparently simple as a fractured ankle. Little did I realize how much one misstep and a multiple break would affect the next weeks and months of my life. Since July 17, the day of my fall off the steps leading to my back yard, I have been in a process of reentry.

Focus and teamwork have been required by so many — the ambulance staff, those in the ER, the X-ray techs, the doctor and his team during surgery, the nurses and therapists and other staff during my hospital stay... and the list goes on and on.

My reentry has been made possible by many others, too — those who have helped with food

and errands and rides and laundry, those who have filled in when I was unable to make a home visit or to lead worship, those who have had patience with me when I haven't had patience with myself, those who have sent notes and cards of encouragement, and most of all, to all who have prayed for me.

It's impossible to thank all of you personally, but I do want you to know how much your help, love and support mean to me.

How will reentry into the busy fall schedule go? I'm not sure, but what I do know is that it will require focus, teamwork, patience and prayer on the part of all of us.

With extra thinking time on my hands during the past weeks, I've reflected on those folks who may be considering a reentry to church this fall. Might they feel shaky or unsure about it? What if it's been months or years since stepping inside a church?

It's risky. Questions arise. What happens when I don't know anyone? Will there be acceptance of me for who I am? What if I can't follow the church service because I'm unfamiliar with it? Will there be a place for my kids?

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Pastor Mary's Column

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Will there be pressure for me to join the church or to give money?

These are but a few of the questions and concerns typical of one who may be considering reentry. We may or may not know who those persons are. Perhaps it's someone reading this article.

What I do know is that we have a God who is like that father in the story of the prodigal son — one who runs out to embrace and welcome the son who returns. In that story there's a party and celebration for the one who was so nervous about his reentry.

It wasn't easy for him to go back. (Remember the older, "good" brother who stood on the

sidelines in disapproval?) But he did go back and he was welcomed with the open arms of a parent's unconditional love.

It's my prayer that September be a special month of reentry at Emmaus. As we anticipate worship and study and community together, we also anticipate new beginnings and new connections — with one another and with the God who embraces us with unconditional love.

I hope to see you in church!

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



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

Sunday to adopt: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

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- 'Let Me Read to You'
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Members of Emmaus' praise band rehearse in preparation to lead worship services on Sunday, October 9. From left to right: Kylee and Gregg Albright, Amy Haman, Jen Haman, Valerie Crehan, Willie Maryland, Dave Smith, Joyce Kaiser, and Jim Yorgan.

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PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals:
John R. LeClair
September 19, 2005

John LeClair, 45, is the son of Bonnie French and the late Elert LeClair. An avid outdoorsman, he was a nurse at All Saints since 1999 and the father of a daughter, Katielynn.

Beverly Scheel Johnson
September 30, 2005

Bev Johnson passed away September 26. She was a lifelong member of Emmaus, and a member of the Adult Choir and Lydia Circle. She graduated from St. Luke's as a Medical Technologist and had also worked as a physical therapist. She is survived by her husband, Victor, son Brett, and daughter Vicki Steger.

We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Diane Rode and her family upon the death of her mother, Dory Campbell.

Thanks for Adopting Sundays

Our thanks to the following, for adopting Sundays in September:

Shirley Velzka and family, in memory of her husband, Don Velzka.

Art & Diane Rode and family, in memory of Dory Campbell.

Adopt-a-Sunday is part of Emmaus' debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are included in the Emmaus *Visitor* as well as in worship bulletins on communion Sundays.

Emmaus Seeks to Honor All Saints

In the November *Visitor* and the All Saints' Day worship bulletins, Emmaus will remember the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven since All Saints' Sunday, 2004. Our list includes those who were members of Emmaus plus the non-members at whose funerals our pastors

officiated.

We would also like to mention those who were not members here but were important to you – family relations, dear friends, and loved ones. Please inform the church office (634-5515) by October 15 if you would like your loved one remembered.

Emmaus' Season of Creation Continues

The Season of Creation continues in October.

October 2, Wilderness Sunday. Sunday School kids sing.

October 9, River Sunday. The Sunday School will present a skit on Creation. Praise Band leads worship service.

October 23: Sunday School kids sing.

Let Worshipers Know They Are Welcome

by Kathy Christensen

Now that fall programming is in place, the Worship and Music Committee feels it is a good time to have Greeters available to welcome visitors to Emmaus. There are some people who have already volunteered to act as greeters, but we can definitely use more.

Greeters arrive at the church

about 15 minutes before the worship service begins, stand near one of the entrances, and extend a greeting to those arriving for worship. It's a great way to meet new people!

If you are willing to help, please call the church office at 634-5515 or Kathy Christensen at 886-2151.

Six to Be Confirmed October 30

As part of Emmaus' observation of Reformation Sunday, six young members of the congregation will publicly affirm their baptism.

Brian

Field, Michael
Liesch, Courtney
Jansen, Hailey
Sommer, Justin

Haman, and Klerissa Kossack have undergone instruction in the Christian faith. All parents, baptismal sponsors, friends and relatives are invited to attend this special service in support of their confirmand.



Our confirmands will have their picture taken after the service at the front of the church. Please be sure to be at the church with your alb on and boutonniere pinned at 9:00 a.m.

Parents of confirmands are asked to select a Bible verse to be presented to their son or daughter during the Rite of Confirmation.

Please call the church office to inform the church secretary of the Bible verse by October 17; if there is a particular Bible translation you prefer, it may be best to get the verse to the office on paper or by e-mail.

Second Wednesday Activities Continue

The "Games and Grub" night in September was very well received by all who participated. There will be a repeat of that evening on October, which could also be named "Pasta, Play and Pray."

Again a variety of pizzas will be served, along with garlic toast, salad and pasta. Ice cream tops off the menu. Suggested donation: \$2

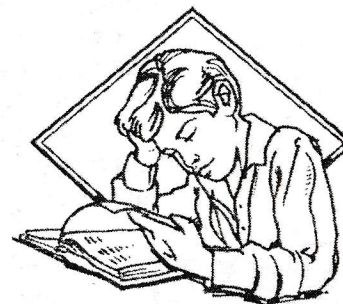


for adults and \$1 for children.

Board games are set up by 5:00 and dinner is served between 5:30 and 6:15. For those not going off to confirmation class or meetings, the game time continues until 7:15 when everyone meets in the sanctuary for evening devotions and prayer.

Congregation to Present Bibles to Sunday School Kids

Emmaus will distribute Bibles to all Sunday School students during the worship service on October 23. During the sacrament of Holy Baptism, the parents and the congregation promise "to place the Scripture in



the hands" of the baptized children among us.

Parents, members and friends who would like to contribute to the 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.

Volunteers Needed To Work on Directory

We are in the process of compiling an updated phone directory of Emmaus members and regular visitors. Please see the post card enclosed in this edition of the Visitor and return it to the church as soon as possible.

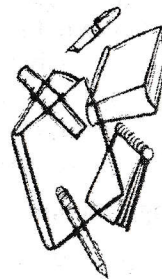
Volunteers will be needed to make follow-up phone calls and to do proofreading and assembling of the directories. If you are able to help with any of the work on the directory, please call the church office.

Children's Library Awaits Returns

by Colette Schattner

An inventory of all books in the Children's Library has just been completed. The results show that there are a great number of books that have not been returned. Please, check your bookshelves at home to see if you might have forgotten to return a book or two to the library.

the books back when you are finished so that others may also enjoy reading them. There will be a red crate in the narthex for you to place any returned books that you find.



The library is in use year-round not only by the Sunday School children, but by EASY (the after-school program), by English as a Second Language (ESL), and by Neighborhood Camp. This library has no fines and there are no due dates. All we ask is that you bring

Youth Birthdays in October

Oct. 1	Ben Torine	4
Oct. 9	Joe Ford	11
Oct. 14	Collin Christman	9
Oct. 15	Joshua Williams	5
Oct. 16	Henry Yunker	4
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith	12
Oct. 24	Kally Jansen	17
Oct. 25	Ashli Whitton	10
Oct. 26	Hailey Sommer	16
Oct. 30	Sydney Johnson	8
Oct. 31	Luther Egerson	7

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller	Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15.	
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan	Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m.	
Nursery Attendant: Linda Jaskulske	Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.	
Organist: Joyce Kaiser	The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the November VISITOR is October 14.	
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis	Vol. 34, No. 2	October, 2005
Mentor Coordinator: Nancy Smith		
Secretary: Paul Berge		
Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, & Milt Christensen		

Sunday School Kids Learn Story of David and Goliath

by Denise Keller

David was a shepherd boy. Every day he took the family's sheep to the hillsides to look for grass for the sheep to eat. If a sheep wandered off and got lost, David had to find it.

Sometimes, a lion or wolf would attack the sheep, and David had to fight it and chase it away. David used a sling to fight the lions and wolves. A sling is two pieces of string with a patch of leather in between. David would put a stone in the sling and would twirl it around and when he let go of one of the strings, the stone flew out.

One day, David's father asked him to take some food to his brothers, who were helping King Saul fight a war. When David found his brothers, he saw that they were afraid.

They told him that the other side had a very big man named Goliath. Goliath would yell at them, telling them to send one man out to him and whoever won the fight would win the battle.

No one wanted to go. David told King Saul that he wanted to fight Goliath. Goliath laughed when the boy running toward him



yelling, "You have insulted the God of Israel. The Lord will help me beat you, and the whole world will know that Israel's God is real."

David put a stone in his sling and threw it at the giant. The stone hit him on the head and Goliath fell dead. "We won the war!" shouted King Saul, David's brothers and the other soldiers. "Hooray for David!"

"Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9).

What we will learn in Sunday School while exploring this story through art, games, video and computer workshops: God is with you in difficult situations. God gives us hope even when everything seems hopeless. God works in ways we do not expect and through people we do not expect. We should not seek success for ourselves; we should seek to serve the Lord. Rely on God because God is more powerful than anything you will face in this world.

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:15-10:15 Worship service in the sanctuary
- 10:15-10:30 Gathering time in the Temple Room
- 10:30-10:40 Sunday School

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Sunday School News

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opening in the Temple Room
10:40-11:30 Sunday School workshops

11:30-11:45 Closing gathering in the sanctuary

11:45 Ready for pick-up

We will end our Sunday School time with a closing gathering in the sanctuary from 11:30 to 11:45. All students will meet after their workshops for song and prayer.

Family is welcome and encouraged to participate with us. If you are unable to join us, please know that your child will be in sanctuary at 11:45 for pick-up.

Sunday School is always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in becoming involved in Sunday School in any way, we can talk! Let us know whether you'd like to teach a particular workshop, take on a role of a Bible character for an opening, or offer any of your talents. We will work around your schedule.

We are currently looking for Workshop leaders for the David and Goliath unit and for Christmas. Call Denise if you can help: 619-9911.

Thank You

Thank you to our Sunday School shepherds: Jamie Toslek (K-1st grade), Kristen Clinton (2nd-3rd grade) and Chris Lamberton (4th-5th grade). The Creation workshop

leaders did a fantastic job. Thank you Kylee Albright, Julie Field, Cindi Larsen and Joy Lippmann.

Sunday School will sing on October 2 and 23 at the 9:15 a.m. service. There will be a short practice at 9:00 in the Sunset Room on the above mornings. They will perform a mime skit on October 9. All children will receive Bibles during the church service on October 23.



Laundry List, Literally

We need some people to take some of those costumes home and launder and press them before we can use them for the Christmas program. This would be an ideal job for someone who would like to help from home or for those who want to help in some way besides teaching.

If you can't get to church to pick them up, they can gladly be delivered and picked up when they are done. If we can get several people to do it, they won't have to do more than a half dozen costumes each.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas program. Whether it be gathering props, dressing our actors and actresses, stage hands, directing, or accompanying, we are looking for you. Please see or call Denise if you are interested in helping.

Fox Point Lutheran Hosts WELCA Synod Convention

The Greater Milwaukee Synod WELCA Convention is Friday and Saturday, October 7-8 at Fox Point Lutheran

Church, 7510 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Milwaukee. Keith Kestner will present a workshop on sharing your life



stories with your children and grandchildren. Jeanne Mueller will talk about her travels to China as a non-professional teacher. Carla Schulz will present a session on scrap booking. Venice Williams, director of the Kujichagulia Lutheran Center, will discuss youth ministry. The Third World Handcraft Shoppe will be open.

Openings Remain on Flower Calendar

There are still a few open Sundays on the Emmaus altar flower schedule. At press time, November 6, and December 4 and 11 were available for anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers those days.

We ask \$15.00 to sponsor altar flowers. The church secretary will give you a call during the week before your sponsored Sunday to ask how you want the dedication to appear in the worship bulletins.



Women of the
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Fall Brunch

Women of the ELCA Racine Mission Cluster
Saturday morning, October 1, 2005

8:30 (registration); concludes 12:00 noon

Atonement Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue at Quincy
Elevator at rear parking lot entrance

Guest speaker: **Dr. Bonnie Wirfs**
Medical Director of Lincoln Lutheran of Racine

THE TSUNAMI DISASTER

Baked Goods Sought For October 9 Bake Sale

On October 9 there will be a churchwide "priceless" bake sale to support the Special Needs campaign in October. Bakers may bring goodies to the



church between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8 or before the worship service on October 9. Pre-packaged baked goods ready to sell are appreciated.

Book Club Reads Picoult

The Emmaus Book Club is reading *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. You are invited to join them in the cozy Fireside Room Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m.

The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of the month during fall, winter and spring. Contact Marge Jensen at 634-8754.

October Is Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Month

For half a century, the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has lovingly provided residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities with the unbudgeted extras to make life more pleasant.

This has included Christmas gifts, TV and sound equipment, furnishings, wheelchairs, parties, and vans. This year's commitment will purchase furniture and a large-screen TV for Adult Day Services, digital hymnbooks, and a freezer for the Meals on Wheels program.

The subscription fees for the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary are \$5.00 for an annual membership, \$15.00 for Annual Plus membership, and \$150.00 for a lifetime membership. Fill out the form on page 29 and send it to Linda Cayemberg, 2620 5½ Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402.

Watch also for the Auxiliary's Book Fair at Lincoln Village, 1700 C.A. Becker Drive, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October 26.



Linda Jaskulske Takes Helm at Nursery

by Nancy Smith

We welcome Linda Jaskulske, a member of Emmaus since 2001, to the staff. She is helping to establish a nursery for kids at Emmaus. In her position as paid Nursery Attendant, she will be present every Sunday providing a nurturing and caring setting for younger children who are not ready to sit through the worship service. She will also provide care through the Sunday School hour.

Linda grew up in Racine County and has resided in Racine for 20 years. She has been married to Glen, a custodian at Horlick, for almost 18 years. Linda and Glen have three children: Adam, a sophomore at Park; Amy, a seventh grader at the Real School; and Andrew, a fifth grader at Wadewitz.



Linda Jaskulske

Linda is also a proud "Mom" to two step-children, Crystal and Glen.

Reading and needlework, especially cross stitch, are favorites for moments of relaxation. Linda has been the Home School Worker at Wadewitz for the past 6½ years.

We are pleased that Linda is providing a much needed service to the Emmaus community.

We urgently need people to sign up to help out in the nursery, bring treats, or fold letters. Confirmation students: this is a good way to earn confirmation service points! There is a storage box in the narthex for donations of nursery items. For more information, call Debra Wyma at 878-9124.

So Much For Daylight Savings Time

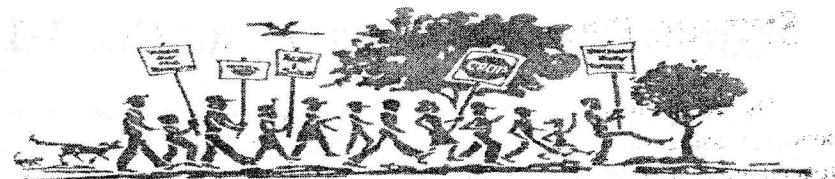
Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 p.m. Saturday night, October 29 due to lack of interest.

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed that night.

Pastor Mary Takes Vacation

Pastor Mary will be away on vacation October 14-21. Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Susan Ruehle will

lead our worship services on October 15 and 16.



CROP Walk Raises Money to Fight Hunger

by Colette Schattner

This year's CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 2. The walk will begin at the First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, Racine. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the walk starting at 1:30 p.m. Please note the time change.

There is a table set up in the narthex with information and pledge sheets. Anyone interested in walking either the 5 - 10 kilometer walk (3 - 6 miles) should take a pledge sheet and ask others to sign up to be a sponsor to raise money to help feed the hungry in Racine and around the world.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of all money that the Racine CROP Walk raises will go directly to the Racine County Food Bank. If you have any questions or find that all the pledge sheets have been taken, please see Colette Schattner or call her at home at 634-2761.

When you take a pledge form, please put your name, address, phone number, email address (if you have one) on the sign-up sheet in case Colette needs to relay CROP Walk information to you. Feel free to take more than one envelope if another family member or a friend is interested in joining you in the CROP Walk.

Sign Up to Help with Community Meal

by Colette Schattner

The October 6 St. Patrick's Church Community Meal sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex along with the casserole recipe; cake pans with lids are available in the plastic storage container under the table. Casserole recipes are again available on the table next to the sign-up sheet.

Confirmation students: don't forget that you can earn Confirmation service points by

preparing food or helping in other ways.

If you cannot help on October 6 but are available and could help serve food or clean up on another Thursday, feel free to drop in at St. Patrick's Church. You do not need to sign up. They will appreciate your help as some churches just drop off the food and do not stay to help. Anyone having questions please call Colette Schattner at 634-2761 or the church office.

Sixteen Days of Giving Set for Oct. 1-16

The first half of October has been set aside as a time to have special gifts matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent will make a \$1.00 gift for every \$2.00 donated until the \$800 maximum is reached.

How can you make your gift for this Special Needs campaign be eligible for the Thrivent matching funds?

1. Purchase "priceless" bake sale items on Sunday, Oct. 9.
2. Make a designated special gift to one of the following (either indicate on your offering envelope or place a separate check or envelope in the mail or offering):

Nursery (to help defray costs of

pager system), Bibles (to pay for Bibles being distributed to all children of Emmaus Oct. 23), Defibrillator, Pastor's Emergency Fund, Sunday School Curriculum, and Hurricane Disaster Relief.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Lucile Adams
Dudek: \$70.00

In memory of Janet Svendsen:
\$220.00

Designated for Kitchen Renovation Fund:

In memory of Lucille Adams
Dudek: \$40.00

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, June	2003: 124	2004: 135	2005: 107
Average weekly attendance, August:	2003: 124	2004: 106	2005: 102
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2003: 143	2004: 120	2005: 98
Average weekly attendance, Oct.:	2003: 145	2004: 134	

Financial Figures

Genl. Fund offerings received in August	\$11,840.43	YTD 116,407.83
Bldg. Fund offerings received in August	\$901.00	YTD \$19,576.00
Unified budget receipts for August	\$12,741.43	YTD \$135,983.83

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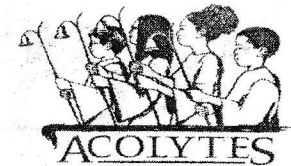
Mortgage payments: Sched. principal	\$393.71
Interest	\$598.29
Extra principal	\$3,000.00
Total	\$3,992.00
Principal balance as of August 12, 2005	\$117,695.47



Attendance and Offering Report



October Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Oct. 1 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Oct. 2 9:15 am	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Ruth Copeland	Team 4 J. Cook	Aaron Smith Patrick Jansen
Oct. 8 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Oct. 9 9:15 am	—	Ruth Hlavka	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Oct. 15 5:00 pm	Betty Schultz Cathy Meyer	—	—	—
Oct. 16 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Kelsey Albright	Team 1 H. Miller	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
Oct. 22 5:00 pm	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Oct. 23 9:15 am	—	Amy Haman	Team 2 R. Christensen	Melanie Andersen Mariah Lang
Oct. 29 5:00 pm	Marge & Lyle Zielke	—	—	—
Oct. 30 9:15 am	—	Suzanne Landis	Team 3 H. Jensen	Aaron Smith Patrick Jansen Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Nov. 5 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Nov. 6 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright Valerie Crehan	Caroline Crehan	Team 4 J. Cook	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Commun'n Assts.
Oct. 2	Gil & Barb Toslek	?	Caren Lamberton	Chris Lamberton
Oct. 9	Brian & Denise Keller	?		—
Oct. 16	Lyle Christensen	?		Kylee Albright
Oct. 23	Loren & Cindi Larsen	L&C Larsen		—
Oct. 30	Rommelfaengers	?		—
Nov. 6	?	?	Evelyn Larsen	Karen Sedgwick

October

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church

1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374
 ☎ 262 634-5515 ✉ emmausracine@sbcglobal.net
 http://www.emmaus-racine.org

1
 8:00 am Racine Mission Cluster
 WELCA Brunch at Atonement
 5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion

2 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 9:15 am Worship service WOV
 Service of Word & Prayer with
 Holy Communion
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship
 1:00 pm CROP Walk

3
 10:00 am Sewing group
 5:30 pm ESL classes
 6:30 pm Worship & Music
 Committee meeting
 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal

4 ROSH HASHANAH
 10:00 am Senior Citizen
 Fellowship Center
 5:00 pm TOPS

5
 1:30 pm Lydia circle
 6:00 pm Extreme Faith
 at Our Savior's

6
 11:00 am Sunday bulletin
 deadline
 5:30 pm ESL classes
 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club

7
 TBA
 Ynocencio
 -Hetchler
 rehearsal

8
 9:00 am Synod WELCA convention
 at Fox Pt. Luth., MKE
 x:00 pm Ynocencio-Hetchler
 wedding
 5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion

Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.

9 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 8:00 am Choir rehearsal
 9:15 am Worship service: Praise
 Band worship service
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship
 10:30 am Priceless bake sale

10 COLUMBUS DAY
 10:00 am Sewing group
 5:30 pm ESL classes
 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal

11
 5:00 pm TOPS
 6:30 pm Church council
 mtg.

12
 6:30 pm Grade 7-9
 Confirmation class

13 YOM KIPPUR
 11:00 am Sunday bulletin
 deadline
 5:30 pm ESL classes

14
*Nov. Visitor
 Articles
 needed in
 church
 office*

15
 5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion

Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Mary on vacation Oct. 14-21

16 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 8:00 am Choir rehearsal
 9:15 am Worship service: Chicago
 Folk Service with Holy
 Communion; guest preacher Rev.
 Sue Ruehle
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship

17
 10:00 am Sewing group
 5:30 pm ESL classes
 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal

18 ST. LUKE
 10:00 am Senior Citizen
 Fellowship Center
 5:00 pm TOPS



19
 6:30 pm Grade 7-9
 Confirmation class

20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN
 THE MIDDLE EAST
 11:00 am Sunday bulletin
 deadline
 5:30 pm ESL classes

21

22
 5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion



Pastor Mary on vacation Oct. 14-21

Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.

23 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ST.
 JAMES OF JERUSALEM
 8:00 am Choir rehearsal
 9:15 am Worship service: WOV
 Service of Word and Prayer
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship

24
 10:00 am Sewing group
 5:30 pm ESL classes
 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal

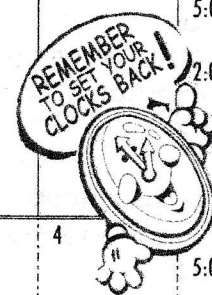
25
 5:00 pm TOPS

26
 9:00 am Book fair at
 Lincoln Villas, to
 5:00 pm
 6:30 pm Grade 7-9
 Confirmation class

27
 11:00 am Sunday bulletin
 deadline
No EASY
 5:30 pm ESL classes

28

29
 5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion
 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time
 ends; set clocks back one
 hour



Emmaus After School for Youth 2:30 p.m.

30 REFORMATION SUNDAY
 8:00 am Choir rehearsal
 9:15 am Worship service: LBW
 Setting 2 with rite of Confirmation
 10:30 am Confirmation photo
 10:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship

31 REFORMATION DAY
 10:00 am Sewing group
 5:30 pm ESL class
 6:30 pm Praise band rehearsal



Nov. 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
 10:00 am Senior
 Fellowship Center
 2:30 pm EASY
 5:00 pm TOPS

2
 6:00 pm Extreme Faith
 at Our Savior's
 2:30 pm EASY

3
 11:00 am Sunday bulletin
 deadline
 2:30 pm EASY
 5:30 pm ESL classes

4

5:00 pm Worship service with
 Holy Communion

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Script Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church

November 29, 2004

Emmaus Directory 2005 Information

(Please print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(ZIP)

Phone _____ *Cell* _____

E-mail _____

Children with official residence at home: _____

Our family would like # _____ directory/directories.

*Please return to church office by October 15, 2005. We plan to
publish a new directory by November 15, 2005.*

Thank you!

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

Programs: Oct. 4: Music by Helen Gill
Oct. 18: On the Road with Al Beck

October Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Oct. 4	Marge Jensen	1935 Jupiter Avenue	53404
Oct. 6	June Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
Oct. 10	Marlyn Christensen	4202 Walsh Road	53405
Oct. 14	Paul Massey	1509 Owen Avenue	53403
Oct. 16	Arlen Nelson	2031 Case Avenue	53403
Oct. 19	Olav Thomsen	1233 Illinois Street	53405
Oct. 21	Greta Andersen	1724 Michigan Boulevard	53402
Oct. 23	Marion Andersen	3668 Erie Street	53402
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	3900 N. Main Street #323	53402
Oct. 30	Myrna Olesen	333 Lake Avenue #608	53403

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:

The first Wednesday of the month,

(note change from last year!)

starting October 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2219 Washington Avenue (another change!)

Sponsored by the ELCA churches in Racine.

HALO Shelter Opens in November

The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) plans to move into its facilities on October 28. The men's shelter should be open by November 19, and the women's shelter should be open by December 10.

HALO is the successor

organization to the Racine Emergency Shelter Task force (REST).

HALO will offer volunteer orientation sessions on October 13 and 18 at a place yet to be announced.

Thanks for Helping Food Pantry

by Colette Schattner

The Northside Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who has donated food, fresh produce, or their time to the food pantry. It is greatly appreciated. The food pantry has run short of the following items: cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned and boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, Pasta Roni, etc.).

Cash donations are always welcome as it helps them to buy meat and other perishable items on an as-needed basis. The Northside Food Pantry is still taking donations of fresh fruits and vegetables. Please call directors, Joel or Pat Lamke, if you need to arrange a pick-up or special drop-off time. Feel free to call them any day or evening at their home (637-6021) or on their cell phone (262-939-5603).

'My Mentor & Me' Is Up & Running

by Nancy Smith

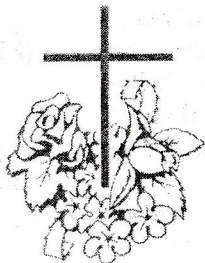
Connecting with kids at Wadewitz begins in October as mentors meet their students for the first time. Thanks to the following who have stepped forward and said "yes" to be a friend, teacher and listener: Al Svendsen, Valerie Crehan, Emily Papara, Cathy Knuteson, Kylee and Gregg Albright, Melissa Genich, Nancy Smith, Mary Janz, Judy Berndt, Linda Clinton, Beth Tepley, Joy

Lippman and Randy Sanders. Cathy Christensen has signed on as a substitute. There are many kids at Wadewitz who would benefit from having a "special friend."

You spend 45 minutes per week helping with homework, reading, doing a craft or sharing a snack. Most of all, you are there offering hope and encouragement to a child who is struggling as a student. If you have questions, contact Nancy Smith at 633-3059.

Floral Arrangement Honors Our Saints

In celebration of All Saints Sunday on November 6, 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 enclosed form and include \$3.00 for each person you are memorializing. The forms and donations may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the church office by October 24. Excess monies will be contributed to ELCA Disaster Relief.

All Saints' Day Memorial Garden

On All Saints' Sunday, November 6, Emmaus members are invited to memorialize loved ones by purchasing one or more floral stems (one stem per person memorialized). We are asking \$3.00 per stem.

Number of flowers: _____ Payment included: \$ _____

My/Our name:

In memory of:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

Thrivent to Match Its Members' Hurricane Relief Gifts

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has announced a generous gift supplement program for individual Thrivent members giving to Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery. Through the Individual Member Response, gifts Thrivent members make to one of the four eligible organizations will be supplemented \$1 for every \$2 given, up to \$300 per member (e.g., if a member gives \$600 to a relief organization, Thrivent Financial will provide that organization with an additional \$300).

A Thrivent Financial Hurricane Katrina Individual Member Response Form must accompany the member's gift. (The form below is an ELCA Domestic Disaster Response form, not the Thrivent form.)

All funds raised and contributed through the Individual Member Response will be directed to four eligible recipients: Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, LCMS World Relief/Human Care and WELS Committee on Relief. These organizations will distribute the funds to those in need using their established processes.

Copies of the Thrivent matching gifts form are available on tables in our narthex or on Thrivent's web site at <http://www.thrivent.com/fraternalkatrina.html>

Note: For your donation to qualify for Thrivent matching funds, you must be a Thrivent member (that is, you must have an insurance policy, annuity, or other benefit through Thrivent.)

☞.....

Yes! I want to help!

For 2005 Hurricane Response \$..... K3

For all Domestic Disaster Response \$..... D8

Name

Address

City..... State..... ZIP.....

Give through your congregation, or send directly to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 606941764, or call 1-800-638-3522 to give by credit card. For more information, go to www.elca.org/giving

Cross Lutheran Sponsors Families from New Orleans

by Ben McDonald Coltvet

I have a list of needs provided by Cross Lutheran (Milwaukee) for the New Orleans families they are sponsoring.

In particular, Pastor Ken Wheeler asked me to underscore that Raynard Bender, the 24-year-old son of Barbara Bender, is a recent graduate of the Univ. of New Orleans with a degree in electrical engineering. If you have any contacts in this field or job leads for Raynard to pursue, please contact the family at (414) 445-5007 or cell (504) 250-3080.

Families and Needs

Connected to Cross through Valdemetria McCollum, member of Cross Lutheran.

Home phone: (414) 445-5007. Please call to make sure someone is there to take items before going over.

Address for drop off - 3044 N. 23rd St., Milwaukee

Families from New Orleans:

Barbara Bender - Mother
Raynard Bender - Son (24-yr-old grad of U New Orleans, degree in electrical engineering)

Need - Pots and pans, dishes, glassware, utensils, kitchen towels, curtains, queen size

bedding, foil size bedding, gift cards for groceries/personal items, vacuum

Shantrell Bender - Mother (daughter of Sheila Viltz)

Crishan Bender - Daughter (5)

Need full size bedding, bath towels, gift cards for groceries/personal items

Anita Bender - Mother

Anitra Bender - Daughter (14)

Anika Bender - Daughter (7)

Yosef Bender - Son (4)

Need- Pots and pans, dishes, glassware, utensils, kitchen and bath towels, shower curtains, (2) twin size bedding, full size bedding, gift

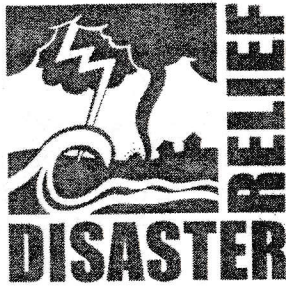
cards for groceries/personal items, vacuum cleaner

Vanessa Bender - Single

Gift cards to any of the major general department stores would enable them to get the items they need and save you time; any help is greatly appreciated.

These families are grateful to be alive and together. They worshiped at Cross last Sunday, September 25. Thank you to all members of Cross who came and greeted them with love.

Editor's note: Read how Valdemetria McCollum brought the Benders from New Orleans to Milwaukee in an upcoming issue of Lutheran magazine or currently at www.thelutheran.org



Green Team Urges You to Adopt a Plot

by Julie Hansen

The grounds at Emmaus were vibrant with color this summer thanks to the green thumbs, time and TLC of several gardeners among us. Judy Yorgan, Cathy Knuteson, Pat Jensen, Cathy Meyer, Kathy Christensen and Arlyn Olsen all adopted plots around the church grounds to plant and tend this past summer. The results couldn't be missed -- beautiful new areas of color welcomed members and visitors alike and greatly enhanced the visual beauty of some of the church's previously bare spots.

Adopt a Plot is an initiative of the Emmaus Green Team. Its intent

was to encourage thinking about the earth and ways to enjoy it and benefit it at the same time. Flowers and plantings benefit the environment and help maintain its delicate ecosystem while providing enjoyment to all. As we head into fall we will see the temporary dying off of this life, but look forward to its return in the spring.

If you are interested in working to help preserve the precious earth God gave us, consider sitting in on a Green Team meeting. The next one is coming up in early October. Call Julie Hansen at 262-884-6529 for details.

Bible quiz

Psalm 65 is a thanksgiving document. It focuses on God as the Great Gardener. In a prayer to God, the psalmist says, "You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9, NRSV).

The psalmist goes on to say, "You crown the year with your _____."

Choose the correct word that belongs in the blank space above.

- A. bounty
- B. goodness
- C. generosity
- D. gifts

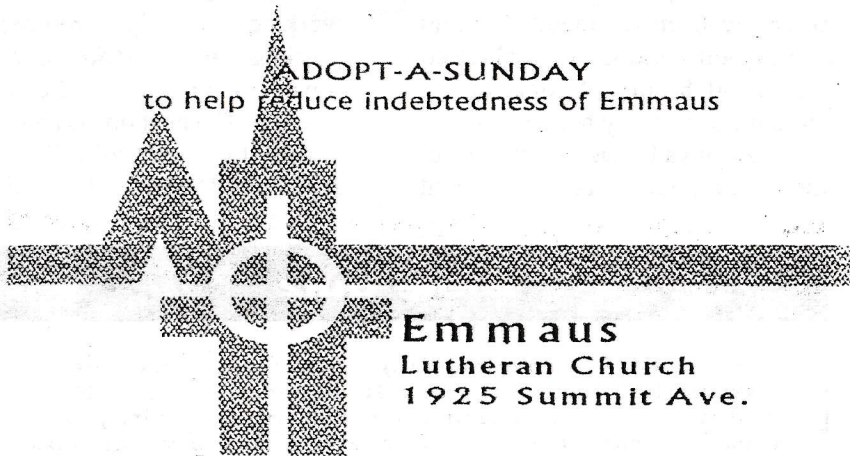
(The answer is in Psalm 65:11, NRSV.)

Something New

Bible Study on The Lord's Prayer

Second Wednesdays 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

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: _____

We've Been Worried Sick About Stress

The fall issue of *Seeds for the Parish*, a resource paper for leaders in ELCA congregations, listed 36 ways to reduce stress and re-create.

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say "no" to projects that won't fit into your schedule, or that will compromise your mental or physical health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Remember that less can be more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and go places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns. If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety. If you can't do anything about a situation... forget it.
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the kid in you every day.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough exercise.
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. While driving, listen to a tape that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try to pray.
24. Make friends with godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scripture verses on hand.



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Bluegrass Band Plays at Sussex Church

The Christ Our Savior (Sussex) concert series resumes Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m., with a rousing performance by Big Cedar, a very popular local bluegrass band. Bluegrass is acoustic music with an old time feel to it. The upbeat bluegrass sound of Big Cedar will have you clapping your hands and tapping your feet.

This is fantastic, affordable family fun. The cost is still only \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Delicious refreshments are served during intermission. The church is located at N59 W22476 Silver Spring Drive, Sussex. Call Nancy in the Christ Our Savior church office at 262-246-6537 with any questions.



Synod Slates Two Anti-Racism Training Events

In an attempt to help us become more anti-racist as the people of this synod, members and leaders, your Synod Anti-Racism Team reminds announces two Anti-Racism Training Events.

The first, Bridges Of Human Community, facilitated by Lutheran Relations Association

(LHRA), begins Friday, October 14 (6:00-9:00 p.m.) and concludes Saturday October 15 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), at Faith Lutheran Church, 1000 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee. Cost is \$40 (Includes materials, snacks, continental breakfast, and lunch). Some financial assistance is available.

This training model has participants use Biblical texts and is particularly useful to those who want to experience God's Word as part of the cross-cultural discussion. To register and inquire about any

needed financial assistance call LHRA 414-536-0585.

The January Anti-Racism Training Event will be from Thursday evening, January 19 thru Saturday afternoon, January 21 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Racine. It will be facilitated by Crossroads Ministry, which has led several of these events within our synod. More information will be provided later.

For any questions contact Team Co-convenors Marilyn Miller 414-536-0585 or Pastor Paul Bauman 414-543-8180.

St. Olaf Cantorei Comes to Elm Grove

Come raise your voices in song at Songs of Grateful Praise: A Sing For Joy Hymn Festival on Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Visitation Parish, 1260 Church Street in Elm Grove.

Along with congregational hymn singing, choral anthems and commentary, the festival will feature John Ferguson, Anton Armstrong, Pastor Bruce Benson and the St. Olaf Cantorei. The guest choirs joining them will be the Brookfield High School Chamber Choir, the Milwaukee High School of the Arts

Choir and singers from the St. Mary's Youth Ensemble and Divine Savior/Holy Angels.

Call 262-782-4575 for more information, or visit the Sing For Joy website at www.singforjoy.org. Free and open to all!

This event is sponsored by Scott R. Riedel & Associates, Ltd.

Sing For Joy is a weekly radio production of St. Olaf College heard in 200 listening communities throughout the country. We hope you can join us!



a Sing For Joy hymn festival

Stress Tips

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- 26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good "Thank you, Jesus!"
- 27. Laugh.
- 28. Laugh some more!
- 29. Take your work seriously, but yourself not at all.
- 30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
- 31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
- 32. Sit on your ego.
- 33. Talk less; listen more.
- 34. Slow down.
- 35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.
- 36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. God has a way of turning things around for you.

"If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Point of Entry

Since July 17 I have paid far more attention to entrances and doors than I had previously. It's amazing how being confined to a wheelchair or using a walker can help open one's eyes.

It didn't take long to learn that buildings that claimed to be handicap accessible often had one barrier to that accessibility — it was nearly impossible to open the *outside* doors and keep them ajar in order to enter.

A couple of weeks ago, I proudly made it on my own from the parsonage to the back door of the church. Wheeling up in the wheelchair, I then tried to enter. I simply couldn't get in until a person who was leaving recognized my plight and opened the door for me. I now realize what a difference those "power assisted" doors or those automatic openers can make.

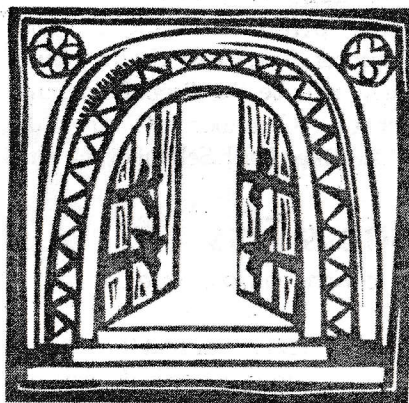
Getting in to the church was the most difficult part. Once inside, I found that the many measures that have been taken to make the church accessible were a huge help, although I am now more acutely aware of how much of a challenge the chancel steps can be for those who come forward for communion.

No one with difficulty walking should feel embarrassed to ask an usher to have communion served in the pew. Nor should they try to

stand during a worship service if that poses a challenge.

Outside church doors — often difficult to enter for other reasons, too. Perhaps a person has had a negative church experience in their past or possibly no experience at all. If there is not a person who invites or encourages that person to enter, it just may not happen.

I'm always delighted when I hear of a "power assisted" entry, one where the Holy Spirit has been



at work. Sometimes it's through a wedding or funeral or a closing program for Neighborhood Camp that a person finds a reason to enter the church doors for the first time.

I pray that those who have been hesitant or who may have struggled to enter might hear the words of Jesus whispered in their ear: "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and all

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will come in and go out and find pasture... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd." (John 10)

Let's do all we can to assure that our church is accessible to all. We may need to do some physical things such as power assisted doors at the back entrance. And then there are the even more important issues — letting *all*

people know that the doors are open to them and welcoming them into the abundant life offered by the Good Shepherd.

Come on in — there's room at the table for all who are hungry and thirsty!

See you in church!

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Form

Mr. _____
Name Mrs. _____
Ms. _____ (Please print) (First) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Church: **Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church** 14778

Type of membership desired (check one)

- Annual (\$5.00)
- Annual PLUS (\$15)
- Lifetime (\$150)
- Additional donation (\$.....)

Send this form with your check made payable to:

Linda Cayemberg
2620 5½ Mile Road
Racine, Wisconsin 53402



Thank you for supporting this worthy cause with your membership

haunting the October

Visitor:

- ✿ Season of Creation
- ✿ Confirmation Oct. 30
- ✿ Directory Planned
- ✿ Presentation of Bibles
- ✿ David & Goliath
- ✿ Priceless Bake Sale
October 9
- ✿ Meet Linda Jaskulske
- ✿ CROP Walk Oct. 2
- ✿ 16 Days of Giving
- ✿ Adopt a Plot
- ✿ Thrivent to Match
Hurricane Relief
Donations

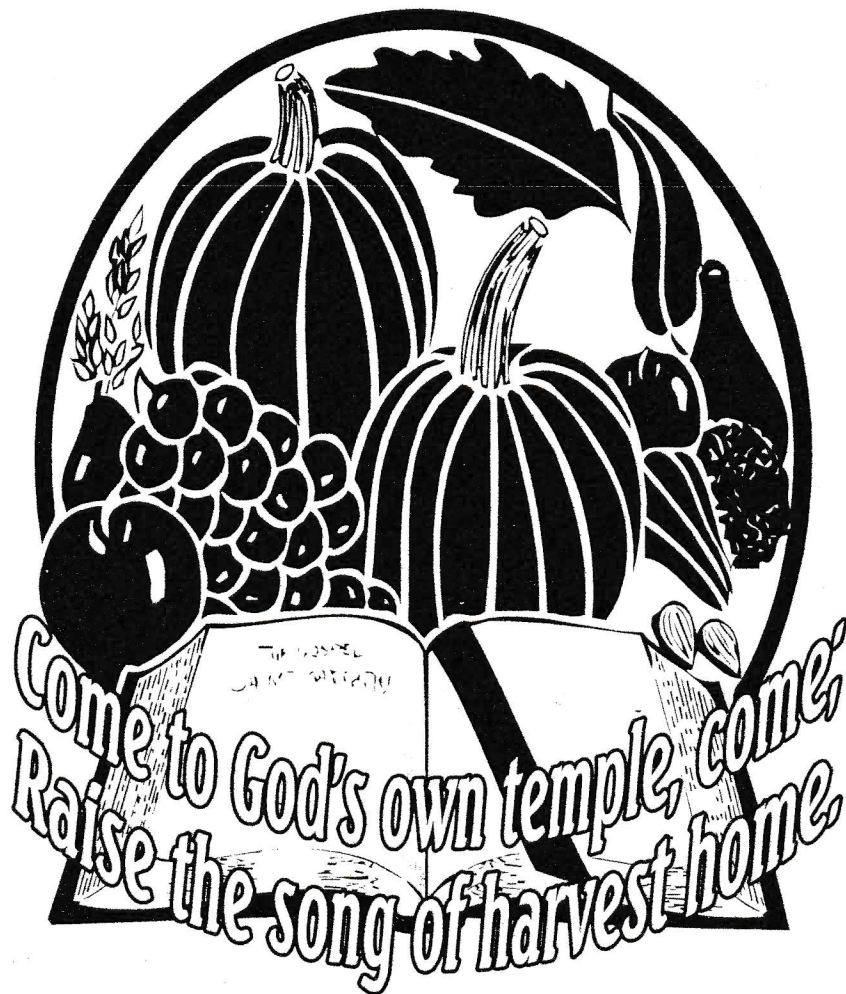
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Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 5 and 6, we pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

Rosalie Scheribel Mauer	Nov. 8, 1902 - Feb. 20, 2005
Milton Everett Christensen	Dec. 29, 1929 - Mar. 3, 2005
Hans G. Jepsen	May 29, 1913 - Mar. 23, 2005
Arthur James Winch	June 13, 1946 - Apr. 20, 2005
Lillian Chernick Watts Card	May 25, 1922 - June 13, 2005
Grace Christensen Unger	Jan. 30, 1920 - June 25, 2005
Janet Anderson Svendsen	Mar. 1, 1931 - July 2, 2005
Robert W. Rommelfaenger	June 18, 1960 - Aug. 14, 2005
Lucille Adams Dudek	Sept. 19, 1918 - Aug. 28, 2005
John Robert LeClair	Dec. 4, 1959 - Sept. 13, 2005
Beverly Scheel Johnson	May 12, 1928 - Sept. 26, 2005
Colette Havel Schattner	June 23, 1949 - Oct. 15, 2005

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:

Athena Ynocencio and
Rich Hetchler
October 8, 2005

Athena and Rich are formerly from our neighborhood. They have recently purchased a home near St. Mary's Hospital. Their wedding ceremony included a portion reflecting Athena's Mexican culture and heritage.

Funeral:

Colette Havel Schattner
October 19, 2005



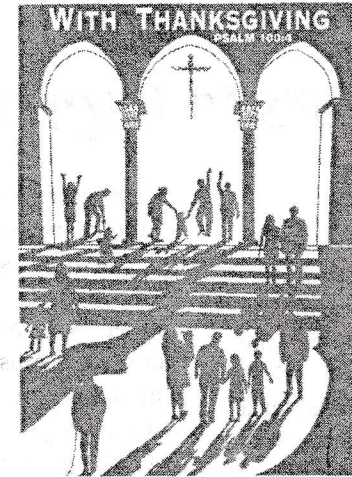
Colette passed away on October 15. She is a member of the church council and Adult Choir, serving as chair of the Social Concerns committee and director of music for the Sunday School. She has been entering church offerings into our computer and spent many hours organizing the children's library. She is survived by her son, Lynn, her daughter, Kim, her brother, Gregory, and her parents, Cy and Lillian Havel of Burlington.

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry. Emmaus has contributed food and money to the Northside Pantry, located at Trinity United Methodist Church, for several years now.

ENTER INTO HIS GATES
WITH THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make your check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line or on the upper right blanks of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in the Sunset and Fireside Rooms. Donations at the tables will be used to finance next summer's mission trip to Tennessee.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

Pastor: Rev. Mary L. Janz
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Fax: 262 634-0835

Council President: Brenda Gieszler
Sun. School Coordinator: Denise Keller
Outreach Coordinator: Valerie Crehan
Nursery Attendant: Linda Jaskulske
Organist: Joyce Kaiser
Adult Choir Dir.: Suzanne Landis
Mentor Coordinator: Nancy Smith
Secretary: Paul Berge
Bldg. & Grounds crew: Kerry Hunter, & Milt Christensen

EMMAUS VISITOR

1909 Summit Ave. 53404 633-3059

E-mail: emmausracine@sbcglobal.net

Pastor Mary: mljanz@aol.com

Valerie Crehan: you@sbcglobal.net

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

Thanksgiving Eve services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23.

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 December VISITOR is November 15.

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Passages and Milestones

We extend our congratulations to Joyce and Roger Kaiser on their 50th wedding anniversary coming up on November 17.

Emmaus offers its sympathy to the family of Delmar and Alice

Burman upon the death of their daughter, Laura Krawczyk on October 7. Laura is a member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

Seniors to Regroup

by Nancy Smith

Come to a brainstorming meeting on Tuesday, November 15. How can we reinvent the Seniors' program to meet the needs and interests of the "wise" members of Emmaus? Consider a name change. What programs would be of interest? Seniors is a

time for fellowship but it is also a time to stimulate the mind.

Seniors is not age related. If you are retired and would like to meet twice a month for some fun and programs that will pique your interests and a delicious meal, come as you are for this time of planning. Questions: Call Nancy Smith at 633-3059.

Green Team Has It in the Bag

by Kathy Christensen

The Emmaus Green Team met on Monday evening, October 17 and made plans for future programs and projects.

There are still shopping bags available in the narthex for \$5.00 each. With holiday shopping ahead, this is a good time to put these reusable bags into service and help eliminate the use of more and more plastic bags. Also, the price is right to purchase some as Christmas gifts. There is a box at

the site in which to put your money.

November 20, the Green Team will present a program on Affluenza during the coffee hour following worship. We will have a video and discussion about ways we can avoid getting caught up in the affluenza epidemic as well as ideas for earth-friendly "green products" we can use and earth-friendly gift giving ideas. We hope you will come to be a part of this timely program and bring your own ideas to the discussion.

Come to Eat, Play and Pray

Our Second Wednesday program continues to grow as participants discover the great food and time for fellowship, learning and prayer.

The reasonably priced meal of pizza and pasta (suggested donation: \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids) is partly subsidized by outreach funds. The menu for the November 9 gathering includes a variety of pizzas, lasagna, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert.

Needed: two or more people to help with the serving. Call Valerie at the church office to offer your help.

Confirmation students will help with the clean up this month as part of their service to the congregation.

Important: to give us an idea of how much food to prepare, please sign up on the gold sheet in the narthex or call the church office by Monday, November 7 if you plan to come for supper.

What else is planned for the second Wednesday of November? You are invited to take part in all or some of the following:

5:00 p.m.: Board games are set up in Fellowship Hall.

5:30-6:15 p.m.: Dinner is served.

6:00-6:45 p.m.: Clean-up crew works in kitchen.

6:15-7:15 p.m.: Study and discussion on "Rediscovering Lord's Prayer" in Sunset Room.

6:30-7:15 p.m.: Confirmation class in Fireside Room

7:15-7:30 p.m.: Evening prayer and devotions in Sanctuary.



Second
Wednesday

Study Group Rediscovered Lord's Prayer

by Nancy Smith

How do we listen to God? As James Mulholland states, "authentic prayer will lead us away from the self-interest of the prevailing culture of greed and move us toward the compassion, sacrifice, and love that are the hallmarks of the kingdom of God."

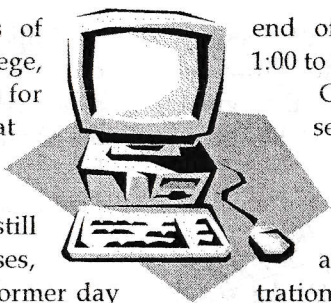
It's not too late to join in this relaxed study. Arthur Simon's

book, *Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer*, will give us the opportunity to reflect on each petition of a prayer that we have been saying for years by rote.

Come for supper at 5:30 p.m. The study takes place from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. and we conclude with a brief vesper service in the sanctuary. Contact Nancy Smith at 633-3059

Computer Class Begins November 3

Under the auspices of Gateway Technical College, weekly computer classes for adults will be held at Emmaus beginning Thursday, November 3. Limited space is still available for the classes, which will meet in the former day care area (the room at the south



end of the basement) from 1:00 to 3:15 p.m.

Cost for the seven sessions is \$4.00 for seniors and \$35 for other adults. Please contact Marge Jensen at 634-8754 for registration forms and further information.

Opportunities for Service Present Themselves

It has been said that where there is a crisis or a hole, there is at the same time an opportunity. Due to a variety of circumstances, a number of opportunities for service have opened up. We thank those people who have already volunteered to serve where there was a need.

Consider how you might be able to serve in one or more of the following areas:

- Computer entry of donations (2+ hours weekly; can be done during the day or in the evening)
- Selling of Scrip gift cards (can be shared by two people; 15 minutes after Sunday worship service and flexible time during the week to do inventory and order new cards by

phone, which can be done from home)

- Serve as greeter before a Sunday worship service on an occasional basis (call Kathy Christensen at 886-2151 to offer your time)
- Assist Linda Jaskulske in the Sunday morning children's nursery once or twice a year (sign up in the narthex)
- Help serve a Second Wednesday supper, run errands ahead of time or prepare a dessert (call Valerie at 634-5515)
- Prepare a main dish or a dessert for First Tuesday Senior Citizen Fellowship Center lunch (15-20 persons; contact Pastor Mary)

Sunday School Report

Stage Crew Needed

by Denise Keller

Thank you to all who have helped in the David and Goliath unit! Julie Field, Sandy Strini, Natasha and Chris Chan-A-Sue, and Caren Lamberton have been great workshop leaders! Thank you to Loren and Cindi Larsen and Kylee and Kelsey Albright for leading opening music.

In November, we will begin the Christmas story rotation and are currently looking for volunteers to lead a workshop and to help with the Christmas program.

The Sunday School children will explore and revisit the story of Christmas through art, computer, video and drama. If you can help in any way, please contact Denise Keller at 619-9911 or the church office.

On Sunday, November 28, there will be an all-congregational activity of making Advent wreaths. Please join us for some fun and fellowship on this Sunday after the church service.

More information will be in the Sunday bulletins. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan for enough supplies.

Denise Keller Resigns

by Nancy Smith

As of December 31, Denise will become a Sunday School worker bee. While she has tendered her resignation as coordinator of Emmaus' Sunday School program, she expressed interest in continuing to work with our kids.

We are appreciative of the many hours and leadership Denise has offered over the last three years. With both her children now in the Racine Unified system, she is enjoying greater involvement with her children and their activities.

MEMORIALS

Non-designated memorials:

In memory of Beverly Johnson: \$1,315.00

Designated for Principal Reduction Fund

In memory of Beverly Johnson: \$25.00

Designated for Downstairs Kitchen Renovation:

In memory of Beverly Johnson: \$75.00

In memory of Laura Krawczyk: \$15.00



Youth Group Sells Christmas Décor to Raise Travel Funds

by Gregg Albright

The youth of Emmaus are once again selling high-quality wreaths, swags, baskets and other assorted greenery to raise money for summer travel. These are from the same company we've used for the last four years and members have been very happy with the quality of greens offered.



To place your order, please see the display board and sign-up sheets in the narthex. Prices range from \$20 for a door swag and \$23 for a 22" wreath on up. Please call the church office to place your order or call Gregg Albright at 639-

6433. The deadline to place your order is November 12.

Confirmation Calendar

- Wed. Nov. 2: 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's: Xtreme Faith Worship
- Wed. Nov. 9: Second Wednesday at Emmaus. Supper: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Class: 6:30 p.m. -- Ten Commandments
- Wed. Nov. 16: 6:30 p.m. at Emmaus: Service event
- Wed. Nov. 23: 7:00 p.m. at Emmaus: Thanksgiving Eve worship
- Wed. Nov. 30: 6:30 p.m. at Emmaus: Advent activity preparation

Youth Birthdays

- Nov. 8 Alyssa Rivera, 8
- Nov. 17 Nate Murphy, 7
- Nov. 19 Zack Offield, 2
- Nov. 20 Anicka Purath, 11
- Nov. 22 Richard Syty, 10
- Nov. 23 Amanda Hegeman, 18
- Nov. 25 Tyler Johnson, 2
- Nov. 29 Melanie Andersen, 13
- Nov. 30 Eilis Purath, 9

Mentoring Program Begins November 1

by Nancy Smith

At last the pieces have been put together and Emmaus' mentors will be meeting their kids beginning November 1. It has taken time for letters asking permission of parents for their child to participate to be returned to the school office.



Thanks again to the following who have responded with a "yes" to serve as a mentor for the 2005-06

school year: Kylee and Gregg Albright, Ruth Copeland, Judy Berndt, Emily Papara, Cathy Knuteson, Linda Clinton, Randy Sanders, Mary Janz, Valerie Crehan, Nancy Smith, Beth Tepley, Nancy Brown, Al Svendsen, Joy Lippman, Melissa Genich and Carolyn Wooster. Appreciation goes to June Beck, Kathy Christensen, Kathy Cook, Ron Jensen and Barb Fogarty who have offered to be substitutes.

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."

Emmaus Hosts Neighborhood Meeting

The church sanctuary was approximately ¾ full as neighbors and concerned officials gathered for a neighborhood meeting Thursday, October 13. The meeting was organized by Alderman Sandy Weidner and neighbors concerned about safety in the area, especially during the high school lunch hour and after school hours.

In addition to people from the immediate neighborhood, Mayor Gary Becker and representatives from the Racine Police Department, Racine Unified School District, Neighborhood Watch and members of several other organizations attended. Reporters Bob Segall from WITI channel 6 and Brent Killacky of the *Journal*

Times covered the meeting for the local media.

The two-hour meeting allowed people to voice concerns, ask questions of the mayor, police department and Horlick High School Principal Nola Starling-Ratliff. There was considerable discussion about the possibility of a closed campus during the high school lunch hour. Problems of truancy, vandalism and bullying were addressed.

As neighbors continue to get to know one another better, a number pledged to work together to find solutions to the threatened well-being of the neighborhood. Pastor Mary offered Emmaus as a meeting place for any future gatherings.

Liesch Collects Bus Coupons for Homeless

by Pat Liesch

The Racine BUS is once again sending out free bus coupons. I am collecting these bus coupons (good for free bus rides), to be given to homeless veterans in our area. You

can turn them into the church office, or mail them to me c/o Center for Veterans Issues, 1501 Villa Street, Racine, Wisconsin, 53403. Thanks.

Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

Please consider a gift or a donation to our Emmaus Giving Tree this Christmas season.

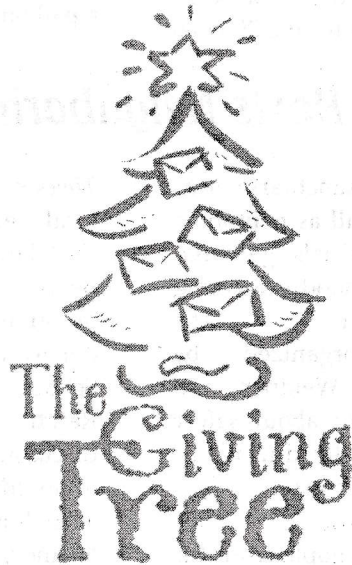
Shortly after Thanksgiving, our Emmaus Giving Tree will stand in the narthex awaiting gifts for some of our Wadewitz Elementary School students, neighborhood children, and some of our own Emmaus families. The tree will be decorated with gift cards which will note the sex, age, and size of specific children, and suggested clothing or toy items for you to select. Gifts can be wrapped and returned to our Emmaus Giving Tree by Sunday, December 11 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week.

Monetary donations can be given through checks made out to us with "the Giving Tree"

noted on the memo line, if you prefer. An Emmaus member will then use your contributions 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 on-going fund raiser.

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.



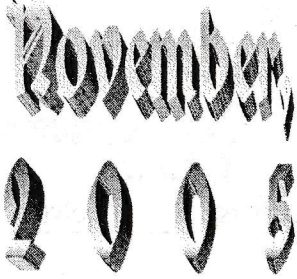
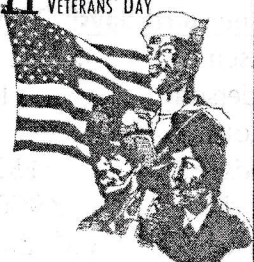


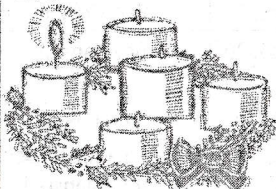
November Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Nov. 5 5:00 pm	Shirley Irvine Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Nov. 6 9:15 am	Gregg & Kylee Albright Valerie Crehan	Caroline Crehan	Team 4 J. Cook	Ryan Lambertson Zach Robinson
Nov. 12 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Nov. 13 9:15 am	—	Lee Woodward	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Melanie Andersen (Mariah Lang)
Nov. 19 5:00 pm	Barb Toslek Jamie Toslek	—	—	—
Nov. 20 9:15 am	Lael Richter Grace Falaschi	Beverly Hansen	Team 1 H. Miller	Aaron Smith Patrick Jansen
Nov. 23 7:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	Team 2 R. Christensen	Ryan Lambertson Zach Robinson
Nov. 26 5:00 pm	Marion Andersen Judy Berndt	—	—	—
Nov. 27 9:15 am	—	Ron Jensen	Team 3 H. Jensen	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Dec. 3 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Dec. 4 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Marion Keller	Team 4 J. Cook	TBA



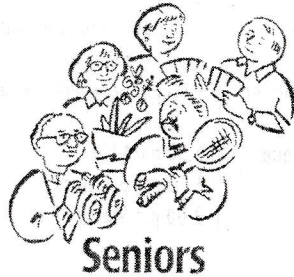
	Altar Flowers (\$15)	Fellowship	Candle Care	Commun'n Assts.
Nov. 6	John Haanstad	?	Evelyn Larsen	Karen Sedgwick
Nov. 13	V&B Crehan	Judy Berndt		—
Nov. 20	Bev Hansen	C&B Hansen		Carol Eschmann
Nov. 23	—	—		Kathy Christensen
Nov. 27	S&D Wyma	?	Pat Jensen	—
Dec. 4	Marlyn Christensen John Haanstad	?		Caren Lambertson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Ave. Racine, WI 53404 Phone: 262 634-5515 Fax: 262 634-0835	1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	2 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 2:30 pm EASY 6:00 pm Extreme Faith at Our Savior's 7:00 pm 40 Days group	3 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Gateway computer class 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm Stamp Club	4	5 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
6 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	7 <i>Secretary on vacation this week</i> 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	8 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council mtg.	9 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm 2 nd Wednesday activities 6:15 pm Lord's Prayer study 6:30 pm Confirmation class 7:15 pm Vesper service	10 MARTIN LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Gateway computer class 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	11 VETERANS' DAY 	12 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
13 26 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service; WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	14 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class	15 <i>Dec. Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Senior Citizen Fellowship Center 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	16 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm Confirmation service event	17 10:00 am Book club 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Gateway computer class 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	18	19 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion 
20 CHRIST THE KING 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship; Green Team presents "Affluenza"	21 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Praise band practice	22 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline <i>No EASY this week</i> 5:00 pm TOPS	23 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Holy Communion 8:02 pm Pie social	24 THANKSGIVING <i>Office closed</i> 	25	26 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
27 1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service; WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	28 10:00 am Quilting group 5:30 pm ESL Class 6:30 pm Praise band practice	29 	30 ST. ANDREW 6:30 pm Confirmation class Advent activity preparation	Dec. 1 WORLD AIDS DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Gateway computer class 5:00 pm Community Meal 5:30 pm ESL class	2	3 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion

Emmaus Senior Citizen Fellowship Center

Senior Citizen Fellowship Center will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Join us for coffee at 10:00 a.m., program at 10:30, and lunch at noon.

Programs: Nov. 1: Al Svendsen: "Hard Times: a Look at the '30's"
Nov. 15: Brainstorming: see article on page 4



November Birthdays: 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	Vern Svendsen	1539 Ostergaard Ave.	53406
Nov. 13	Ernie Munch	3900 N. Main St. #305	53402
Nov. 20	Chris Hansen	130 23 rd Avenue, Kenosha	53140
Nov. 28	John Haanstad	5311 Douglas Ave. #113	53402

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:

The first Wednesday of the month,
November 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2219 Washington Avenue

Sponsored by the ELCA churches in Racine.

Letters

Card and Gift Are Appreciated

Dear Friends at Emmaus,

What a surprise when I received an envelope in the mail from Emmaus! I thought perhaps it was bus coupons for my clients, but instead it was a lovely card with a gift from Emmaus enclosed with it.



Thank you all so much for the good thoughts and the gift cards. It was done in appreciation of all of my years of work on behalf of the

REST Program at Emmaus. I never expected anything like this from you, as I did all that I did because I wanted to, to help the homeless. That work did not need to be recognized nor rewarded. That work was enough reward in itself.

Your gift is greatly appreciated, and I have fond memories of all that we accomplished together.

Peace.

Pat Liesch

Thanks from Racine Vocational Ministry

Dear Pastor Mary and members of Emmaus Lutheran Church:

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Pastor Mary and those who coordinated such a successful Solutions For Success Workshop this past week in your parish hall.

The group of seven participants and myself felt

welcome and really enjoyed meeting many of the members who made and served delicious food and treats during our four-day stay at Emmaus. I look forward to working with Emmaus again!

Thank you again, very kindly.

Sherry Hartog,

Program Director, Racine Vocational Ministry

Did You Take Home This Coat?

Someone mistakenly took home Pat Jensen's blue-green mid-length rain and shine coat after worship services October 16 and left their beige jacket in its place. If

you came home with the wrong coat, please contact Pat at 681-1466 or bring it back to church. Thank you!

ELCA DOMESTIC DISASTER RESPONSE DONATION FORM:

Yes! I want to help!

- For 2005 Hurricane Response \$K3
- For all Domestic Disaster Response \$D8

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Give through your congregation, or send directly to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764, or call 1-800-638-3522 to give by credit card. For more information, go to www.elca.org/giving

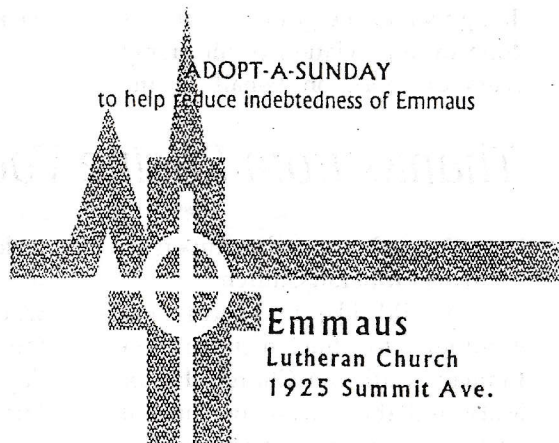
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**Cooks,
Servers
Sought for
Community
Meal**

Volunteers are needed to provide casseroles, salad or jello, and desserts for the Community Meal at St. Patrick Church on Thursday, December 1.

Pans and the recipe for the casserole are available in the Emmaus narthex by the Community Meal sign-up sheet. If you use your own pan, be sure to mark it so that it can be returned to you.

Thank you!



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

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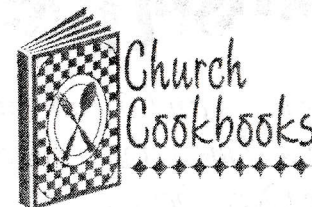
Journal Sentinel Honors Church Cookbooks

Emmaus' 2000 church recipe book was among three Racine County churches which won noteworthy mentions for ethnic cookbooks in a church cookbook contest sponsored by the *Journal Sentinel*, Milwaukee, in October.

Growing in Faith after 150 Years from Emmaus Lutheran Church was cited along with *Cooking Like Mama: Favorite Armenian Recipes* from St. Hagop Armenian Apostolic Church, Racine, and *From Martha's Kitchen* from Norway Lutheran Church, Wind Lake in an article in the October 18 edition.

Event judges Karen Herzog, Nancy Stohs and Jean Draeger awarded first prize to *A Taste of*

Heaven from Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua. 92 churches and one synagogue submitted cookbooks for the contest.



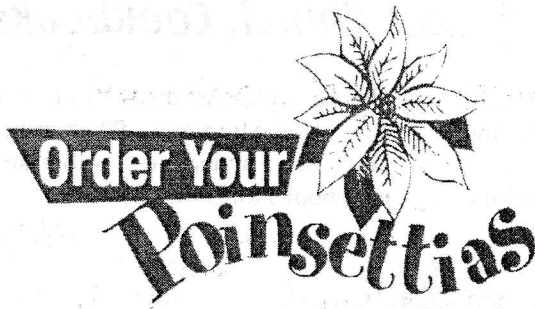
Judging criteria were adapted from Tabasco sauce maker McIlhenny Company's annual community cookbook

contest. Criteria included title, theme, story line, preservation of church culinary traditions, layout and art, as well as selection of recipes and their ability to reflect the culture of the church.

Copies of the Emmaus cookbook are still available. Ask at the church office.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics				
Average weekly attendance, Sept.:	2003: 143	2004: 120	2005: 98	
Average weekly attendance, Oct.:	2003: 145	2004: 134	2005: 118*	
Average weekly attendance, Nov.:	2003: 151	2004: 128		* as of 10/23/05
Financial Figures				
Genl. Fund offerings received in Sept.	\$20,662.00	YTD 129,639.13**		
Bldg. Fund offerings received in Sept.	\$ 845.00	YTD \$27,851.70**		
Unified budget receipts for Sept.	\$21,517.00	YTD \$157,590.83		
** \$57,430.70 included in General Fund in September should have been included in Building (Debt Retirement) funds instead.				
Mortgage payments: Sched. principal	Sep. 1, '05	\$393.71		
Interest		\$598.29		
Extra principal		\$3,000.00		
Total		\$3,992.00		
Principal balance as of Oct. 14, 2005		\$113,890.79		Attendance and Offering Report





Emmaus will again order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas this year. These flowers are available for

purchase by members and friends of Emmaus to take home or have sent to a shut-in if you choose. after the late evening service December 24. Memorial dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

Please reserve _____ poinsettias at \$8.50 each
 (# _____ red # _____ white # _____ pink)

My name:

As a MEMORIAL for:

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and/or to HONOR:

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Deadline to order and make payment is December 4, 2005. 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.

Use: Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

Here I Am, Lord: Colette Schattner Remembered

by Nancy Smith

This past month, Emmaus lost one of its family to a rare fungal disease. Colette Schattner recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as a member. In her all too brief time at Emmaus, Colette's life became wholly integrated into the church community.

It was a privilege to know her for such a short time. Our paths crossed day in and day out and many a night, too. Here I Am, Lord! Colette participated in the choir and was the Social Concerns chair on the church council.

Her organizational skills were evident as she reworked the distribution of pans for community meals. She connected with the Northside Food Pantry and encouraged others to participate in a much needed service to the underserved of our community.

She was a proud mother to Lynn and Kim and felt strongly that it was of great importance to continue to work with kids. Here I Am, Lord! Last spring, she heard the call and volunteered her time to the children of Emmaus. On Sunday mornings, there was Colette strumming her guitar and leading our kids in song. She felt strongly about Christian education.

Much of Colette's work went unseen. There were the nights when you would find Colette busy, busy - ever so busy. Some evenings, she would be in the office entering donations into the computer. Then there were the evenings she would be in the children's library. Here I Am, Lord! Thanks to the hours, so many hours that Colette offered, the children's library is more organized than it has ever been.

She was introduced and thanked at Neighborhood Camp's closing program as the "mystery woman" who would come each night while camp was in session to sort books. Books were one of her passions. She would catalog them, stamp them, card them, cover them, inventory them, shelve them and on occasion read them.

Colette ministered to so many during her time at Emmaus. It was hard for her to say no. Throughout all her volunteer work, Colette would have a cheerful heart. She was happy to be of service. Colette willingly gave of her time and her talent. She heard the call - whom shall I send? She responded again and again with a willing heart - Here I am, Lord!

You will be missed.

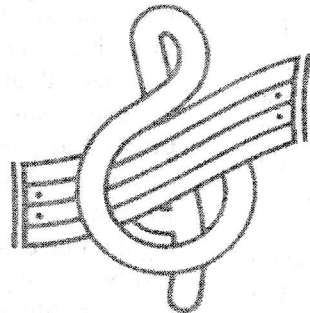
Barbershoppers Harmonize at Horlick

The students of Horlick High School send out a special invitation for members of the parish to attend the Horlick Holiday Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19.

Then, plan to attend the annual music benefit barbershop show, "Holly-Days in Harmony" Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Horlick High School Theatre.

Performers include the Racine Dairy Statesmen Barbershop Chorus, the Case High School Master Singers, the Dr. Jones Elementary School Choir, and an a cappella group called Common Thread.

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, the Racine Arts Council and from Karen Simonelic at Red Apple Elementary School. At the door tickets will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. The proceeds from the show will go toward the purchase of needed supplies and equipment for use by students



throughout the Racine Unified School District.

Mount Pleasant Hosts Wisconsin Premiere

by Joshua Brown

Music and Mt. Pleasant invites you to experience the music of contemporary composer Dr. Michael Karasis at a concert Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m.

A Woodstock, Illinois native, Karasis studied violin and composition while completing his surgical training in Springfield. Since then he has created a prolific output of works for both chamber groups and full orchestra (and built a successful medical practice as a urologist).

The marvelous husband and wife duo of Peter Blagoev and Iordanka Kissiova will join local duo Heather Broadbent and Julia Hornberger to present this first Wisconsin performance of Dr. Karasis' music for string quartet.

For additional information, please contact Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church at 634-6669 or info@mplc.us

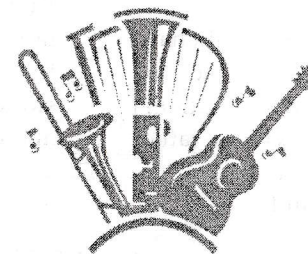
Concert Aids Respite Services

Respite Services will hold its eighth annual musical fund raising event on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 716 College Avenue.

The program will showcase some of our community's finest talents: pianist Tyler Sanchez, singer-songwriter Zachary Scot Johnson, and pianist Everett Kuiper will perform and the Olympia Brown Choir will sing songs from "Les Miserables."

A bean soup reception will follow.

Tickets are \$10.00 (\$9.00 if purchased in advance) through Respite Services, 2000 Domanik Drive, Racine, 53404 or at the door. For further information, call 632-9828.



Learn the difference between songs/hymns and poetry/lyrics.

Variety of musical styles can foster appreciation for cultural diversity.

Christ The Victor Lutheran Church, 15700 W. Coffee Road, New Berlin, WI 53151. Saturday, November 12, 2005. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Workshop

"What Song Shall We Sing? Healing the Worship Wars with Fusion" (Registration Fee \$25 per person or \$50 for 3 per congregation)

4:00 to 6:30 p.m. - Dinner Break

7:00 p.m. - "Hymn Jam" is a chance for the whole community to participate in an informal program designed to encourage singing. (free will offering)

Sunday, November 13, 2005, 8:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service with John Ylvisaker; Pastor Ruen presiding. 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School Program 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service with John Ylvisaker; Pastor Ruen presiding.

Pre-registration for the workshop is preferred on or before Friday, November 4. For additional information call Kay Nickolett at 262-786-0055 or email to nananick@wi.rr.com

Ylvisaker Leads Workshop in New Berlin

Through the music of internationally famous John Ylvisaker, Christians of all ages have been given a voice to express the hope, joy, and comfort of their faith.

Understand process used to create hymns; explore "fusion" techniques, experience making gospel truth more accessible, and

Lutheran High Hosts Open House

On Wednesday, November 2, Lutheran High School will host its Fall Open House from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The event will be an

opportunity to tour the facilities and meet teachers. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the school at 637-6538.

Talk Turkey This Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving, you and your family have an opportunity to talk turkey.

U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona has declared Thanksgiving Day to be National Family History Day. As you gather around the table to share stories and memories:

Take the opportunity to also share information about health, wellness and healing

Discuss your family health history

Provide your family members with information that will help identify hereditary risk factors that may impact their future well-being

Talking turkey is about passing on the faith. For other important information, visit www.elcabop.org, www.elcaforwellness.org

"We are reminded of our blessings - a home, food, clothing, employment, freedom, health, faith, a forgiving God and those who love - in this season of

Thanksgiving," said ELCA wellness coordinator Tammy Devine. "As you gather around the table with family members, talk turkey! Share memories, tell stories, and collect information about your families' health history.

Your family history provides you valuable information about your health risks. As you seek to live well, take time to listen to the valuable stories that are shared that could re-direct your plans, goals, and your lifestyle!"

To help guide you through your family health history conversation, visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services web site at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory for a copy of a tool called My Health Portrait. The tool will help organize your information will organize your information into a printout you can discuss with your doctor.

Talking turkey can help save your life!



Pastor Mary's Column

What's Enough?

Consumer spending, ads announcing the latest vehicles or items of technology with all the bells and whistles, sales luring customers to "buy it now and pay later" - we live inundated by constant invitations to buy, to consume and to acquire.

What is it we want and desire?

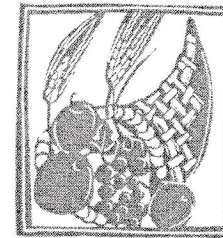
A different house, a newer computer, more up-to-date furniture?

At the same time there seems to be a desire for more or newer or better, there is added anxiety about how to pay for what is being acquired. What can be done about that full-blown case of "affluenza" from which so many of us suffer? While there is a fear that avian flu could reach pandemic proportions and there is a scurrying to find an adequate vaccine for that, how are we addressing the epidemic of "affluenza" that already exists in this country?

As a "green" congregation, we need to seriously ask ourselves how our over-consumption is becoming a silent killer. How can we make conscious decisions to live more simply and to accumulate less?

The Green Team leads a discussion on November 20 at 10:30 helping to raise awareness and to challenge us as individuals and as a congregation.

In an article of the 2005 November-December issue of *Weavings*, Evelyn Underhill is quoted as saying that we "mostly spend [our] lives conjugating three verbs: to want, to have and to do. Craving, clutching and fussing ... we are kept in perpetual unrest." (p. 20)



As we pray, "Give us this day *our daily bread*," we trust that God will provide for the necessities of the day. At times, that may even mean a sharing of our resources in order that another of our community will be provided for when in need.

Whether it be the Pastor's Discretionary fund or the local food pantry or Disaster Relief, those who are able are called to share with those in need. What if we were to cut in half or more our spending for "stuff" for Christmas gifts, giving a portion of what we would have spent to some worthy cause?

Join us November 20 as we brainstorm how we can live as good stewards, trusting in the God who provides so abundantly.

With a grateful heart,

Pastor Mary

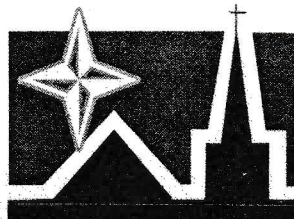
Pastor Mary

***In the November
Emmaus Visitor:***

- ❁ All Saints' Day Observed
- ❁ Senior Citizen Fellowship
Center Brainstorming
- ❁ Green Team Battles
Affluenza
- ❁ Second Wednesday
Activities Include Study
of Lord's Prayer
- ❁ Computer Class Boots Up
November 3
- ❁ Sunday School News
- ❁ Youth Wreath Sale
- ❁ My Mentor and Me
- ❁ Poinsettia Order Form

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Begin Your Christmas with Christ

Emmaus celebrates Advent and Christmas with a variety of special worship services this month.

Our Sunday School children perform their Christmas drama, "Christmas Treasures" by John and Nina Bates, during the 9:15 worship service Sunday morning, December 18.

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.

On Christmas morning, there will be a 9:15 worship service featuring Christmas carols and Holy Communion.

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. worship service on Saturday, December 24.

Suzanne Landis will lead a worship service at 5:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31.

DON'T FORGET THE



Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Cloey Ray Briere November 13, 2005	Cloey is the infant daughter of Rachael and Joseph Briere. Her sponsors are Timothy Holtz and Lori Kwiatkowski.
Wedding: Kerry Ketchum & Jimmy Perkins November 26, 2005	Kerry and Jim were joined in marriage at Holy Communion Lutheran Church. Pastor Mary officiated at the wedding ceremony.
Memorial service: Barry L. Nielsen November 13, 2005	Pastor Mary led a memorial service for the family of Barry Nielsen, brother of Grace Falaschi. An architect and resident of San Francisco for the past 20 years, Barry was active in theatre and arts from a very early age. Barry was apparently the victim of an assault on October 21; witnesses are still being sought. A memorial service is planned December 1 in San Francisco's MECCA.

Deck the Church with Boughs of Hony

by Kathy Christensen

Decorating the church for Christmas is scheduled for Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. There are several trees to decorate, and we are



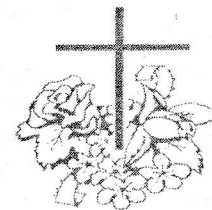
hoping for more help this year. If you can come either date to help for a few hours, it would make the job easier and more fun for all of us. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate which day you are willing to help. Thank you!

New Flower Chart Posted

The 2006 Altar Flower sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Members and friends are welcome to sign up to sponsor altar flowers on any given Sunday.

We anticipate that the cost of altar flowers will remain \$15.00 this coming year.

We'll print a dedication from each altar flower sponsor in Saturday and Sunday bulletins.



The secretary will phone or e-mail you in the week before your Sunday to ask how you would like the

dedication worded.

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EMMAUS VISITOR

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening (except Dec. 24) at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:15. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, December 24. Services Christmas Day will be at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School meets at 10:30 a.m. through December 18. Sunday School will then resume on January 8. Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; the office will be closed on December 26 and January 2.

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

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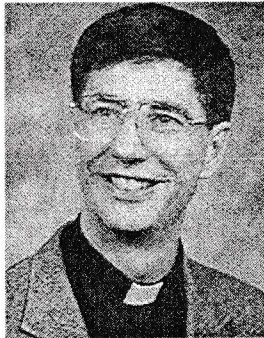
Pastor Walter Hermanns to Join Emmaus Staff

Beginning January 1, we welcome Pastor Walter Hermanns to Emmaus as a part of the outreach team.

Funded by grant monies, Pastor Walter will spend approximately seven hours per week working with our after school program and Emmaus Wednesday evening activities. He will also preach occasionally, starting the third weekend in February.

Currently a pastor of Holy Communion and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches, he ends his responsibility to those congregations December 31. Pastor Walter is known for his wit, his passion for working with youth, his commitment to justice, his creativity and his ability to convey a word of hope to those who suffer.

In addition to his work with the Emmaus community, Pastor Walter will also lead some of the weekly worship services for



Rev. Walter Hermanns

Lincoln Lutheran and will serve as Spiritual Director for several individuals in the Racine community.

In an effort to make our church accessible for Pastor Walter and other members and friends of Emmaus (Pastor Walter is confined to a wheelchair due to multiple sclerosis), the council approved moving ahead with plans to convert the back door, making it handicap accessible. The total cost will be \$2,000. Of that amount, \$900 is available from funds remaining from last year's renovation, and a special designated gift of \$1,100 has been made to cover the balance.

We are blessed to have Pastor Walter join the Emmaus community!

WELCA Bulletins

Women Invited to Christmas Party

The women's Christmas gathering and cookie pack is 1:30 p.m. on December 7 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).

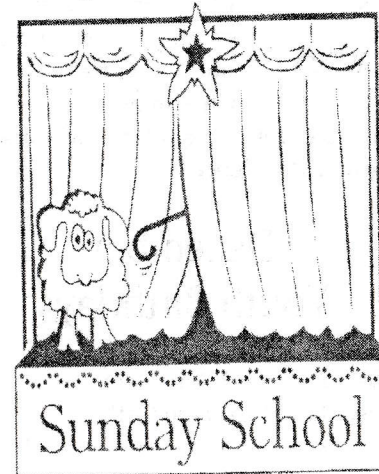
All women of the congregation are invited. Please come.

Sunday School Report

Sunday School Presents Christmas Program December 18

by Denise Keller

Our Sunday School children have been working very hard rehearsing for the Christmas Program on December 18. They have been learning the true meaning of Christmas.



Christmas Program

Everyone will have a special part in the Christmas play, "Christmas Treasures" by John and Nina Bates. It is very important that kids attend each Sunday for rehearsals. We will also have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

After the program on December 18, everyone is invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus hosted by the Sunday School.

We Need Help

If you are able to help dress, make cookies, set up reception, serve, or clean up, please call Denise at 619-9911.

Thank you to Bev Hansen and Marion Keller for doing the Sunday School laundry. The costumes look great!

Thank you to Cindi and Loren Larsen for taking on the Christmas music and leading the kids in song.

Thank you to Jamie Toslek, Denise Johnson, Chris Lamberton and Kristen Clinton for all your help during the Christmas unit and preparation of the Christmas program.

Thank you to parents and grandparents of the Sunday Schoolers for helping your children rehearse at home and making sure they attend each week for rehearsals.

Christmas Break

There will be no classes on December 25 and January 1. Classes resume on January 8.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

Confirmation Students Focus on Service and Giving

The three scheduled events for the seventh to ninth grade confirmation students in December will focus on service and outreach.

On December 7, there will be a group shopping trip for needy families. Rides will be provided to the mall from Pastor Mary's house at 6:00 p.m. that Wednesday. Those going directly to the mall will meet at the Information Center at 6:30 to receive their money and shopping instructions.

This shopping trip will take place instead of our participation in Xtreme Faith that evening. Xtreme Faith will resume January 4 at 6:00 p.m..



On Sunday, December 11, there will be gift wrapping at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

As a part of the December 14 Second Wednesday activities, confirmands will lead the little kids in creating decorated nut cups and Christmas ornaments for the residents of St. Monica's Senior Residence.

December Youth Birthdays

Dec. 7	Zach LaVassor	4
Dec. 11	Elizabeth Orth	5
Dec. 18	Jasmine Krug	4
Dec. 21	Ashlynn Meteyard	3
Dec. 30	Alex Villalobos	8

Letters

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Is Hiring

by Ted Oertel, Recruiter

At Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you can do more than make a living. You can make an impact.

As a financial associate with the Fortune 500 organization, you can help Lutherans achieve their

goals. You'll have a flexible schedule and the opportunity to drive your own success.

Enjoy excellent earnings potential, an attractive benefits package, and the chance to build a career helping others. Contact Ted Oertel at 262-695-3080.

Come for Food, Folks and Fun on Second Wednesdays

by Valerie Crehan

Second Wednesday Dinner and Fellowship is scheduled for December 14 at Emmaus.

5:00- 5:30 Fellowship and games
 5:30 - 6:15 Dinner of salad, pasta, pizza and dessert
 6:15 - 7:15 Lord's Prayer study group
 6:30 - 7:15 Confirmation class
 6:30 - 7:15 Card games and board games available
 7:15 - 7:30 Prayer service in sanctuary

Please come and join us. There were 80 people in attendance in November and all seemed to really enjoy themselves.

There is a suggested donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children

for dinner. Please call the church office by Wednesday noon or sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend dinner. It helps to know in advance for food preparation. Please join us for this casual fellowship, dinner and prayer.

2nd Wednesday Helpers Welcome

by Valerie Crehan

If you have a little time to help out on December 14 for our dinner and fellowship, please call the church office or let Pastor Mary or Valerie know. We could always use some extra hands on that day to set-up, serve, or bring a dessert. Any amount of help would be gratefully accepted.



Channel 12 to Air ELCA Christmas Special

Milwaukee ABC television affiliate WISN Channel 12 will broadcast "Joy to the World," a one-hour ABC television special produced by the ELCA, at 11:35 p.m. on Saturday, December 24.

This holiday worship service includes a joyful mix of music and praise from ELCA African-

American, Asian, American Indian, Arab/Middle Eastern, and Latino congregations. The rich and diverse cultural blend begins with a Santa Lucia celebration in the Swedish Lutheran tradition.

For more information, go online at www.elca.org/joytotheworld.

Emmaus to Serve Community Meal December 1

It's Emmaus' turn to provide food for the December 1 Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you sign up to provide a casserole, cake or jello?

HALO Hosts Open House

by Gwen Trussell,
HALO Volunteer Coordinator

There will be an Open House for HALO's Women and Children's Facility on December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. HALO, the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, is the successor organization to REST.



The pans and covers are in the cupboard in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

HALO is looking for groups or families to participate in the "Meal a Month" service opportunity.

Preparing meals for HALO residents once a year, one a month, or once a week, whatever fits the needs of the congregation. For more information, call 633-3235, extension 13.

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.

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.

Afghan Returns Home after 60 Years

An afghan knitted by an unknown member of Emmaus for wounded American soldiers during World War 2 has returned home.

Wanda Drose, a retired Army nurse, contacted us in October to tell us about the afghan. Mrs. Drose worked in the amputee ward of Percy Jones Army Hospital in Battle Creek, Michigan, during the war, and this afghan was one of several homemade comfort items donated to the hospital.

According to Mrs. Drose, she kept the afghan after the Army issued a ruling banning the use of civilian afghans, blankets, and the like in Army facilities.

For years, she stored the afghan in a cedar chest in her home. It came with her when she and her husband, Ed, moved to Augusta, Georgia, where she is a member of the quilting club of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ed is also a retired Army officer, and they have a son currently serving in Baghdad.

She found it again this fall as she was going through the chest



Ellen Eschmann and Pastor Mary pose with afghan

and deciding which items to keep. The name of our church was knit into a corner of the afghan, so she looked us up and sent an e-mail to ask if we'd like it back.

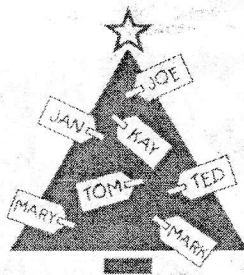
Paul Berge forwarded the e-mail to members of the Emmaus quilting group, including Carol Eschmann. Carol and Dennis' daughter, Ellen, just happens to be stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta.

Ellen met Mrs. Drose and her husband Ed, also a retired Army officer, and brought the afghan with her when she came home for Thanksgiving. Ellen presented the afghan to the congregation at the November 20 worship service.

Giving Tree Gifts Spread Cheer

Our Emmaus Giving Trees 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 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 11 to be delivered to Wadewitz and the other families that following week. Please write the number from the gift card on the package.



The Giving Tree

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.

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.

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus

Emmaus
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I wish to contribute: \$1,000 \$750 \$500
 \$300 \$100 \$_____

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

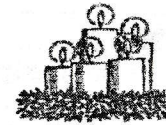
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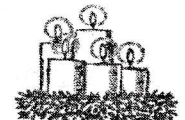
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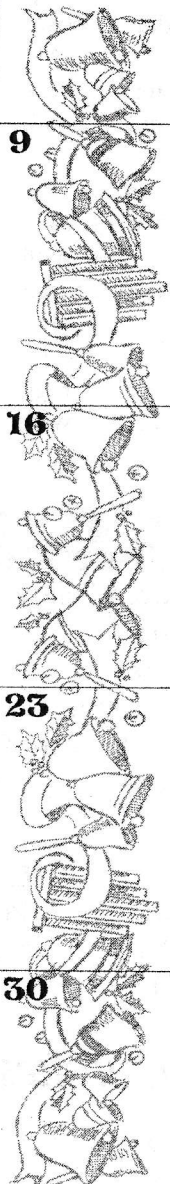
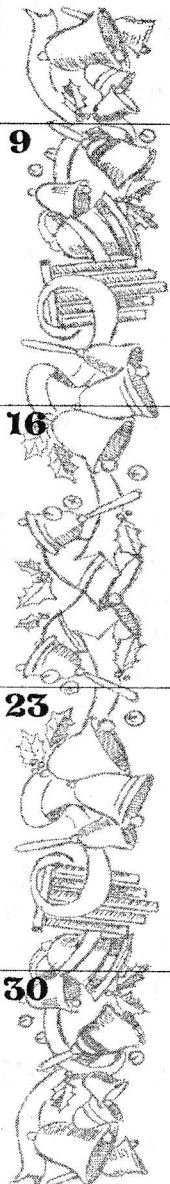
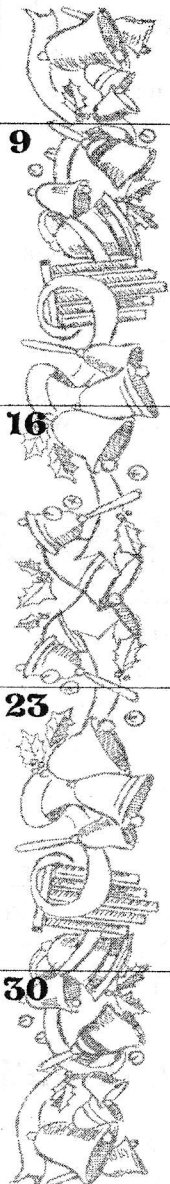

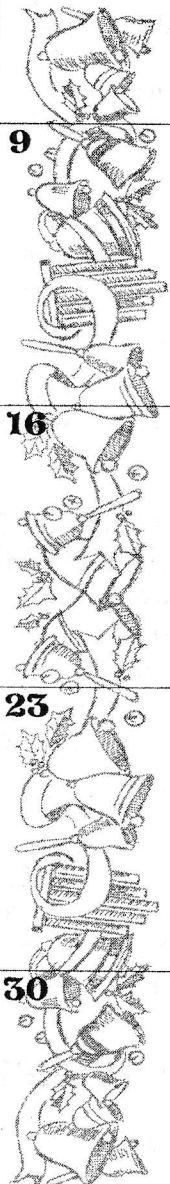

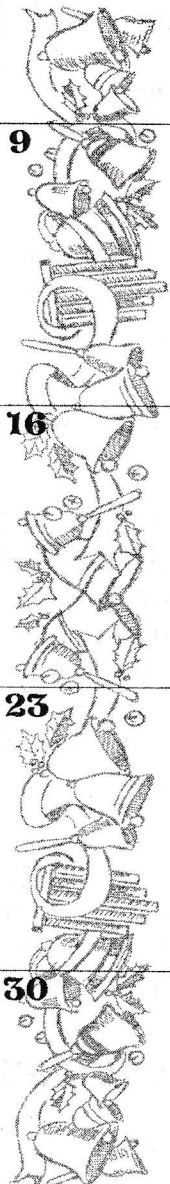
December Worship Assistants



	Altar Guild	Readers	Ushers	Acolytes
Dec. 3 5:00 pm	Lyle & Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Dec. 4 9:15 am	Joy Lippmann Marge Jensen	Marion Keller	Team 4 J. Cook	Patrick Jansen Melanie Andersen
Dec. 10 5:00 pm	Brian & Denise Keller	—	—	—
Dec. 11 9:15 am	—	David Christensen	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Jennifer Haman Caroline Crehan
Dec. 17 5:00 pm	Cheryl Dexter Pat Jensen	—	—	—
Dec. 28 9:15 am	Bev Hansen Audrey Villalobos	TBA	Team 1 H. Miller	Ryan Lamberton Zach Robinson
Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Pat Jensen		Team 2 R. Christensen	Patrick Jansen Zach Robinson
Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Evelyn Larsen		Team 3 H. Jensen	Ryan Lamberton Jennifer Haman
Dec. 25 9:15 am	Evelyn Larsen	Karen Christiansen	Team 4 J. Cook	Caroline Crehan Melanie Andersen
Dec. 31 5:00 pm	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
Jan. 1 9:15 am	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Carol Eschmann	Team 5 W. Meteyard	Patrick Jansen Ryan Lamberton

Candle Care: December: Pat Jensen

	Altar Flowers	Fellowship	Advent Wreath	Commun'n Assts.
Dec. 4	Marlyn Christensen John Haanstad	?	Briere family	Caren Lamberton
Dec. 11	Celia & Randy Bagley	?	Harcus family	—
Dec. 18	Don & Jackie Orth	Sunday School	Maranger family	Gregg Albright
Dec. 24 4:30	—	—	—	Pat & Ron Jensen Joy Lippmann
Dec. 24 10:30	—	—	—	Nancy Broiwn Shirley Velzka Cindi Larsen
Dec. 25	Christmas flowers	?	—	TBA
Jan. 1	—	?	—	TBA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Emmaus ▲ 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404-2374 DECEMBER, 2005 Phone 262 634-5515 ✦ Fax 262 634-0835 emmausracine@sbcglobal.net ✦ http://www.emmaus-racine.org				1 WORLD AIDS DAY 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Computer class 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm Belle City Stamp Club	2 10:00 am Hanging of the greens 	3 10:00 am Hanging of the greens 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
4 2 ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service LBW setting 2 with Holy Communion 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship 10:30 am Sunday School	5 10:00 am Sewing group 5:30 pm ESL class 7:00 pm Worship & Music committee mtg.	6 9:45 am Keenagers 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS	7 1:30 pm Lydia Circle / Cookie pack 2:30 pm EASY 6:30 pm 7 th -9 th grade gift shopping at Regency (meet at Pastor Mary's at 6:10)	8 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Computer class 2:30 pm EASY 5:30 pm ESL class	9 	10 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
11 3 RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Worship service WOV Service of Word & Prayer 10:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	12 10:00 am Sewing group 5:30 pm ESL class	13 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Church council meeting	14 2:30 pm EASY 5:00 pm "Second Wednesday" dinner 6:15 pm Lord's Prayer study 6:30 pm Confirmation class, grades 7-9 7:15 pm Vespers	15 <i>January Visitor Articles needed in church office</i> 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 1:00 pm Computer class 2:30 pm Last EASY until January 3 5:30 pm ESL class	16 	17 10:30 a.m. Sunday School program dress rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship service with Holy Communion
18 4 TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 8:00 am Choir rehearsal 9:15 am Sunday School program and worship service 10:30 am Sunday School Birthday party for Jesus 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	19 10:00 am Sewing group 5:30 pm ESL class (last class until Jan. 2)	20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST 9:00 am Cluster clergy meeting 10:00 am Keenagers Christmas brunch 11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	21 ST. THOMAS 11:00 am Racine Clergy Assn. mtg., Siena Ctr. <i>(No confirmation class; class resumes in January)</i> 	22	23 	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30 pm Christmas Eve worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle Light worship service with Holy Communion
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:15 am Worship service of Carols and Holy Communion <i>No Sunday School</i> 10:30 am Coffee & fellowship	26 ST. STEPHEN; HANUKKAH BEGINS <i>Office closed</i>	27 ST. JOHN  11:00 am Sunday bulletin deadline 5:00 pm TOPS	28 HOLY INNOCENTS	29 <i>Pastor Mary on vacation through January 4</i>	30 	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 5:00 pm Worship service

Emmaus Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Scrip Address: _____ ZIP: _____

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

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

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

November 29, 2004

Seniors Choose New Name: Keenagers

After considering a number of suggestions for a name to replace "Senior Citizen Fellowship Center," (OWLs/Older, Wiser Lutherans, and YAH YAHs/Young At Heart were rejected!), the group decided to call themselves Keenagers.

The Keenagers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. In December, they will have a slightly different format due to programming changes.

On December 6, the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Gregg Albright, a pharmacist with Aurora, will present an

explanation of Medicare Part D. Coffee will be ready at 9:45 that morning, and a ham dinner will be served following the presentation.

(Note the change in program; Helen Gill, originally scheduled, is seriously ill.)

On December 20, the Horlick Madrigal singers will perform, followed by an 11:00 Christmas brunch prepared and hosted by Pat Jensen.

Retired people of all ages are invited to become Keenagers. Join your friends and make new ones around food, fellowship, learning and laughs!

Keenagers

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Center is now the Keenagers.

Programs in December:

Dec. 6: 10:00 a.m., Gregg Albright:
Changes in Medicare Part D

Dec. 20: 10:00 a.m., Madrigal singers;
Christmas Brunch



December Birthdays: 70 Years and Better

Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	1450 Westridge Court, #103	53406
Dec. 19	Shirley Velzka	11515 1 st St. Lot 119, Sturtevant	53177
Dec. 23	Lael Richter	1724 Polaris Avenue	53404

Book Club Resumes in January

The Emmaus book club will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on Thursday,

January 20 at 10:00 a.m., when we'll get together to discuss *Christ the Lord Out of Egypt* by Ann Rice.

Green Team Relays Gift Giving Ideas

Here are some simple gift ideas to help sustain the earth as an act of friendship toward all living things, not just the single recipient of the gift:

Giving experiences you can share, rather than material goods, saves resources. You can also give a gift of yourself. The key to giving a gift of yourself is to know the wants and needs of the person to whom you are giving the gift. Equally important, don't underestimate your own special skills and talents. A gift of yourself is the perfect solution for those who "have everything."

Give a gift of yourself:

- make homemade bread and deliver it every week for a month.
- collect family recipes and compile in a wooden recipe box
- make one dinner a week for a month that you deliver
- offer baby-sitting time
- offer a monthly lunch date with an elderly relative or friend
- offer free lessons in a sport in which you excel
- weed a friend's garden
- offer your talents, such as photography, financial planning, or hairstyling
- offer yourself as a willing cheerful worker for a day

- put together a photo album
- make a video of people the gift recipient loves
- offer to do a chore for a month that a family member dislikes

Give a Green Gift that isn't a thing:

- give tickets to concerts or sporting events
- give a pair of weekend tickets to a ski area
- give frequent flyer miles
- give a museum pass or membership
- give an experience (a day kayaking, for example)
- provide a gift certificate for a lesson (tennis, swimming, drums, etc.)
- provide a gift certificate for a dinner for two
- donate something in the name of a friend, relative, in a subject area of interest to them
- give a gift certificate to a used book store
- give a plant or a tree

Give a gift for the Earth. Giving a membership to a nonprofit organization that does hands-on work to protect a part of the Earth's ecosystem is giving a gift that gives a gift. Not only do you enrich the life of the person to whom you give the gift, but you help organizations that are trying to make a difference.



Emmaus will again order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas this year. These flowers are available for purchase by members and friends

of Emmaus to take home or have sent to a shut-in if you choose, after the late evening service December 24. Memorial dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve worship bulletins.

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 4, 2005. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

I will pick up my poinsettia after the late service Dec. 24. Please give my poinsettia to a shut-in.

Office use: Pmt: Order list: Bulletin:

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

- sugar

- all-purpose spices (salt, pepper, etc.)

- cooking oil

- mayonnaise

- ketchup/mustard

Vegetables

- canned (all varieties)

Milk

- powdered milk

- pudding

Miscellany

- toothbrushes, toothpaste

- deodorant, antiperspirant

- soaps (bath, hair, dish and laundry)

- feminine products

- food wraps

- toilet paper

Baby items

- diapers (medium to large)

- baby shampoo

- cereal

- baby formula

Donations can be dropped off in the cart in the narthex. Cash donations should be designated "Food Pantry."

Memorials and Honoraria

Designated for choir music:

In memory of Colette Schattner: \$100.00

Designated for Neighborhood Camp

In memory of Beverly Johnson: \$100.00

In honor of Pastor Mary: \$50.00

Annual Meeting to Chart Course for Congregation

Mark your calendars now for an important annual meeting and pot luck on February 5. Sue Ruehle, preacher/facilitator

Where do we go from here? What is the direction for mission and ministry to which God is calling this congregation? Where would we be five years from now if we were to do nothing significantly different or intentional regarding ministry?

As one of fifteen ELCA churches in Racine, will Emmaus continue to be a vital, viable congregation ten years from now? Why or why not?

Are you one of the people God is calling to lead Emmaus into the future? *All* members are ministers of the church. Do you have gifts that would add to the Emmaus leadership team? Would you be open to having breakfast or lunch with Pastor Mary or one of the council members to discuss how you might best serve?

ELCA Council Elects Program Directors

The ELCA Church council met elected new churchwide unit directors at the council's November meeting:

(1) The Rev. Sherman G. Hicks as executive director of the program unit for Multicultural Ministries,

To schedule a breakfast or lunch with Pastor Mary or to learn more, please call the church office (634-5515). Prayerfully consider serving in one of the following areas (there is a need for leadership and "worker bees" in all areas).

Vacant Council Positions for 2006

Stewardship - programming and education include: re giving of time, talents and money.

Congregational Fellowship - Hospitality food for Sunday coffee, seniors, funerals, cong. meals and events.

Member Care - Prayer chain, home and hospital visitation, phone calls and cards to homebound.

Social Concerns - Community meals, food pantry, world hunger, CROP, Lutheran World Relief.

Youth - Middle and high school activities and trips.

(2) Mr. Daniel J. Lehmann as editor of The Lutheran magazine,
(3) The Rev. Richard A. Magnus as executive director of the program unit for Evangelical Outreach and

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Annual Reports Due in January

Christmas is coming, so church council members and organizations of course anxiously look forward to preparing their annual reports to the congregation.

In order to present the full report to the congregation a week before the February 5 annual meeting, the office would like

reports turned in by January 17. Reports may be submitted on paper, on computer disk, or by e-mail. If you submit a report by e-mail, it works best to include the report in the text of the e-mail in case there is any difficulty opening the report as an attached file.

Sundays Adopted to Pay Down Mortgage

Our thanks to the following, for adopting November Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

Ruth Copeland, in memory of her parents and grandparents.

John & Meta Haanstad, celebrating the sale of their house.

Julia Durand also adopted a Sunday, in honor of Pastor Mary, designating the gift for Neighborhood Camp instead of debt retirement.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, October:	2003: 145	2004: 134	2005: 129
Average weekly attendance, November:	2003: 151	2004: 128	2005: 125
Average weekly attendance, December:	2003: 151	2004: 122	
Thanksgiving Eve attendance:	2003: 71	2004: 117	2005: 81

Financial Figures

		Year to date
General funds receipts in October	\$13,666.80	\$156,972.73
Debt retirem't offerings received in October	\$ 1,535.00	29,386.70
Unified funds receipts in October	\$15,201.80	\$186,359.43

November mortgage payments:	Principal	\$413.06
	Extra principal	\$4,000.00
	Interest	\$578.94
	Total	\$4,992.00
Principal balance as of October 14, 2005		\$113,890.79

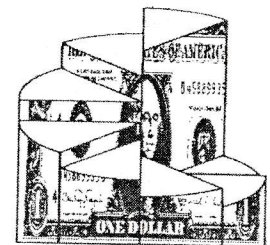
16 Days of Giving totals:

Bibles: \$137.50. Defibrillator: \$40.00. Disaster relief: \$775.00.

Nursery: \$292.50. Pastor's Emergency Fund: \$535.00.

Sunday School \$105.00. Non-designated: \$500.00.

Bake sale: \$213.27. Transfer from Youth funds to 16 Days for Bibles: \$600.00.



Atonement Offers Worship for Longest Night

by Joannie Williams

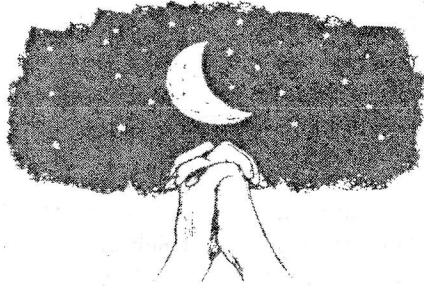
As we head into winter, we enter a time of ever growing darkness. We have the least amount of daylight, and the greatest amount of darkness. One would expect that as we get this close to Christmas, and the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we would be filled with joy and wonder.

But in truth, this has never been the most joyful and wonderful time of year. Many people face darkness on a daily basis. It could be grief, a chronic or terminal illness. It could be a battle with depression, the loss of a job or relationship. It could be loneliness or a difficult change in life style. Or maybe it's just your unrealistic expectations about the Holidays.

Our challenge is to listen to our bodies, our minds and our spirits, to discern what they are telling us, and seek ways to find healing and wholeness.

The most important piece of the puzzle is our connection with God. God is the one who can move us through our darkness into God's "amazing grace".

You are graciously invited to join in a special Worship for the Longest Night. Through word, prayer, song, ritual and communion, we will face the darkness together and experience God's amazing grace.



Place:
Atonement
Lutheran Church,
2915 Wright Ave.,
Racine (262) 637-
5671. Date:

Thursday, December 15, 2005.
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Our Savior's Hosts Advent Festival

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2219 Washington Avenue, will hold an Advent Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

The event includes a bake sale and Christmas sale, lunch, and music by Matt Saucedo, the Fratt School Choir, Benjamin Isaacson and more. Their English as a Second Language/Literacy Center will have an open house. Admission is free.

Funds raised will benefit the ESL/Literacy Center, utilities and the Our Savior's food pantry, with matching funds from Thrivent.

Carthage Choir Can't Keep from Singing

Carthage College presents its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, and at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 4 at the college's Siebert Chapel. The concert title is "A Carthage Christmas: How Can I Keep From Singing? A Festival of Readings and Carols."

Reservations are required for the holiday buffet at the Todd Wehr Center on Saturday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. There is a \$14 per person charge for the buffet.

Information and reservations are available at (262) 551-8510 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or e-mail dclark@carthage.edu

ELCA Council

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for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Ministries and (4) The Rev. Stanley N. Olson as executive director of the program unit for Vocation and Education.

The council also:

- + Commended Evangelical Lutheran Worship to ELCA congregations.
- + Heard the positive report of 2005 churchwide income including the release of the nearly \$900,000 in 2005 contingency funds to be used principally for global and ecumenical ministry and leadership development.

Lutheran Choir Performs in Milwaukee

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee presents its annual Christmas concert Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church, 5229 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee.

All tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 in advance for seniors and students. Call 262-521-4545. Complete concert information and driving directions are on the choir's web site, www.lutheranacappella.org

+ Acted on continuing resolutions for further implementation of the design for mission and governance plan, as affirmed by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly.

+ Heard a report from Heather Feltman, director for ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, and the news that ELCA members have given \$18 million in gifts for hurricane response.

+ Gave initial approval for the 2006 fiscal year churchwide spending authorization (\$81,250,000).

More Than a Season

From Deer Hunting Season to "Season's greetings" to seasonal furniture and accessories, what is this "season," anyway?

From most accounts reported by the media, this "holiday season" has its official beginnings on Black Friday. Somehow the day after Thanksgiving, when retailers go "into the black," has become like another high holiday in our culture.

Shoppers, in a frenzy to grab those Door Buster and Early Bird bargains, line up as early as 3:00 a.m. And so "Black" Friday becomes more important than "Good" Friday in our culture.

As we all get caught up, at one level or another, in "seasonal" frenzy, I'm glad that we at Emmaus have at least *begun* to examine our "seasonal" habits and priorities. The Green Team challenged us the weekend before Thanksgiving with the eye opening DVD "Affluenza." (If you missed it, contact Julie Hanson or the church office to borrow it for a few days.)

Does our Christmas gift giving become an extension of our rampant consumerism?

Alternatives for Christmas giving and a challenge to live more simply have been presented. (See the display in the church narthex.) How much do the people on your Christmas gift list really "need"?

What if "seasonal" giving were to become year-round giving? If, for instance, you have twelve people on your gift giving list for

Christmas, consider a gift a month in the name of one of them.

One month you might give a gift to the Northside Food Pantry, another month to Cops 'n' Kids, and another

month to Neighborhood Camp or Habitat for Humanity. Then, send a Christmas card saying, "A gift in your name has been given to _____."

Special occasions, like birthdays and anniversaries can also be remembered in such a way.

For God, giving is a way of life. God began giving in creation and hasn't stopped since. It's during this season of Advent, the season of Hope, that we await the gift of God in the flesh. We know that the birth of Jesus is just the beginning — we will continue to

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Pastor Mary's Column

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receive the generous, inexhaustible gift of Jesus' love way beyond Christmas. It's guaranteed for eternity!

On December 11, we will all be challenged to consider our annual commitment for giving to the ministry of Emmaus. Our gifts make it possible to do year-round ministry in the name of Christ. While we've lowered the thermostat a couple of degrees to conserve energy, the reality is that utilities and staff salaries and the day-to-day expenses are a part of doing ministry. Whether it be through a weekly worship service or a gathering of the Keenagers or Second Wednesday activities, lives

are touched as we worship and learn and grow in the name of Jesus.

Thank you for your generosity. The response to families in need this Advent season has been overwhelming. We now pray that we may live into a lifestyle of generosity all year long.

We are so blessed, and so we extend our season of giving to 365 days. (The gift tags can read, "A gift has been given to _____ in the name of Jesus.")

In the hope of Advent,

Pastor Mary
Pastor Mary



Christmas Weekend at Emmaus

December 24 4:30 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Candle Light service with Holy Communion

December 25 9:15 a.m. Festival of Carols with Holy Communion

 ***In the December
Emmaus Visitor:***

- ❁ Decorate the Church
December 2 & 3
- ❁ Sunday School Program
December 18
- ❁ Meet Pastor Walter
Hermanns
- ❁ Gather on Second
Wednesdays
- ❁ Seniors? No, They're
Keenagers!
- ❁ Women's Annual Cookie
Pack December 7
- ❁ Gving/Mitten Tree
- ❁ Poinsettia Order Form

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