

Emmaus Visitor

January, 1996

Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Ave.
"A Safe Harbor" Phone (414) 634-5515

Between Services

Annual Meeting Set for January 21

The 1996 Annual meeting of the congregation will be held between services on Sunday, January 21. Services will be held at their usual times, at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The agenda for this year's meeting includes the election of officers to the church council, approval of the

1996 budget, and consideration of a resolution to open the sacrament of Holy Communion to members of all ages.

We are planning special arrangements for the classes of School teachers who would like to attend the meeting, so that we need not cancel Sunday School that week.



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PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding: Dec. 22 Bobbie Ager & Frank Williams

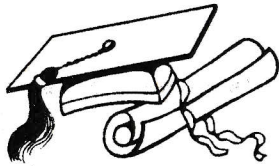
Bobbie Ager & Frank Williams were united in marriage in a ceremony officiated by Pastor Mary. The Williamses are Racine residents; the bride is a home nurse for Emmaus member Jan Sukus.

We extend our sympathy to Marvin and Vivian Gattie, whose daughter, Rosalyn Lombardo, passed away on December 4 in Wausau, Wisconsin. Mrs. Lombardo is remembered by her parents, her husband, Larry, two sons and three grandchildren, as well as numerous other relatives and friends. The Gatties are now living in Ellison Bay.

News of Our Members

Cathy Knuteson Receives Ph.D.

Congratulations go to Cathy Knuteson, who recently earned a doctorate degree in nursing. Cathy was awarded her degree from UW-



Milwaukee. Cathy teaches at Alverno College in Milwaukee, associated with the Children's Hospital. She and her husband, John, are the parents of Stephanie, Sarah, and John.

13 New Members Received December 10

Following a series of classes with the pastors, thirteen new members were received into the Emmaus family on Sunday, Dec. 10. All thirteen live in the city of Racine:

Judith Berndt

1525 Howard St., 53404
632-4678

Judy is a recently retired Milwaukee school teacher who has since moved here to Racine.

Marsha & Peter Connet

Marissa Connet
1605 Arthur Ave., 53405
633-2047

Marsha has been the director of the Adult Choir at Emmaus since February of 1993. Peter and Marsha's daughter, Marissa, is in the first grade.

Brian Keller

5209 Emstan Hills Rd., 53406
554-9199

Brian is the fiancé of member Denise Haas. An October wedding is planned.

Jim & Joan Larsen

1225 Sunnyslope Dr., 53406
884-9678

Joan is the daughter of Christine LaBlanc, and Jim is the son of Mary Larsen. Jim recently moved to Racine from Madison after the couple married last April.

Esther Markus

2114 Slawson Av., 53403
639-0437

Esther is renewing her membership at Emmaus after several



New Members RECEIVED

years of living in California.

Bob & Beth Naughton Kathryn and Mark Naughton

6703 Cliffside Dr., 53402
639-0437

Bob is originally from St. Louis, and Beth is from Madison. Mark is in the third grade; Katy is in grade 6.

Lisa Ziehlke

7012 Majestic Dr., 53402
698-1225

Lisa works with computers and is a friend of Carol Yust.

In addition to the Sunday morning classes, the new members were introduced at the coffee hour on Dec. 10 and were guests of the Deacons' Committee at a supper buffet later that day. We welcome a wonderful group of people and look forward to their becoming an integral part of the Emmaus community.

"Even if you are on the right track, you won't get anywhere if you just sit there."

--First Baptist Church,
Gothenburg, Nebraska

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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

Sunday School Superintendents: Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi

Church Council President: Randy Sanders

Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Senior Fellowship Director: Glenn Olson

Youth Choirs Director: Cathy Meyer

Organist: Joyce Kaiser

Secretary: Paul Berge

Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

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

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

EMMAUS VISITOR

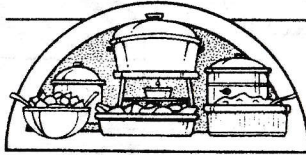
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Kitchen Committee Formed

A committee has been formed to address on-going needs in the kitchen area and to facilitate communication between the groups using the church kitchen. Those

representing Senior Fellowship Center, R.E.S.T. (homeless shelter), Wednesday nights, Congregational Life, WELCA (women's group) and the Hospitality Committee are Pat Jensen, Jim



Palmer, Joy Kousek, Betty Barth, Cheryl Dexter and Nancy Martinsen, and Pastor Mary.

Some cleaning, reorganizing and labeling has already been done, with other long-range plans also in sight. The committee is currently meeting every several weeks and will then move to a quarterly schedule to ensure on-going communication and cooperation among the groups.

Nursery to Receive Facelift

Thanks to generous matching funds of \$700 made by AAL Branch #4157, contributions made from the proceeds from recycling and special donations were matched and given to the Emmaus nursery. Thus, a grand total of \$1,405.34 is now available to upgrade our nursery.

Some recommendations from interested parents include changing existing wall outlets, covering bare pipes, mini-blinds for the windows, a different floor covering, and some new

equipment and toys for the children. We will convene a task force this month to begin making those decisions. If you have some input to the process, please contact Caren Lamberton or one of the pastors.

Caren Lamberton coordinates the nursery of Emmaus. If any member is willing to assist with child care at the 10:30 service once or twice during the year, please contact Caren at 639-1712.

Where Am I?

While long-time members may be very familiar with names such as Sunset Room, Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall, newcomers are often confused about the location of some of those key rooms and meeting areas of the church. To alleviate this, the Deacons' Committee is ordering signs to label unmarked areas. A directory

board will also be placed at the two major entrances of the church.

Memorial monies will be used for the purchase of these signs. Meanwhile, let all of us extend a personal greeting and offer a hand to every guest and newcomer at Emmaus. This is all a vital part of hospitality and welcoming the stranger in our midst.

Emmaus to Host Youth Ministry Workshop

The Youth Ministry Committee of Emmaus has invited expert in the field Rev. Paul Hill (formerly director of Lutherdale) to lead a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor Hill's reputation precedes him and inquiries from other congregations have encouraged us to open registration across our Milwaukee



synod. Fees charged to the other congregations will help us to offer the seminar to members of Emmaus for free.

We invite all those interested in our youth ministry to attend! Lunch will be provided. Contact

Pastor Paul or Chris Olson with any questions, or any offers to assist Emmaus in hosting this special event.

B.I.C. News

LYE Pre-Registration Due

Here's what's new for the Believers In Christ (B.I.C.) senior high youth group in January:

Youth Committee will meet January 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Emmaus youth planning to attend the Lutheran Youth Event (LYE) Chicago Congress March 15-17 need to pre-register by January 14.

There is a \$30.00 deposit due at pre-registration.

Sub Construction

It's time again for the annual construction of the submarines! We'll be gathering at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 to put together the Superbowl Submarine Sandwiches.

KFC Nuggets

Middle School Youth Reserve Peppermint Gym

On Sunday, January 14, we have reserved the Peppermint Gym, 2501 Golf Avenue, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00 per person for gym use (\$3.00 if you are a member of Peppermint Gym), plus approximately \$2.00 per person for Infusino's pizza afterward.

Have your folks drop you off at

Peppermint Gym at 2:00 p.m. and pick you up at church around 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

P.S.: We will need parents to transport the kids from the gym to church at 3:00 p.m. If you can help, call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

Sunday School Sentinel



Emmaus Lutheran Church
January, 1996

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers!

A very big thanks to Cathy Meyer for the great job she did with our Sunday School Christmas program. Many people do not realize how hard Cathy works to make our program a success. Another job well done, Mrs. Meyer!

Also thank-you to our Sunday School staff and students. Without all of your cooperation and hard work, we could not have given our gift to our Emmaus family.

We had a wonderful Birthday Party for Jesus and we thank the Congregational Life Committee for all of their help. A big thank-you to O&H Bakery, which donated the wonderful cake.

Holiday Greetings

Grace and I hope that your holiday season was filled with joy, love and laughter. We hope that you and your families have found renewed peace.



-- Karen Olson &
Grace Falaschi,
Co-Superintendents

Thank You, Chester!

Chester Meyer has been more than generous with his woodworking and handyman talents during the last several months. We thank Chester for his fine work in completing several major projects around the church. He has built shelves in the storage area off Fellowship Hall where the supplies for R.E.S.T. are kept. He installed additional shelves in the choir robe

storage area for the purpose of storing music.

Two very time-consuming projects have also been completed in the balcony area: designing and installing the iron gates and extending part of the floor area so that the piano could be moved. Chester was not without help; Mabel and Cathy served as his consultants and assistants.

WELCA Bulletins

1996 Officers Installed at Christmas Meeting

by Kathy Cook

Thanks to all who attended our Christmas meeting on December 5. Following our cookie packing, Nancy Martinsen gave devotions and we were then treated to wonderful music from Jim and Alyssa Yorgan and Becky Fiebig. Following a brief business meeting, we had the installation of the WELCA Board for 1996.

The new co-presidents for 1996 will be Margaret Christensen and Mildred Schroth. Ruth Hlavka will continue as secretary, and Jan Svendsen will continue as treasurer. Linda Meteyard and Diane Haug will serve as Mission/Growth; Marge Jensen will serve as Mission/Action; and Betty Barth and Kathy Cook will serve as Mission/Community.

Special thanks go to Karen Nelson for the Christmas WELCA poster; to Jim & Alyssa Yorgan, Becky Fiebig and Amy Larsen for sharing their musical talents; to our hostesses, the Miriam and Martha-Mary Circles; and to Nancy Martinsen for devotions

and presiding over the Installation.

Thanks from Rev. Carter

In November, the WELCA Board received a lovely thank-you card from Rev. Norma Carter:

"Thank you so much for not only thinking of our Adopt-a-Neighborhood Program, but for sending us your contribution of \$25.00. I personally added two dollars to it and was able to purchase two "share" food units for November distribution. Each food unit will consist of a roasting chicken, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, canned cranberries, frozen corn and frozen beans, brown & serve rolls, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, pumpkin pie and much more. Two families will be helped by your gift. May God bless you."

Convention Reminder

Ladies: Think about attending the triennial '96 convention in Minneapolis July 11-14!

December Council Highlights

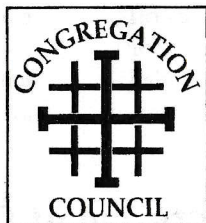
Thermostat Upgrade Approved

by Kathy Christensen

With Amy Larsen beginning the duties of Treasurer, Pastor Paul has spent considerable time working with her as well as on the computerized process for itemizing budget expenses and bill paying. The long-term benefit of this is that in the future we will have a standardized process which can more easily be passed on to future treasurers.

January 20 is the date for the Youth Leadership Training event being planned at Emmaus. Pastor Paul Hill from Wartburg Seminary will lead this event. Several other churches have asked to share this experience with us. Emmaus members who are interested are encouraged to attend. Contact Pastor Paul for information.

A directory board and signs for the rooms are being ordered by Chris



Hansen. A motion was passed to use up to \$300 from undesignated memorial funds to pay for the signs. The Deacons Committee will decide which signs to order. Building and Grounds Committee reported that our thermostats need to be upgraded to continue to save on energy costs. A timer would cost approximately \$1,125. A recommendation was approved to authorize \$2,600 from the Binder Capital Funds memorial monies for this purpose.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 21 between services. Sunday School teachers will be given the option of holding their classes that day or having another activity provided so that they are able to attend the meeting.

The budget hearing will be Sunday, January 14, during the Adult Forum.

Financial Picture for 1995 Appears Positive

As this *Visitor* goes to press in the last week of 1995, we hope to have made it through the entire year having met all our financial commitments, including Benevolence, without borrowing from any other sources of income! We have taken a tremendous step forward after two years of substantial shortfall in which we relied on undesignated memorials to get us through, and in which we came up short in our benevolence gifts to the

wider church mission.

The turn-around began more than a year ago, with a tremendous response to last year's pledge campaign. And, with just a few weeks to go on the year, members were actually ahead on meeting those pledges! Overall, we expect to have some good financial news to share with you at this month's annual meeting. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Glenn Olson

The center opens at 10:00 a.m.

with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

Program for January:



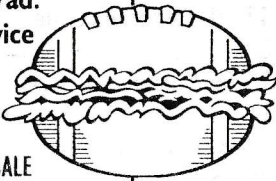
- JAN. 2 Enjoy an extended New Year celebration. Center will not meet today.
- JAN. 9 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Other Religions of the World: discussion of an article in The Lutheran magazine
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities & Games
- JAN. 16 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Cards and other games
 11:45 Devotions
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Speaker from Unified School District #1
- JAN. 23 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Speaker from Racine Sheriff Department: "Scams and the Elderly"
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities & Games
- JAN. 30 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 VCR: "Australia and South Pacific Islands" (Thanks to Lee and Millie)
 12:00 Birthday Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities...Did anyone get any new games for Christmas? Let's try them!

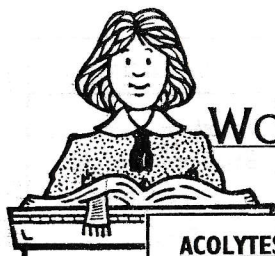
January Birthdays - 70 Years and Over

1/7	Harold Miller	2705 James Boulevard	53403
1/10	J. Erik Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402
1/11	Oscar Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
1/20	Vivian Gattie	P.O. Box 221, Ellison Bay, WI	54210
1/24	Ella Marie Allen	4314 Taylor Avenue	53405
1/26	Beulah Orman	Oak Ridge	53182
1/28	Esther Reichenberger	2035 Carlisle Avenue	53404
1/29	Jeannette Bertram	1830 Polaris Avenue	53404
1/30	Arden Bertermann	1100 Fountain Drive #303	53402
1/30	Grace Unger	2015 Prospect Avenue	53404



for Seniors

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																	
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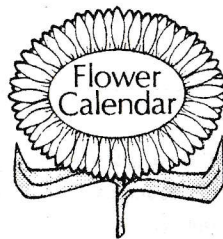
	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS
Jan. 6 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen Marge Jensen			
Jan. 7 8:00 am		Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #5 E. Potterville	Brenda Gieszler	John & Kathy Cook
Jan. 7 10:30 am		Nancy Martinsen Anne Felton	Team #10 Bob Christensen	Myra Nielsen	Al & June Beck
Jan. 14 8:00 am			Team #7 John Cook	Sandy Strini	Bill & Lyle Christensen
Jan. 14 10:30 am			Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Chris Lamberton	Sandy & Chad Strini
Jan. 20 5:00 pm		Marian Andersen Marge Zielke			
Jan. 21 8:00 am		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Hans Jepsen	Peter & Susan Bayer
Jan. 21 10:30 am		Ginny Dougall Mildred Schroth	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Ginny Dougall	Tim Van Berg Hans Hill
Jan. 28 8:00 am			Team #3 Harold Miller	Bev Hansen	Isabelle Barry Ruth Estep
Jan. 28 10:30 am			Team #6 Howard Jensen	Maury Felton	Jim & Nancy Martinsen

Altar Flowers

Jan. 7: Gil Toslek
 Jan. 14: Joy Kousek
 Jan. 21: TBA
 Jan. 28: TBA
 Feb. 4: Mae Henke & Marian Bower

Coffee Fellowship

TBA
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The Altar flower chart is posted on the bulletin board near the church offices. While we have people signed up for most Sundays in 1996, there are still a few Sundays in January through May, plus July and October available. The cost of altar flowers is \$15.

Sunset Room ADULT FORUM 9:20 a.m.

Sessions of Adult Forum are held every Sunday when there is Sunday School, from 9:20 to 10:10 a.m. EVERY ADULT IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. The sessions follow the coffee fellowship in the Sunset Room.

- JAN. 7 Speaker to be announced
- JAN. 14 **Hearing on the 1995 Budget.** Members of the Executive Committee of the Church Council will lead the discussion of the budget. Your input is valued!
- JAN. 21 **No Adult Forum; Annual Meeting of the Congregation in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.**
- JAN. 28 Speaker to be announced.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1993: 184	1994: 204	1995: 192
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	1993: 180	1994: 248	
Thanksgiving Eve service:	1993: 103	1994: 109	1995: 107
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. service:	1993: 192	1994: 227	1995: 214
Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service:	1993: 146	1994: 165	1995: 127



Financial Statistics

Offerings received in November:	\$16,468.50
Needed monthly for 1995 budget:	\$17,801.59
Total received as of 11/26/1995:	\$180,073.52
Total budgeted as of 11/26/1995:	\$193,078.82

Thank You for Helping Retire the Debt!

Three Emmaus Households adopted December 31 as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

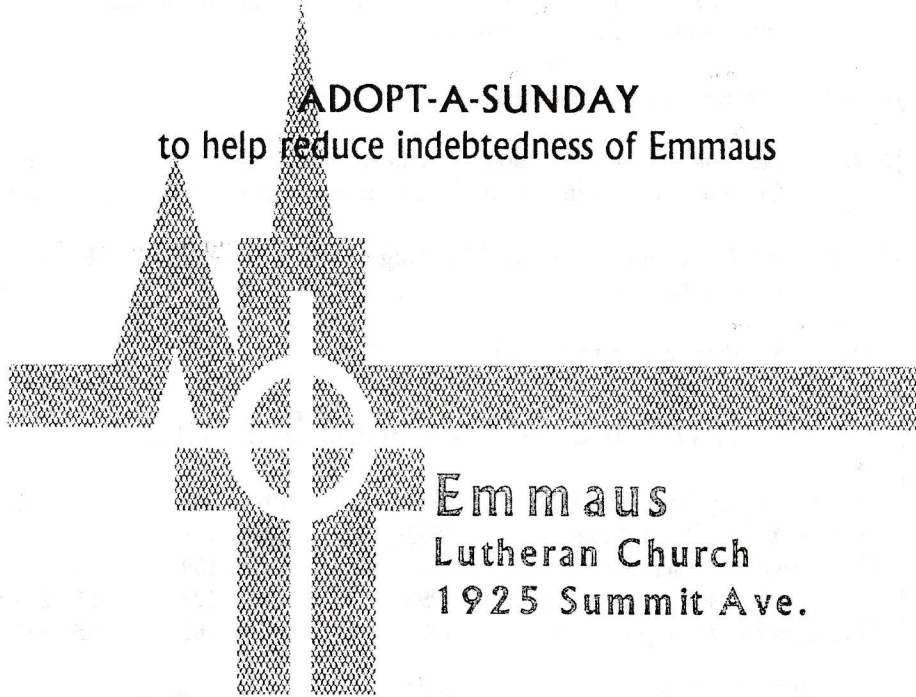
Bob & Margaret Christensen, in thankfulness for all of God's blessings;

Jim & Nancy Martinsen, in honor of their children; and

Chester & Mabel Meyer, in thanks for God's blessings.

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

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

Sunday to adopt: _____
 (date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

**Northside Food Pantry Distributes 45-50
Thanksgiving Turkeys**

The Northside Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street, reports that they had served 431 people in the month of November. Pantry Coordinator Mary Haas estimates that they gave out 45-50 turkeys for Thanksgiving. The pantry received \$258.08 in the month of November and spent \$810.80; their checkbook balance at the end of the month was \$1,081.14.

A concern at all of the food pantries is the end of General Assistance at the close of 1995. Well over 3,500 people were served in 1995

at the Northside Food Pantry, and 1996 is expected to be a record-breaking year for assistance requests.

Some suggested items for food pantry donations include canned tuna, tuna helper, pancake mix, syrup, jam or jelly, breakfast snacks, powdered milk, pasta, rice, and soup. Emmaus members can donate non-perishable items by leaving them in the shopping cart in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or you can include a monetary offering designated for the food pantry for the purchase of perishable items.

Letters

Thank You for Your Prayers

Dear friends,

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who expressed your love and concern prior to and following the "manipulation" of my frozen shoulder last month. The gift of your prayers and your words of concern mean a great deal to me. I'm happy to report that all is going well and that I'm almost at the end of my round of physical therapy sessions.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mary

**Lutheran Brotherhood
Matches VBS Funds**

Dear friends,

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers involved in the Æbelskiver



brunch, which raised \$900 for Vacation Bible School camperships. Lutheran Brotherhood matched an additional \$450 for a total of \$1,350. For all those who supported the event, thank you!

Cheryl Dexter,
 Your Lutheran Brotherhood
 Fraternal Communicator

Youth Ministry Training Workshop

featuring **Rev. Paul Hill,**
Center for Youth Ministries

- When:** January 20, 1996, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Where:** Emmaus Lutheran Church, Racine, WI
- Who:** All adults and youth interested in helping to lead youth ministry (including prospective leaders interested in exploring the possibilities)
- Cost:** Free for Members of Emmaus
- What:** Motivate and train volunteers
- ▶ **Improve or develop** your youth program
 - ▶ **Discover** the joy of working with youth
 - ▶ **Grow in confidence** in youth ministry

"We need a tidal wave of caring adults to work with youth... we'll help you surf the wave!"

Any Questions? Contact Chris Olson or Pastor Paul

1996 Offering Envelopes Feature New Format

Please note the new format for your 1996 offering envelopes. This year, for your convenience, we have added places to designate all your different types of offering in three basic categories.

"General Fund" designates your regular weekly offering toward current operating expenses, as in previous years. But new this year is a line for "Building Fund," for those times you give to Adopt-a-Sunday or other donations toward the mortgage. Some of you also make regular gifts to the Building Fund, which you can now do in the same envelope.

The third category is simply "Special," which is meant to cover

other kinds of special donations -- for example, altar flowers, VBS camperships, Wish List items, etc. There is a space after it for you to specify what your special gift is for.

Part of the convenience is for you to put all your offerings in one envelope, or even all on one check. But -- and this is **very important** -- **you need to record the "breakdown" of your offering on the spaces provided on the envelope.** Otherwise, your entire gift will be credited to the General Fund.

We hope this new format is of help to you. Your feedback is welcome.

Radio Program Featuring Andersons Rescheduled

by Esther Jensen

"Rescued by the Hand of God," the story of the rescue of Dave and Barb Anderson and their missionary group, Lutheran Evangelistic Singers, after their plane crashed in the Bering Sea, will be broadcast on



Barb & Dave Anderson

January 12 at 7:30 p.m. This episode of "Focus on the Family" was pre-empted on its originally scheduled broadcast date in November. It's a story of God's amazing power you won't want to miss!

"Focus on the Family" is carried locally on radio station WVCY, FM 107.7.

Donations Sought Toward Computer Purchase

by Esther Jensen

Dr. Katakshamma Paul Raj has a brother Jayakumar Benjamin, a High School Master, who needs a computer for his better students. His son teaches

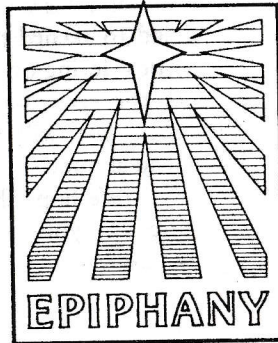
computer. Katakshamma writes, "The computer project is very helpful for our young people to get a job. A donation would be very much appreciated."

Elsewhere In Our Community

Epiphany Fest Theme Is "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

"Sometimes a Light Surprises" will be the theme of the upcoming Epiphany Festival, to be held January 21, 1996. The Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, will once again be the setting for this annual event.

Refreshments and fellowship will begin at 1:30 p.m., with the Epiphany program to be held at 3:00 p.m. During the fellowship time, there will be booths for interactive craft sessions for all ages. These are simple crafts that anyone can make and are provided free



Juan Williams to Speak on Civil Rights Movement

To commemorate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Juan Williams, political journalist and author of *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*, (companion book to the PBS series) will speak on Dr. King and his impact on the civil rights movement, 7:00 p.m. on January 10 at Racine's Golden Rondelle Theatre, 14th Street at Howe Street.

For sixteen years, Mr. Williams has been with the *Washington Post* as an editorial writer, columnist and White House correspondent. He is a regular panelist on CNN's "Capital Gang Sunday," and a guest commentator for

of charge by member congregations.

You are invited to join the mass choir, directed this year by Cheryl Neff-Lorenz, the director of Good Shepherd Lutheran's adult choir. The choir will rehearse on the afternoon of the program at 1:00. Also planned are a mass children's choir and a signing choir.

The Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA is looking forward to participation and attendance from all congregations. This event has proven to be a wonderful time for fun and fellowship among the Racine Mission Cluster, as well as the public. So, if you haven't had the opportunity to attend in the past, please join us, bring a friend, and we will guarantee the Light will surprise you!

National Public Radio, PBS's "Newshour with Jim Lehrer", CNN's "Crossfire," and ABC's "Nightline."

Following Mr. Williams' presentation, members of the Greater Mount Eagle Combined Choir will perform.

The program is co-sponsored by S. C. Johnson Wax, Heritage Bank and Trust, TCI of Racine, *the Journal Times*, *the Milwaukee Times*, WGTD, WRJN, WJJA, Midwest Express Airlines, the Racine Education Council, and the local branches of the NAACP and the Urban League. For reservations, call 631-2154. Admission is free.

Pastor Mary's Page

Exercise, Anyone?

It was stuck, moving less and less as time went on.

It had been made to move freely, and yet when it didn't, the pain set in. I don't know how it happened; I think it must have been gradually. At first, I tried to ignore it. Maybe it would go away. But when "over-the-counter" medication couldn't mask the pain any longer, I finally made my first move and called the doctor. The diagnosis: adhesive capsulitis ("frozen shoulder" in lay terms).



What could be done? The adhesions could be "broken lose" under an anesthetic and that would be followed by physical therapy. I knew it was time, so I said "yes" to the possibility. The procedure was successfully completed, and I have since been going through the rigors of physical therapy.

I've been so aware in the past weeks of the necessity of activity and movement for my shoulder - to retain the movement that's been restored and also to reach and to stretch even further as I continue exercising.

That's how it is with our spiritual lives as well. Movement and activity keep us from "freezing up" and from atrophy. Without that spiritual activity, a dis-ease sets in. Maybe we can't quite put our finger on it or

diagnose the problem. But it's there.

When that daily "exercise time" of prayer, devotional reading, reflection and meditation gets short-changed, that is an invitation to do "dis-ease." When regular worship is replaced with "family time" or "personal time" or an extra couple of hours to sleep, "dis-ease" sets in. It may not be apparent at first. It's so easy to find excuses not to exercise (I know - I'm an excuse expert!), whether it be physically or spiritually. Most often the excuse is lack of time. But now is the time to get "unstuck."

As the new year begins, it is my prayer that all of us step back and re-evaluate how we use our time. In addition to the need to be fed, we also have a need to be broken loose and challenged and stretched. We need to address the dis-ease in each of our lives as we worship and study and pray together. I invite you to join me in a commitment for the new year - a commitment to be spiritually active, both at Emmaus and in our personal lives. We need to exercise for our own health and well-being! Let's shelve the excuses and get ready to flex those muscles!

Blessings for the new year!

Pastor Mary

Prayer for the New Year



Now that the mad rush is over,
O center of stillness and peace:
Now that the needles are falling from the tree,
We thank you that you are still God-with-us.
As we face the year ahead,
Help us to accept the difficult parts of our lives;
Help us to make the changes we must make;
Bring us to new places of openness and love toward you and the people around us;
Help us to overcome the fears which keep us from fullness of life.
As the frigid days of January and February draw near
Help us to keep warm places alive within us,
Where in secret

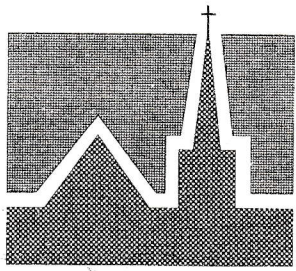


The bulbs of springtime tulips are nurtured.
As we face the year ahead,
We thank you for one another
And for your grace in Jesus Christ.
Help us individually and as a congregation
to be signs of your compassion,
Hope, joy, and unity
In this world you love in Jesus
Our Christ. Amen.

--Ruth C. Duck

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Lenten Alternatives Offered

Wednesday Services Focus on Kids

To provide opportunities for all ages and to give choice of format and time of day for midweek Lenten worship, some changes have been made in our midweek services.

As has been the case during the past several years, Tuesday noon is a time when other members and friends of Emmaus can join the seniors for a time of meditation and worship. Following an 11:30 lunch in Fellowship Hall (*everyone* is invited -- to reserve a place, let the church office know by Monday morning), the worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 12:00 noon. The Tuesday services, led by our pastors, will be offered Feb. 27, March 5, 12, 19, & 26.

The Wednesday night worship time and format changes this year.

Services, to be held in the Sunset Room, will begin at 6:40 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. The meditations, "Silent Witnesses," will take the format of a children's sermon with objects (nails, the crown of thorns, etc.) from the

passion story being used. Preceding the worship time, supper will be served in Fellowship Hall and a Hands-On Science time for all ages (including adults) will be offered by Carol Rudey from 6:00 to

6:35 p.m.

Traditional Lenten services will be offered at noon and 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.

Join us for fellowship and worship during this special time of the church year.

Children-Friendly Worship Services



MEMORIALS

Non-Designated Memorials:

In memory of Rosalind Lombardo: \$25.00

Designated Memorials: Choir Music & Flower Garden:

In memory of Richard Carrington & Irene Carrington: \$200.00

Transferred from Non-Designated Mem. to Designated for Kitchen Renovation:

In memory of Shirley Psiones: \$2,500

Annual Congregational Meeting

First Communion Policy Adopted

At its January 21 annual meeting, the congregation adopted the following resolution:

Admission to the Sacrament of Holy Communion is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized.

This resolution uses the precise wording of the ELCA's first draft of a statement on sacramental practice. In so doing, Emmaus becomes a forerunner in the direction the wider church is taking in opening communion to all baptized people.

In practice, younger children of Emmaus will begin communing by decision of each child's parents in consultation with the pastors. We would like to continue making first communion a special event by planning special days throughout the year. The next such day will be May 5.

In the meantime, the pastors and Worship and Music Committee will continue to work out details of pre-instruction and consultation. If you are interested in exploring first communion for your child(ren),



contact one of the pastors.

Council Slate Elected

In other action, the congregation elected the following slate to serve on the church council:

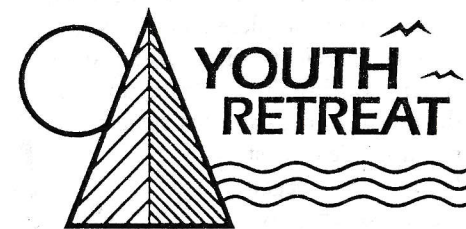
Cathy Knuteson, President
Lyle Zielke, Vice President
Irene Pechman, Secretary
Amy Larsen, Treasurer
Tim Van Berg, Financial Secretary
Carol Yust, Deacons
Peter Bayer, Stewardship
Cheryl Dexter, WELCA
Kathy Christensen, Worship & Music
Chris Olson, Youth Ministry.

At press time, four vacancies remain on the council, for the Congregational Life, Building & Grounds, Social Concerns, and Parish Education committees.

February 22-23

Confirmation Retreat Set for 6th & 7th Graders

As a part of the confirmation requirement, all sixth and seventh graders are scheduled for a special retreat at Lutherdale Bible Camp on Thursday evening, Feb. 22 and Friday, Feb. 23. Pastor Mary will lead the 6th graders in their sessions on prayer and Pastor Paul will lead the 7th grade sessions on Baptism.



Slidding and other free time activities will be scheduled during free time. Please note these important details:

What: Confirmation retreat at Lutherdale
Who: ALL 6th and 7th graders
Cost: \$15.00, due Feb. 15; check payable to Lutherdale
Dates: February 22-23; leave church at 5:30 Thursday

Questions? Please contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Mary for further details.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Church Council President: Randy Sanders Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
Senior Fellowship Director: Glenn Olson Youth Choirs Director: Cathy Meyer
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr
CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

Ash Wednesday services will be held at noon and 7:00 p.m. February 21. Lenten midweek services will be offered Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. beginning February 27.

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

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Second Phase of Thermostat Upgrade Completed

When the church building addition was completed ten years ago, a new, efficient three-stage boiler system was installed. Unfortunately, the means to regulate that system was not upgraded. Last January, we began work to improve our ability to regulate that system and to make best use of its efficiency.

A "smart box" and timer unit was installed to more finely run the boilers themselves; a set-back thermostat was installed in the Fellowship Hall (which has its own pump); the sanctuary blowers were reconditioned; and the pneumatic thermostat system for the old part of the building was made to function once again, after sitting idle for several years. The parsonage furnace was also



replaced. All this was done with a special loan from the gas company that costs us \$1,500 per year for five years.

How did we do? **In this first year, we saved \$1,050 in gas bills!**

This January, we continued the work with continued upgrades of the pneumatic thermostat system, putting it on a timer and replacing six of the 40-year-old thermostats in crucial places. Council decided that spending \$2,500 of the Evelyn Binder capital improvements fund is a good investment toward the continued lowering of our gas bills -- and better stewardship of our resources.

Still on the Wish List are further replacement thermostats in the old part of the building and set-back thermostats in the addition.

Adult Forum Task Force to Meet February 12

A task force is being formed with the goal of scheduling Adult Forums (held during the Sunday School hour) three months at a time. The first meeting of the task force will be on Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m., to schedule forums for March through May.

The Forum is an arena for members of Emmaus to be engaged in

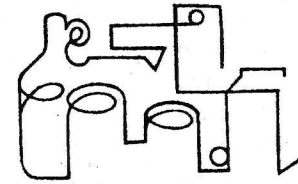
their faith with issues that relate to our community and church life. If you have suggestions for speakers that you would find interesting, or if you yourself have something you would like to present, contact Pastor Paul.

Pastor Paul is also accepting volunteers for the task force. It is a one-time commitment for this February 12 meeting.

Food Pantry Seeks Support

The Northside Food Pantry, supported by Emmaus and other area churches, has noted a *sharp* increase in requests for food since General Assistance was eliminated on January 1. Non-perishable food items contributed to the pantry are needed and appreciated now more than ever. Monetary contributions (make check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Northside Pantry" on the memo line) are always

welcome for the purchase of perishable goods.



Food Shelf

Additional volunteers willing to assist at the pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church on Erie Street on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons should contact Margaret Christensen (681-0128).

Do you remember the words of Matthew 25? As we read those words of Jesus, let us never forget our call as Christians in the world!

Sound System Is Upgraded and Repaired

Malfunctions in the wireless microphone system, the balcony microphone and connections for the pulpit mic led to an assessment of immediate needs in our sound system. Memorial monies by Aage Jensen's family for the sound system were

supplemented by undesignated memorials to correct the existing problems. With the exception of the repair of the original wireless receiver, all of the work was completed in January.

Mitchell Students to Perform at Emmaus

On Sunday, February 11, we will be privileged to have the Mitchell Middle School Symphonic Strings participate in our 10:30 worship service. Jennifer Olson, daughter of Chris and Karen



Olson, is a member of this group of talented musicians who are preparing for a trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where they will participate in a music contest for middle and high school students. A free-will offering will be taken to help with expenses for their trip.

Sound System Repairs Approved

by Kathy Christensen

The good news for 1995 is that we were able to pay all of our bills in a timely manner and we met the budgeted amount of our benevolences -- \$11,280.13 for the Milwaukee Synod and \$3,760.05 to Lutheran Social Services, for a total of \$15,040.18.

Repairs are needed to the sound system. A motion was approved to give the Music and Worship Committee permission to spend no more than \$1,000 for necessary repairs.

The Youth Ministry Committee asked that the youth be allowed to use the large room above the Sunset Room for their gatherings. That was the original intention for that room when the addition was built. The youth will

also have a bulletin board for their announcements at the east side of the front entrance.

The council reviewed a proposed budget and agreed to accept a budget at a total of \$218,204, which includes a 3% payroll increase across the board for all staff. This budget will be presented at a budget hearing on January 14 and at the annual meeting on January 21 for congregational approval.

The Nursery Committee has presented a list of improvements that they feel are needed in the nursery. Before professional people are hired, Emmaus members will look at the room to evaluate necessary repairs and to make recommendations.

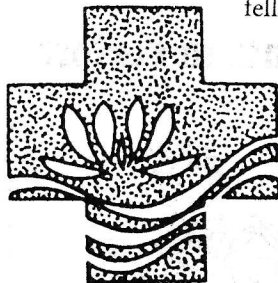
WELCA Bulletins

Women to Hold Lenten Breakfast, Retreat

by Margaret Christensen

Women of Emmaus: Mark your calendars for March 9. We will be having a Lenten breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

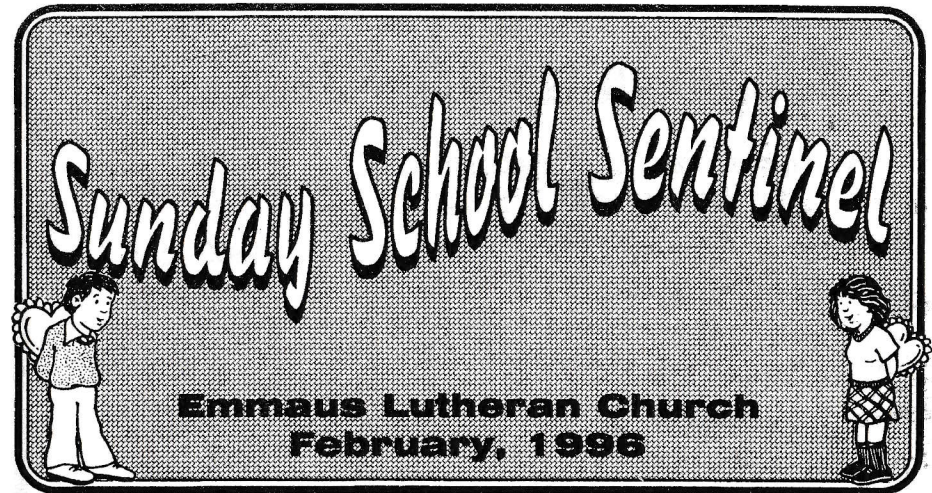
Our annual Women's Retreat will be at Siena Center April 26-27. It starts on Friday evening with a social time and snacks, followed by large and small group sessions centered around the theme of Prayer. It closes on Saturday about



3:00 p.m. It is a time of inspiration, fellowship and fun. It is also possible to attend on Saturday only.

Dexter to Serve

We inadvertently left out the name of one of our new officers for 1996 from the January Visitor. Cheryl Dexter will be our new Vice President of WELCA. She will also be the WELCA representative on the church council. She was elected for a two year term. Thanks, Cheryl!



Lenten Stamp Contest

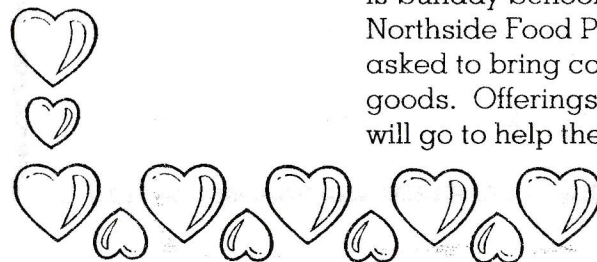


The Lenten stamp contest begins Sunday, February 25, for Sunday School children. Undamaged, cancelled stamps, trimmed with a 1/4" edge or on the existing envelope will be accepted this year. Each age group will be competing to see how many stamps they can turn in--be sure to count your stamps before you turn yours in.



Age groups will be 3-year-olds through Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and Grade 7 to Senior High. Stamps must be brought in by Sunday, March 31.

Northside Pantry



The second Sunday of the month is Sunday School's chance to help the Northside Food Pantry. Students are asked to bring canned or non-perishable goods. Offerings received that Sunday will go to help the Northside Food Pantry.

-- Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi, Co-Superintendents

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 21 (Holy Communion) . .	12:00 noon &
Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 27	12:00 noon
* Wednesday, February 28	6:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5	12:00 noon
* Wednesday, March 6	6:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12	12:00 noon
* Wednesday, March 13	6:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 noon
* Wednesday, March 20	6:40 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26	12:00 noon
* Wednesday, March 27	6:40 p.m.
Thursday, April 4 (Holy Communion)	12:00 noon &
Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 5	12:00 noon &
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 7 (Holy Communion)	7:00 a.m. &
Easter Sunday	10:00 a.m.

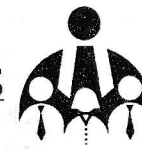
- * Full schedule for Wednesdays, Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27:
- 5:00 - 6:15: Supper (see menu and costs)
 - 5:30 p.m.: Sunrise Singers
 - 6:00 p.m.: Hands-on Science for kids and adults - Fellowship Hall
 - 6:40 p.m.: "Kid-friendly" worship time - Sunset Room
 - 7:00 p.m.: Adult Choir

Wednesday night suppers (if possible, please sign up by Tuesday a.m. to help our planning):

- Cost: Adults, \$2.00; Kids, \$1.00
- Feb. 28: Sloppy joes, chips, pickles, dessert
- Mar. 6: Soup supper
- Mar. 13: Chili
- Mar. 20: Deli night -- make your own sandwiches
- Mar. 27: Hot beef



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Feb. 3 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Feb. 4 8:00 am	Eric Larsen Jon Cook	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #5 E. Potterville	Eileen Olson	Grace & Mark Falaschi
Feb. 4 10:30 am	Christina Listrom Kristin Andersen	Connie Bertermann Jeannette Bertram	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Heidi Van Nice	Lucille Atkinson Edith Bohn
Feb. 11 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai		Team #7 John Cook	Ruth Hlavka	Barb & Randy Sanders
Feb. 11 10:30 am	Sam Falaschi Eric Moore		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Mildred Schroth	Denise & Jerry Pipol
Feb. 17 5:00 pm		Boots LeRoux Marg. Christensen			
Feb. 18 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Ryan Kreimer	Linda Meteyard Helen Mickelson	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Betty Barth	Gene & Doris Potterville
Feb. 18 10:30 am	Ken Larsen Justin Svoboda	Nancy Martinsen Anne Felton	Team #2 Lyle Christensen	Anne Felton	Jim & Nancy Martinsen
Feb. 21 7:00 pm	Ryan Clinton Derek Haug	Sandy Strini Kim Battisti	Team #3 Harold Miller		
Feb. 25 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Becky Fiebig		Youth Service	Hans Jepsen	Julia Durand David Smith
Feb. 25 10:30 am	Scott Rudey Tom Pie		Youth Service	Cathy Andersen	Jim & Ginny Dougall


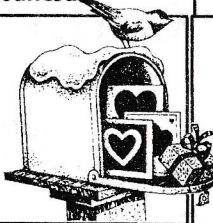
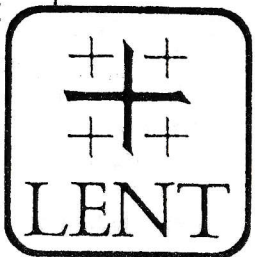

Altar Flowers

- Feb. 4: Mae Henke & Marian Bower
- Feb. 11: Jim & Joan Larsen
- Feb. 18: Available
- Feb. 25: Judy Yorgan
- Mar. 3: Boots LeRoux

Coffee Fellowship

- Pat Jensen
- TBA
- TBA
- TBA
- TBA

February Candle Care: Mildred Schroth

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>February, 1996 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue, Racine, WI 53404 ☎ 414 634-5515</p>			 <p>AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</p>		<p>1 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's 7:00 pm Stamp Club</p>	<p>2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i> 6:30 pm REST</p>	<p>3 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>4 <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICES with Holy Communion 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 7:00 pm Youth Cluster meeting, Bethania Luth.</p>	<p>5 3:30 pm Hymn Selection Cmte. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee</p>	<p>6 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>7 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Mary L.'s 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 5:30 pm Sunrise Singers practice 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Cmte. 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Racine Mission Cluster Annual Assembly, Luth. Church of the Redeemer</p>	<p>9 6:30 pm REST</p>	<p>10 5:00 pm Worship service</p>	
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<p>25 <i>1st Sunday in Lent, Youth Sunday</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am SERVICE OF THE WORD 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 11:30 am Seniors lunch 12:00noon Lenten Worship Service 5:00 pm TOPS</p>	<p>28 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities, Lent schedule 6:40 pm Lenten Worship Service</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>Wednesday Night Activities Resume Feb. 28 5:00-6:15 pm Supper 5:30-6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice 6:00-6:30 pm Hands-On Science for kids and adults of all ages 6:40-7:00 pm "Kid-friendly" worship time, Sunset Room 7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir practice</p>		

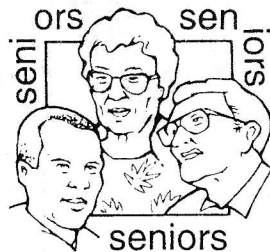
EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Glenn Olson

The center opens at 10:00 a.m.

with coffee. Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.



Program for February:

- Feb. 6 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 VCR: "The African Queen"
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities
- Feb. 13 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 VCR: Conclusion of "The African Queen"
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities
- Feb. 20 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 Religions of the World Discussion: Hinduism
 12:00 Regular Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities
- Feb. 27 10:00 Coffee
 10:30 VCR: American Heroes
 12:00 Birthday Lunch
 1:00 Social Activities

Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

Feb. 1	Kathryn Thorsen	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402
Feb. 3	Keith Protheroe	1831 Geneva Street	53402
Feb. 4	Dan Bertram	1830 Polaris Drive	53404
Feb. 14	Bernice Holding	9824 4 Mile Road, Franksville	53126
Feb. 20	John Demant	14321 56th Road, Sturtevant	53177
Feb. 21	Beulah Tretow	3654 S. 51st St., Franksville	53126
Feb. 27	Harvey Thorsen	3900 N. Main St. #222	53402



ELCA Domestic DISASTER Response

MID-ATLANTIC STATES FACE FLOOD- ING DISASTER: ELCA RESPONDS

Disaster Update
 January 24, 1996

agency will coordinate Lutheran relief efforts.

- Thousands of people remain homeless in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia!
- People need assistance in rebuilding homes, communities, jobs!
- Many afflicted people are members of ELCA congregations!

Your contributions to the **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response** (designated for "Floods") will help provide flood relief in these and other areas affected by winter and spring floods.

Because we need to continue our rehabilitation work in the U.S. Virgin Islands and other domestic disaster areas, gifts designated to "where most needed" will also be much appreciated. Such gifts will also enable us to respond immediately to a new disaster. 100% of your gift will be used for giving relief.

You may contribute through your congregation or send to the **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764.**

The ELCA is responding to the devastation of mid-Atlantic floods through the **ELCA Domestic Disaster Response**. The ELCA and the Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response (jointly supported by ELCA and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) have already provided emergency financial aid through some synods.

Tressler Lutheran Services (a social ministry organization of the ELCA) will be the agency managing the disaster response on behalf of the Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response. The Rev. Craig Staller of the Tressler

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

**In times of disaster
THE ELCA IS THERE**

KFC Nuggets

Middle School Youth to Skate at Pettit Center

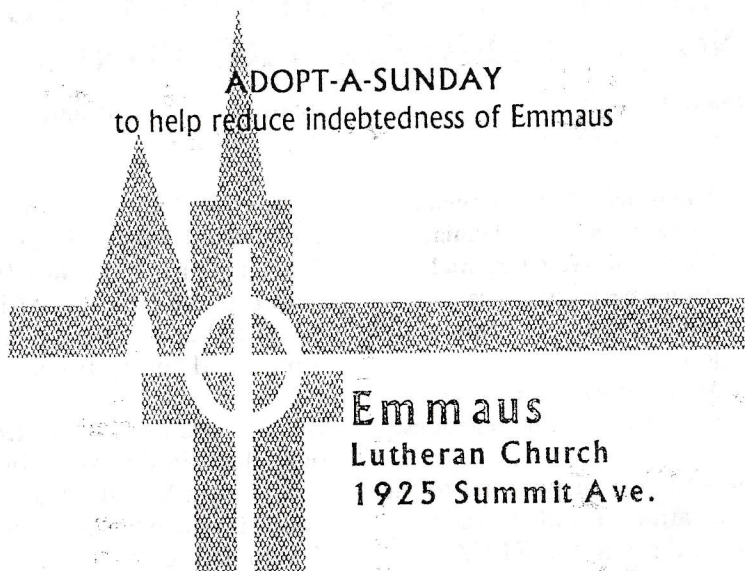
Middle School Youth! Join us Sunday, February 11 for a skating party at the Pettit Ice Center. We will leave right after second service and eat at McDonald's on the way. We should return around 4:00 p.m. Bring \$4.00 for

skating fees, \$2.00 for skate rental, and money for lunch and sodas.

Questions? Call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

P.S.: We need drivers!

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

You Thought You Could Never Be an Evangelist?

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." --1 Peter 3:15

How to live and share Christ's love is an area where every one of us can grow. All Emmaus members are extended an invitation to be a part of an outstanding course that will focus on an approach to outreach that models the caring attention of our Lord himself. Caring and faith sharing skills that are emphasized in the eight-session course, "Caring Evangelism," are praying, building relationship, listening, empathy, holistic care, witnessing and inviting.

Emmaus, along with five other ELCA congregations in Racine, will be offering the course cooperatively. Pastor Mary will be one of the teacher/presenters. "Caring Evangelism" communicates, through

word and deed, the Good News about Jesus Christ to Christians and non-Christians alike. The course will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Communion Lutheran Church beginning March 19.



Evangelism Series

For more information, contact Pastor Mary or

Carol Yust, chairperson of the Deacons' Committee (681-1225). This is a perfect opportunity to grow in your faith and at the same time to be a part of growing the church.

Racine Cluster Assembly to Meet Feb. 8

The annual assembly of the Racine Mission Cluster of the ELCA will convene at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 7:00 p.m. Thurs., February 8. Items on the agenda are expected to include the election of a female delegate to the Synod Council,

and the election of Racine Mission Cluster Council officers for 1996. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer is located at the corner of Gilson and Drexel Avenues, just south of Mitchell School.

Puppeteers to Perform

On Wednesday, March 20, The Sunshine Puppeteers will perform at Emmaus in place of Hands-On Science. The members of Sunshine

Puppeteers are from the High School youth group at Evangelical United Methodist Church of Racine.

All kids and adults are invited.

Women Plan Bake Sale February 11

The women of Emmaus will sponsor a bake sale after both services on Sunday, February 11. Also on sale will be Emmaus sweatshirts (size XL) at the reduced price of \$15.00. Proceeds will go to benefit the

scholarship fund for women.

Those women who would like to donate baked goods may bring them the morning of Feb. 11, packaged and ready for sale. For further details, please contact Betty Barth (639-7894).

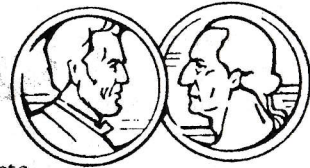
Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average weekly attendance, Dec.:	1993: 180	1994: 248	1995: 177
Average weekly attendance, Jan.:	1994: 184	1995: 184	1996: 168

Financial Statistics

Offerings received in December:	\$24,735.85
Total General Fund receipts in 1995:	\$205,156.05*
Total budgeted in 1995:	\$218,293.62

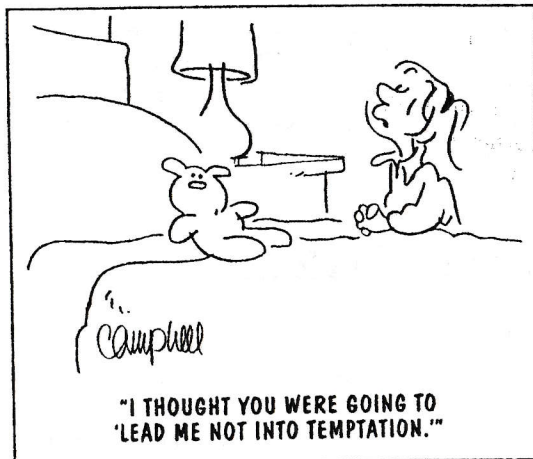
*Figure does not include Building Fund, memorials, etc.



Offering Envelopes to Be Delivered

Several boxes of offering envelopes remain in the narthex waiting for Emmaus members to pick them up. Those who have not picked up offering

envelopes for 1996 are asked to contact the church office (634-5515) to have their offering boxes mailed or delivered by the pastors.



Council Retreat Scheduled Feb. 17

Church Council members will meet at the Siena Center on Saturday, February 17. The retreat will run from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Regular meetings of the church council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, beginning March 12.

Youth Ministry Workshop Termed a Success

On January 20, Emmaus hosted representatives of 19 other ELCA churches in our synod attending a Youth Ministry workshop. More

than 60 people benefitted from the experience and encouragement of Pastor Paul Hill. Thanks to all who helped!

Elsewhere in Our Area

College Choir to Sing at First United Methodist

The North Central College Concert Choir, an a cappella ensemble from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, will appear in concert at First United Methodist Church, 745 Main Street, Racine, on Thursday, Feb. 8. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

The 48-voice choir, under the direction of Professor of Music Jeordano Martinez, will perform a variety of both sacred and secular music from all historical styles and periods. Among the selections it will sing on the current tour are "Cantate Domino" by Claudio Monteverdi, "Laudate Dominum" by Mozart, "Who'll Be a Witness for My Lord," arranged by Jester Hairston, and music by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Theology in St. Louis;

♥ and "The Joys and Challenges of Love," a couples' retreat March 1-3 led by Fr. Martin Pable.

For information or to register, contact Sister Rita Lui at 639-4100.

Project FACE Offers Programs

Project FACE, 420 Seventh Street in Racine, continues to offer support groups and seminars in the month of February. Groups this month include:

♥ "Kids Liking Themselves," an exploration of gifts and creativity for young people (age 7-12) led by Phil Williamson and sponsored by Family Service of Racine, 634-2391, meeting on four Wednesdays beginning Feb. 7;

♥ and "Help! I Have a Teenager," a workshop to help parents understand their teenagers and learn strategies to avoid power struggles, led by Phil Williamson and sponsored by Family Service of Racine, 634-2391, meeting on six Mondays beginning Feb. 26.

Pre-registration is necessary; to sign up for a group, please contact the sponsoring agency. Fees will be based on the ability to pay, and health insurance may apply.

Siena Center Retreats Offered

The Siena Center, 5635 Erie Street, offers weekend retreats to enrich the new year, including:

♥ "Reconnecting With Earth: Discovering a Midlife Spirituality," Feb. 2-4, led by Richard Kirsch and Mary Delgado;

♥ "The Converted Heart: The Enneagram and Spirituality," Feb. 16-18, led by Carla Mae Streeter, associate professor at Aquinas Institute of

What Is Faith?

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

I would like to share with you a bible passage that has become very important to my **faith**—literally, to my faith, since it is about **faith**.

The setting is the last week of our Lord's life (according to Mark 11). Jesus has entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and quickly looked around the temple before retiring to Bethany, a small 'suburb' opposite the temple mountain. At

this point, Mark seems to be framing his whole story in terms of Jesus being opposite to the temple. The next day begins with one of the strangest passages in the gospels: Jesus approaches a fig tree, finds that its fruit is out of season, and curses it. Without any further ado, Jesus enters into the temple for his famous "cleansing" of it, overturning the tables of those who profited from the main business of the temple, ritual sacrifice. As they leave the temple, the disciples notice that the fig tree has withered, which brings the following response:

Jesus answered them, "Have **faith** in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you." (Mark 11:22)

What does the "faith to move mountains" have to do with a withered

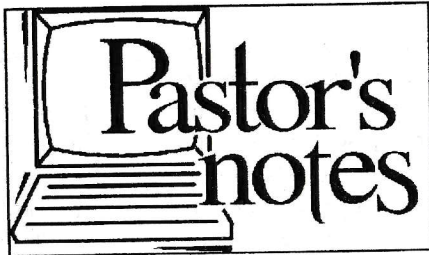
fig tree?! Jesus' response seems to be a non-response, non-sense. Which is probably why we have also tended to take this verse out of its context. Jesus' response here has become well-known in its own right, as a grand metaphor about faith. Faith is trusting in God to be able to do deeds beyond our imagining, the so-called "faith to move mountains."

Taking it in context, however, we find a small

clue that I think makes all the difference in the world: Jesus apparently is *not* talking about faith to move any ol' mountain, because he says "*this* mountain." Jesus is pointing to a particular mountain. And, in this context, which is the only mountain that Jesus could be pointing to? Yes, the temple mountain. Thus, I am convinced that this verse should not be seen simply as a grand metaphor for trusting in God to do any deeds beyond our imagining. No, I think Jesus is being quite specific about what faith involves. It involves being able to live without our human institutions of sacrifice. Increasingly, I have come to see that Jesus' whole mission—the one that the entire Bible is trying to put into focus for us—revolves around the issue of sacrifice.

The problem is that living without our sacrificial institutions—as I think Jesus is suggesting for the person of faith—ends up being the most

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Pastor Paul's Column Continued

bewildering deed beyond our imagining. The number one obstacle is that we have a difficult time even recognizing our institutions as sacrificial. Even for the people of Jesus' time, who used the temple regularly, this was hard to see. They were sacrificing lambs and pigeons, etc., not people, so they thought they were just fine. They had no idea why Jesus would be so angry, 'cleansing' their temple. From what? Tragically, it took Jesus dying on the cross at the hands of our sacrificial institutions for some to begin to see that even our more 'civilized' versions of sacrifice have deadly consequences.

For us modern people, the problem is compounded by the fact that our mechanisms of sacrifice are even less obvious. We think, 'We don't do sacrifices anymore, right? Such temples are long a thing of the past, right?' Yes and no. I have come to the view that ritual sacrifice is only the most obvious form of the sacrificial spirit, which sooner or later, under the power of sin, comes to reside in *all* human institutions in some form.

Let me venture to put it briefly in this way: The basic shape of the sacrificial spirit is to distinguish between 'insiders' and 'outsiders.' The insiders then band together at the outsider's expense. They seek to gain a relative

peace among themselves by either killing, expelling, blaming, or simply neglecting those designated as outsiders. Even relatively benign neglect has deadly consequences, doesn't it? Doesn't this dynamic sound familiar? One that we can point to in so many places, even if the temples are long gone?

I realize that I take a risk in sharing this because it sounds so bizarre. We don't want to believe it. But I do so with a passage from Scripture that is itself very puzzling yet, I think, crucial. I have come to see faith itself as the willingness to take a hard look at ourselves under this light and to risk living in God's new reality based on Christ's *self*-sacrificial forgiveness.

Finally, I feel I owe it to you to try putting where I am at into words in this forum. You have no doubt noticed that this perspective informs my preaching and teaching and everything I do. It is the light of the Gospel itself to me. During this season of epiphany I offer it again to you, as a possible growing source of light and faith in your life. As we continue our journey of faith together, I welcome your questions and responses.

In the Spirit's love,
Pastor Paul

VNA Community Hospice Seeks Volunteers

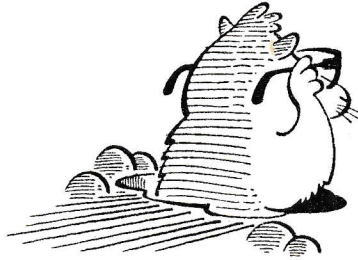
The VNA Community Hospice through the Kenosha office of the Visiting Nurse Association is seeking volunteers for their hospice program. Volunteers provide companionship, respite care, and practical assistance.

If you are mature, compassionate and desire to make a difference for

persons with limited life expectancy and their families, consider becoming a member of Hospice's team. A training program will be offered at the Kenosha office in the spring. For more information about Hospice and volunteering, contact Connie Georgenson at 328-4464.

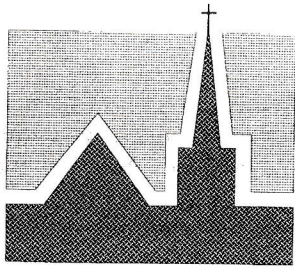
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March, 1996

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Register for Early Communion By March 24

Our new communion policy, adopted at the January 21 annual meeting, opens communion to children of all ages. First communion will continue to be preceded by preparation appropriate to the age level of each child; and, in order to approach this preparation in an orderly fashion, the following process has been put in place:

1. We will offer the opportunity to take first communion on three Sundays each year: the first Sunday in the months of February, May, and November.
2. Those families who would like to prepare their children who are younger than fifth grade for first communion should apply at least six weeks prior to the date by filling out a form through the church office. A response letter will be sent explaining the process for each child.
3. The preparation process will depend on the age of the child as follows:
 - a. Younger than first grade: Similar to the process for

baptism, preparation will be primarily with the parents through a visit with one of the pastors. Pre-schoolers and kindergartners will also be involved in the visit, learning some basics.

- b. First through fourth grade: Preparation will involve two things, a visit of the family with a pastor and a one-session class with other children in this age group. A short booklet on holy communion, which can either be purchased or borrowed from the church library, is to be read by the child prior to the class.
 - c. Fifth grade and older: This age level is not considered "early communion," since we previously communed
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Early Communion -- Continued

children at this age. We will continue to offer a once-per-year communion instruction for fifth graders, usually during Lent, that is a required part of our confirmation program. Instead of the families needing to register their interest, as with the younger children, letters of invitation will continue to be sent to all fifth graders. Those fifth graders who have already made their first communion will be required to participate in these classes, as the instruction is more in-depth at this level. Those who have not yet communed may elect to make their first communion on the first Sunday in May, or on any of the set First Communion dates thereafter.

The role of parents will be vital at any of these age levels. We ask the parents to participate in all the classes, even at fifth grade. We will be giving booklets to parents to help them support their children throughout the process. The Lord's Supper is the family dinner of our gathered church family, and we hope it is always a special moment for all the families that make up our church family.

The next scheduled First Communion date is Sunday, May 5, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. That means that the deadline for registering interest in early

communion for children younger than fifth grade is Sunday, March 24.

Registration forms can be filled out through the church office. (Baptism registration forms, for example, are often filled out via the phone with our secretary, Paul Berge. With the greater number of registrations anticipated for this first date, however, it would be helpful if interested parents could pick up the forms from the office, fill them out, and return them.)

One-session class for 1st-4th graders has been set for two dates to provide a scheduling choice for families: Saturday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. or Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. The three-session course for 5th graders will meet at 6:30 on March 5, 19 and 25.

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM:

Erin Elizabeth Balthazar, Feb. 18

Erin Balthazar, born Dec. 7, is the daughter of Brian and Connie Balthazar and the granddaughter of Joyce Lamberton. Her sponsors were Heidi Van Nice and Brian Balthazar.

FUNERAL:

Anita Walters Andersen, Feb. 24

Anita Andersen, mother of Cheryl Dexter and Lyle Andersen, joined the Emmaus family through affirmation of faith in 1935. She was a member of Rebecca Circle.

Tape Ministry to be Revitalized

The Deacons' Committee will be working in the coming weeks to once again offer recorded audiotapes of our Sunday morning worship services. These tapes will be made available to interested persons who are homebound.

To make this tape ministry as effective as possible, the Deacons' Committee needs:

1. Names of those persons who would like to regularly receive

the tapes,

2. Assistance in duplicating and labeling tapes,
3. Assistance in dropping off/picking up tapes at homes of those receiving them.

If you are able to be of help in any of those areas (even if only occasionally), please contact Carol Yust (681-1225) or Dave Christensen (886-2151).

Caring Evangelism Course Offered

The Deacons' committee invites all interested members to participate in Caring Evangelism, an eight-week course being co-sponsored by Emmaus. The Tuesday night sessions, to be held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, will offer a fresh approach on how to live and share Christ's love in our everyday lives.

How do we better listen to those who are hurting or in need? How do we articulate or express our own faith? How do we truly show care as we "go and make disciples?" Come to learn and experience how that can be accomplished. The workshop-type classes will be led by Pastor Mary and four other area Lutheran pastors.

You are invited to join in the fun and the learning. It will be one of the best investments of time that you can

make in the coming weeks -- do consider being a part of learning how to make your faith come alive in your daily life in ways that will make a difference.

What: Caring Evangelism Course

When: Tuesday nights at 6:30 (Mar. 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14)

Where: Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 6th & Kinzie

Cost: \$5.00 for members of Emmaus (each participant will receive a book and a participant's manual valued at \$22.00)

Registration deadline: March 11 (we need time to order the books)

For more information, contact Pastor Mary or attend the Adult Forum on March 3.

Name: _____

Day phone: _____ Eve. phone: _____

\$5.00 enclosed

Classes Offered for Prospective Members

All people interested in knowing more about Emmaus and the Lutheran faith are invited to a series of classes beginning on Sunday, March 24 at 9:15 a.m. Do you know of someone who wants to learn more about Emmaus and/or might be considering

membership? Be sure to invite them or to let a pastor know so that they can be contacted.

The following schedule has been set for the classes: March 24, April 14, April 21, May 5, 12 and 19. New members will be received June 9.

Holy Communion Church to Host Racine Symphony

The Racine Symphony Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Alexander Platt, will perform a concert titled "Last Rites" on March 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Siebert Chapel, Carthage College. An organ recital precedes the concert, beginning at 6:15. A second performance of the concert will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 10 at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 2000 W. 6th Street. A pre-concert talk detailing the church's history and

architecture will be presented at 3:30.

Soprano Laura Medendorp, alto Julia Bentley, tenor Everett McKinney, and baritone Gregory Berg and the Carthage College Chamber Choir will be featured in Mozart's immortal *Requiem*. Also on the program is Haydn's Symphony #64 in A. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$6 for students 12 and over with ID, and \$1 for children under 12. For tickets or further information, call 636-9285.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

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Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Ave. 637-0671

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Senior Fellowship Director: Glenn Olson Youth Choirs Director: Cathy Meyer

Sunday School Superintendents: Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi

Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

Lenten midweek services will be offered Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. throughout the month of March.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the April VISITOR is March 15.

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Task Force Outlines Adult Forum Goals

A task force to plan Emmaus Adult Forums met February 12 and decided to try a regular rotation of formats on a monthly basis.

- ◆ Adult Forums on the first Sunday of any given month will focus on issues directly concerning our Emmaus congregation. The church council will host this forum, highlighting recent activities, fielding questions, and presenting current issues of the congregation.
 - ◆ On the second Sunday, one of the pastors will host -- but not necessarily lead -- a discussion rooted in the Bible.
 - ◆ Outside speakers and resource groups will give presentations on the third Sunday. These speakers may be representatives of a community agency or institution, or independent speakers sharing their views and expertise on a given topic.
 - ◆ Adult Forums on the fourth Sunday will involve audio-visual presentations.
 - ◆ Adult Forums on the fifth Sunday of any month will be "potpourri."
- The aim of this plan is to provide a variety of programs while still achieving an overall consistency in

Adult Forums. For example, if you are chiefly interested in Bible study, you know to be sure to attend the Forum on the second Sunday of each month. Yet, there will be a wide range of topics addressed every month for those who enjoy talking about something different every week.

If you have any suggestions for any of the above formats, we welcome them. Our March Adult Forum schedule is:

March 3 -- Emmaus in Focus: Preview of "Caring Evangelism" program and report on R.E.S.T.

March 10 -- Bible Study led by Pastor Paul on his February *Visitor* column on faith.

March 17 -- Prof. Dudley Riggle of the Religion Department at Carthage College will present a forum entitled "What to Do? What to Say?" The presentation suggests ways to be truly helpful when we are with the suffering, dying and grieving. Prof. Riggle will share what we have learned about the basic, common wishes of the ill, dying, and grieving.

March 24 -- Video: "Three Days." We'll watch Jesus' disciples as despair and doubt give way to triumphant hope during those bleak three days between the crucifixion and resurrection.

March 31 -- Potpourri

Lights Replaced in Church

A big thank you to Tom Irvine for climbing our huge extension ladder to the top of the sanctuary! With help maneuvering the ladder from Bill Irvine, Al Svendsen, and Pastor Paul,

four hours were spent changing 26 light bulbs -- and retrieving those balloons that have been stuck in the ceiling fan for so long!

Sunday School Sentinel



March, 1996
Emmaus Lutheran Church

Lenten Stamp Contest

The Sunday school is collecting stamps during Lent again this year. Undamaged, cancelled stamps, trimmed with a 1/4" edge or on the existing envelope will be accepted.

Each age group will compete to see how many stamps they can turn in. Be sure to count your stamps before you turn yours in!

Age groups will be 3-year-olds through Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and Grade 7 to Senior High. Stamps must be brought in by Sunday, March 31.



...and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wishing you and your families God's peace in this Lenten season,
Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi

KFC Nuggets

Middle School Youth Reserve Peppermint Gym

On Sunday, March 10, we have reserved the Peppermint Gym, 2501 Golf Avenue, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The cost will be \$4.00 per person for gym use (\$3.00 if you are a member of Peppermint Gym), plus approximately \$2.00 per person for Infusino's pizza afterward.



Have your folks drop you off at Peppermint Gym at 2:00 p.m. and pick you up at church around 5:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

P.S.: We will need parents to transport the kids from the gym to church at 3:00 p.m. If you can help, call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

7th Graders to Affirm Baptism Vows

Eleven members of the seventh grade class at Emmaus have completed a study on baptism last month and have been invited to affirm the vows made at their baptisms at the 10:30 service Sunday morning, March 3:

Jamie Adams
Brad Falaschi
Nicholas Furuglyas
Ken Larsen

Matt Liesch
Jill Lynch
Kevin Meteyard

Jennifer Olson
Elisabeth Reischl
Ashley Simon
Lynda Ustymowicz

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are from the High School youth group at Evangelical United Methodist Church of Racine. All kids and adults are invited.

Vacation Bible School Staff Needed

Mark your calendars for the 1996 Vacation Bible School for August 5-9. As in recent years, Counselors from Lutherdale Bible Camp will lead the program for students aged kindergarten through grade 5. We will run a morning program for pre-schoolers with our own staffing.

Our staffing needs are: Pre-school teacher, teachers' helpers (at all age levels), and On-Site Coordinator. The Coordinator is our most urgent need; it is primarily an administrative role, though the person must be on-site through the week. Please contact Pastor Paul if you are interested.

Plan to Attend Lenten Breakfast

by Kathy Cook

The WELCA Bake Sale on February 11 was a **huge** success! Many thanks to all who baked and to all who made purchases. We plan to have more bake sales during the year.

Ladies, we hope you have these important dates marked on your calendars and will plan to attend:

March 9: Lenten Breakfast, 9:00



a.m. After the program, Secret Sisters will be revealed.

April 26-27: Annual Women's Retreat at the Siena Center. Retreat leader will be Pastor Sandy Chrostowski.

July 11-14: Women of the ELCA Third Triennial Convention in Minneapolis. Several women from Emmaus will be going by bus.

Pastor Mary will be a Chaplain at one of the hotels. Sign up soon!

MEMORIALS

Pastors' Discretionary Fund

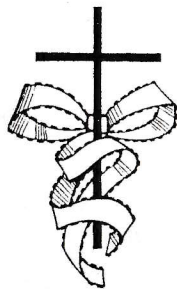
In memory of Harold & Chris LaBlanc: \$25.00

Kitchen Fund

In memory of Anita Andersen: \$50.00

Undesignated Memorials

In memory of Anita Andersen: \$60.00



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

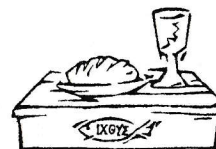
Developmental disabilities usually occur at an early age, last through life and may limit a person's ability to learn, speak, understand language, make decisions, move around, make a living or live independently.

One of ten Americans are directly affected by developmental disabilities.

As all people do, people with developmental disabilities have skills,

talents, ideas, opinions, likes and dislikes. Like all of us, they want to be productive, have choices and participate in community life.

The Arc of Racine, an advocacy organization on developmental disabilities encourages our community to be a welcoming and affirming place for children and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 634-6303.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS
Mar. 2 5:00 pm		Julie Christensen Pat Jensen			
Mar. 3 8:00 am	Katie Sanders Kristen Clinton	Jo Baggesen Pat Jensen	Team #5 E. Potterville	Randy Sanders	Loren & Cindi Larsen
Mar. 3 10:30 am	Becky Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #4 Rich Christensen	David Christensen	Don & Dolly Orth
Mar. 10 8:00 am	Ryan Clinton Derek Haug		Team #7 John Cook	Al Svendsen	Linda Clinton
Mar. 10 10:30 am	Kevin Meteyard Matt Liesch		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Jerry Hiersemann	Jerry & Denise Pipol
Mar. 16 5:00 pm		Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook			
Mar. 17 8:00 am	Sam Falaschi Ryan Kreimer	Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Karen Sedgwick	Chris & Bev Hansen
Mar. 17 10:30 am	Nate Pearson Chris Friis	Marion Andersen Marge Zielke	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Kathy Christensen	Sandy & Chad Strini
Mar. 24 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai		Team #3 Harold Miller	Cathy Meyer	Betty Barth Cheryl Dexter
Mar. 24 10:30 am	Adam Van Nice Ken Larsen		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Ryan Sedgwick	Hans Hill Tim Van Berg
Mar. 31 8:00 am	Jon Cook Brad Falaschi		Team #5 Gene Potterville	Sandy Strini	John & Kathy Cook
Mar. 31 10:30 am	Eric Larsen Jason Meteyard		Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Nancy Martinsen	Jim & Nancy Martinsen

Altar Flowers


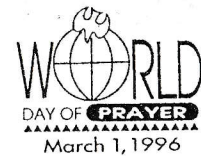


Mar. 3: Boots LeRoux
Mar. 10: John Haanstad
Mar. 17: Roseanna Jones
Mar. 24: Joy Kousek
Mar. 31: Available

Coffee Fellowship

Bev Johnson
TBA
Loren & Cindi Larsen
TBA
Nancy Martinsen

Candle Care

Ginny Dougall
(Through March)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
MARCH 1996 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515		WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:15 pm Supper NIGHT 5:30-6:00 pm Sunrise Singers practice ACTIVITIES 6:00-6:30 pm All ages Hands On Science IN 6:40-7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service, Sunset Room LENT: 7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir Practice		1 1:00 pm Women's Retreat Cmte. Siena Center 6:30 pm REST	2 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion		
3 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Services with Holy Communion; 7th Gr. Affirmation of Baptism at 10:30 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:20 am Adult Forum 7:00 pm Youth Cluster meeting	4 6:00 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Deacons' Committee 7:00 pm Worship & Music	5 Pastor Mary at seminar at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection through Wednesday 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Lenten Worship: "Behold" 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm 5th Grade communion class	6 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Bev Hansens's 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Cmte. 6:40 pm Lenten Worship Service	7 7:00 pm Stamp Club	8 6:30 pm REST	9 9:00 am WELCA Lenten Prayer Breakfast 5:00 pm Worship Service	
10 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:20 am Adult Forum 2:00 pm KFC outing to Peppermint Gym (Check times) Tables of Eight	11 6:30 pm Church Council	12 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Lenten Worship: "Forsaken" 5:00 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Amy Larsen's	13 9:30 am After Pastors 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES 6:40 pm Lenten Worship Service	14 7:00 pm Cluster Council	15 6:30 pm REST VISITOR DEADLINE LYE Congress, Chicago	16 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.	
17 <i>4th Sunday in Lent; St. Patrick's Day</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:20 am Adult Forum LYE Group Returns	18	19 <i>Pastor Paul's 40th birthday</i> 9:30 am Cluster Clergy 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Lenten Worship Service: "Thirst" 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm 5th grade communion class 6:30 pm Caring Evangelism	20 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES 6:40 pm Lenten Worship Service		22 6:30 pm REST TIME Summer Beach Party at Bethania	23 5:00 pm Worship Service	
24 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Forum 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:15 am New Member class	25 3:00 pm WELCA Bible Study 6:30 pm 5th Gr. class	26 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 12:15 pm Lenten Worship: "Finished" 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Caring Evangelism	27 5:00 pm WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES 6:40 pm Lenten Worship Service	28	29 6:30 pm REST	30 5:00 pm Worship Service	
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EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Director: Glenn Olson



Program for March:

- March 5** 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 am - American Heroes -- thanks, Esther!
 11:30 am - Lunch
 12:00 pm - Lenten Services
 1:00 pm - Social Activities
- March 12** 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 am - Video: Australia & New Zealand;
 Audio music: Mitchell Jr. High String Ensemble
 11:30 am - Lunch
 12:00 pm - Lenten Services
 1:00 pm - Social Activities
- March 19** 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 am - Video: trip to Mexico -- thanks to Bob
 11:30 am - Lunch
 12:00 pm - Lenten Services
 1:00 pm - Social Activities
- March 26** 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation
 10:30 am - Video from Gethsemane library: "Three Days"
 11:30 am - Birthday lunch
 12:00 pm - Lenten Services
 1:00 pm - Social Activities



MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 70 YEARS AND OVER

3/1	Mabel Woiteshek	3900 N. Green Bay Road	53404
3/4	Bev Hansen	240 Eighty-Eighth Ave., Sturtevant	53177
3/6	William Allen	4314 Taylor Avenue	53405
3/7	Eileen Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
3/9	Carolyn Weitzel	1519 60th Street, Kenosha	53140
3/14	Selma Sorensen	3910 River Drive	53405
3/16	Virginia Haugsby	4140 Manhattan Drive	53402
3/19	Wallace Sorensen	3900 N. Main St. # 221	53402
3/21	Lillian Henrickson	2250 Layard Avenue #319	53404
3/29	Mary Wisby	1027 Layard Avenue	53404

Seminarians Complete Work at Emmaus

During the past eighteen months, seminarians from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago have fulfilled their teaching parish experience here at Emmaus. Most recently, each of them has had the opportunity to preach at Saturday and Sunday worship services.

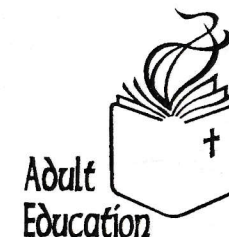
Mid-March marks the end of their time with us at Emmaus, and there will be a special coffee hour to say our good-byes on March 10.

Seminarians Claire Warren, Beverly Rautenberg and Bob Castro are completing their second year as commuter students at LSTC and are currently preparing for their full-time internships next year. Their fourth and final year of seminary training will be an academic year on the LSTC campus.

The three seminarians, all second-career students, are preparing to be parish pastors. We wish them Godspeed!

Riggle to Lead March 17 Adult Forum

Professor Dudley Riggle, a very engaging speaker from Carthage College, will be the guest of Emmaus on March 17. His reputation as an outstanding lecturer and teacher make this forum one that you won't want



to miss. He will speak on the topic of what to say and do when you are trying to comfort someone who is ill or grieving.

Join your friends for coffee and fellowship at 9:00, followed by Professor Riggle's presentation at 9:20 a.m.

Schedule Changed for First Communion Classes

Due to a conflict with the Unified calendar, the dates of the first communion classes for fifth graders are not exactly as indicated in the original letter to parents. The new dates for fifth graders and their parents are:

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
 Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.



All classes will be held in the Sunset Room.

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

Tuesday Noon Lenten Worship Series: "Words That Last Forever"

12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27	"Paradise"
Tuesday, March 5	"Behold"
Tuesday, March 12	"Forsaken"
Tuesday, March 19	"Thirst"
Tuesday, March 26	"Finished"

Wednesday Night Lenten Devotions: "Silent Witnesses"

6:40 p.m.*

Wednesday, February 28	Silver Coins; Kiss
Wednesday, March 6	Bread and Water
Wednesday, March 13	Crown of Thorns; Robe
Wednesday, March 20	Nail; Cross
Wednesday, March 27	Stone

Object lessons on objects from the Passion Week story for families

* Full schedule for Wednesdays, Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27:

- 5:00 - 6:15: Supper (see menu and costs)
- 5:30 p.m.: Sunrise Singers
- 6:00 p.m.: Hands-on Science for kids and adults - Fellowship Hall
- 6:40 p.m.: "Kid-friendly" worship time - Sunset Room
- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Choir

Wednesday night suppers (please sign up by Tuesday a.m. to help our planning):

- Cost: Adults, \$2.00; Kids, \$1.00
- Feb. 28: Sloppy joes, chips, pickles, dessert
- Mar. 6: Soup supper
- Mar. 13: Chili
- Mar. 20: Deli night -- make your own sandwiches
- Mar. 27: Hot beef



Letters

Thanks from Cross Lutheran

Dear Members of Emmaus:

We are amazed and grateful that several months after the fire [which destroyed their church building last February] you remembered us in our need. On behalf of the congregation and the community around Cross Church, I want to express our deep appreciation for your contribution.

We are learning in a profound way the miraculous scientific and spiritual truth that fire strengthens. When we sent a specimen of the steel roof girders to a laboratory to see if they were structurally sound, we discovered that the steel is stronger now than when it was installed 64 years ago--thanks to the heat of the fire. We are also discovering that our spiritual life and commitment are stronger than ever--thanks to the impact of the fire and the fire of the Spirit.

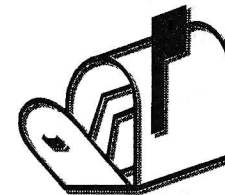
We still are not sure of the exact cost of rebuilding, but the current estimate is a little more than \$1,400,000.00, which is almost twice the amount of the insurance reimbursement. So we are working hard to make up the difference and to cut all "frills" from the plans.

God willing, we hope to be able to dedicate the refurbished Cross Church sometime between March and June, 1996.

Keep us in your prayers--that the fire of the Spirit may continue to strengthen us in every way for a lively witness to the Gospel and a faithful ministry with all people.

Gratefully,

Joseph W. Ellwanger,
Pastor



Editor's note: Our 1995 Lenten offering for Cross Lutheran was not passed on until the end of the year. Hence, this prompt thank you comes a year later due to our delay, not theirs.

Thanks for Help During Illness

Dear friends at Emmaus,

I want to thank all of you for remembering me with cards, phone calls, flowers and prayers during my recovery. I give special thanks to Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul. The people of Emmaus have been so wonderful; I am truly thankful for you all.

Sincerely,
Edith Jansen

CROP Raised Over \$19,000

Dear Church members:

The final results for the 1995 CROP Walk are in. We were able to raise \$19,540.00, of which one quarter, or \$4,885.00, will go to Project Emergency.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we do make a difference.

--Georgia Schanstone,
City Recruiter

Letters

Thanks from Mitchell Symphonic Strings

On behalf of the members of the Mitchell Middle School Symphonic Strings, we would like to give you a big thanks for allowing our group to come and play at your church. Your generosity has given us a big boost in

financing our trip to Toronto this spring.

Thirty-six thankyou's!
Sincerely,
Karen Olson

Report from Northside Food Pantry

Number of people served: 385
Amount of money received: \$1,403.74
Amount of money spent: \$1,181.26
Checkbook balance: \$1,277.05

We had a big demand in January, particularly in the third week. There were three trips to Second Harvest in Milwaukee plus one to Project Emergency, plus nine shopping trips locally.

We closed the Pantry for one day because of lack of coverage, but we have corrected that problem.

Keep up your support. The



need is here.

-Mary Haas
Food Pantry Coordinator

Note: Food items needed particularly by the Northside Food Pantry include cereal, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, flour and sugar, toilet paper, canned soups, and macaroni and cheese.

What Level Are You?

There are four levels of giving to the Lord:

"TIP" level -- those who tip the Lord the way they would tip a waiter or waitress except at a far lower percentage (much less than 15%).

"ENTERTAINMENT" level -- those who give only when they come to church, just as they give for a movie or sporting event, by performance.

"EMOTIONAL" level -- those who give if they approve of what's going on. They refuse to give when they disagree or their feelings are hurt.

"BIBLICAL" level -- those who give systematically and proportionately and know the joy of giving to the Lord in gratitude for the many blessings which have been bestowed on them.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Carthage Prof to Report on Women's Conference

Charlotte Chell, Professor of math and computer science at Carthage College, was present at both the U.S./China Joint Conference on Women's Issues and the Non-Governmental Organization events in China last September. These forums paralleled the U.N. Conference on Women also held in China. During these sessions, Professor Chell met women from around the world striving to balance both social and professional responsibilities. She will show slides of

her experiences at St. Paul's Church on Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (located directly under the sanctuary). This 45-minute presentation will include time for questions from the audience. St. Paul's is located at the corner of Erie and Melvin in Racine. This is a tremendous opportunity to hear first-hand from a participant about the issues that concern women throughout the world. All women are welcome to attend.

Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project Seeks Volunteers

The Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, SEWAP, a non-profit organization serving Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties, is recruiting volunteers.

SEWAP provides comprehensive case management and legal services for clients diagnosed with HIV/AIDS; prevention education to the community; and a street outreach program which focuses on IV drug users and the homeless, groups that may be at risk for this disease. The volunteer resource program consists of a network of caring individuals with a variety of skills, abilities, and interests



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that make these services possible.

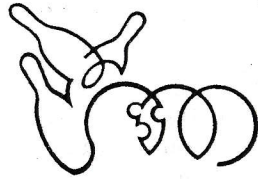
SEWAP is offering a spring training for anyone in the three-county area interested in volunteering. Volunteers are needed especially for daytime office support and daytime and evening transportation, but also for emotional and practical support to people living with HIV/AIDS, fund-raising for special events such as this year's Lake Geneva Cruise, the AIDS Walk, and community education.

Interested persons must complete an application, be interviewed, and attend the orientation session and additional training related to the area in which they choose to work. A general orientation is offered at the Racine office on Wednesday, March 20, 6-9 p.m., and at Kenosha office on Tuesday, March 12, 6-9 p.m. or Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to noon. To register and to receive an application form, call 1-800-924-6601.

LSS Sponsors Bowling Fund Raiser

Do we have any bowlers in the congregation? Lutheran Social Services of Racine is sponsoring "Lutheran Strikes and Spares" on Sunday, April 21 at Plaza Lanes, Elmwood Plaza, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Each of the nineteen ELCA congregations in Racine County is being asked to enter one or more teams of five bowlers. Each person will bowl three games and is asked to seek



sponsors who will pledge however many cents per point (10¢ minimum). Proceeds will go to help fund the work of Lutheran Social Services in Racine County. LSS will pay for the cost of bowling, some refreshments and prizes out of gross receipts.

Emmaus members interested in joining or being captain of a team are asked to contact the church office (634-5515) by April 1.

Filmmaker to Share Her Experiences With Alzheimer's

Becker-Shoop Center, one of Lincoln Lutheran's four skilled care nursing homes in Racine, is proud to announce its sponsorship of a special appearance by Deborah Hoffmann, who produced and directed the award-winning film, "Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter," a touching story that chronicles the various stages of her mother's Alzheimer's disease and her

response to the illness.

Hoffman will speak and show the film on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the S. C. Johnson Company's Golden Rondelle Theater, 1525 Howe Street, in Racine. The event is free and open to the public. For reservations, call the Golden Rondelle Theater at 260-2154.

Atonement Women Host Lunch Series

The Women of the ELCA of Atonement Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Avenue, invite you to "Food for the Soul," a brown bag lunch series on the third Thursday of each month from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of the speaker's organization and the ministries of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Child care is available; please call the Atonement church office at 637-5671 to make reservations for child care.

This month's speaker will be Lana DeVinney of Lutheran Social Services. She will speak on "Helping to Make Healthy Families." Upcoming speakers will be Kay Gregor of the Racine Literacy Council on April 18; and Loretta Rayburn of the Women's Resource Center on May 16.

Pastor Mary's Column

A Message from the Sixth Graders

How do we communicate? The sixth grade confirmation students on retreat at Lutherdale camp had many answers to that question -- from such things as "a smile" or "by being physical" to a long list that included FAX machines, telephone, gestures, conversation, the internet, letters, and much, much more.

We talked about the difference between a monologue and a dialogue, stressing the importance of listening -- in all communication, including prayer.

Most of the sixth graders admitted that they pray only occasionally and that they do so when they feel like talking, are worried or sad, or lonely and upset. Only one of the young people stated that s/he prayed when happy.

What's on the minds of these young people? More than one said that their parents should spend more time at home and should work less. There were also comments that they wished their parents would come to church more, would respect their privacy, and would be more understanding. They did think their parents cared about them.

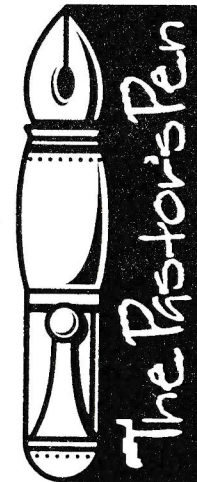
What do these young people want from their leaders? When asked

what they would make a priority if they were president of the U.S., the answers included stopping hunger, stopping wars, cutting taxes, and working on world peace.

With the Lord's Prayer used as a model for the study of prayer, the sixth graders learned the "new version" of that prayer -- replacing the "thou's" and "arts" for "you's" and "are's." And, while the wording of that version may not have provided the comfort of the old and the familiar, it did make us think more about what we were praying. We learned that "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" is another way to say "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." How does that translate to everyday life? Do we mean what we pray? What does it mean to be a hypocrite? Can we really forgive those who sin against us, or are those just empty words? We asked those questions and others.

Even in spite of miserable weather, little sleep (how can 6th grade girls find so much to giggle about in the middle of the night?) and the misfortune of one person needing to have stitches on his finger, now that I have rested, I can look back and sincerely say, "What an outstanding group of young people!" These kids do have parents who care and surround them with love. The prayers they wrote at the end of our time at Lutherdale reflected that. The kids prayed for the health of their parents, for safe travel home and for their friend who had gotten stitches. They were

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Pastor Mary's Column -- Continued

also ready to pray prayers of thanks. Some of those thanks were:

"Thank you for me, my family and my friends. Thank you for my food and shelter."

"We have been so lucky and so glad to have you by our sides, and we thank you a lot."

"I would like to thank you for everything you have blessed me with...I love you and your son, Jesus."

"Thank you for the wonderful time at Lutherdale -- for not letting me fall on the ice."

"Thank you for these wonderful two days!"

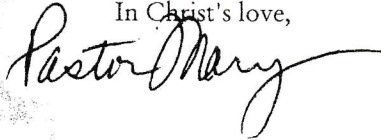
"Thank you for the great trip and thank you for keeping us safe. God, you are always there, and we

love you."

As we stop to reflect on how precious these young people are, let us keep them -- and all of today's youth -- in our prayers. And, as we pray for them, let's do what we can to become even more comfortable praying **with** them. It's so important to listen and to keep those lines of communication open -- with our kids and with our God.

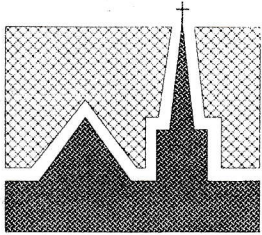
Blessings to you and yours during this Lenten journey. May we support one another in prayer during this time.

In Christ's love,



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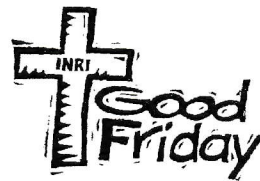


HOLY WEEK AT EMMAUS



Thursday, April 4
Maundy Thursday services
with Holy Communion
Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 5
Good Friday services
Noon and 7:00 p.m.



No Saturday worship service



Sunday, April 7
Easter Sunday worship
(set clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time!)
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
Festival Service at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, Friday Services at noon at 7 p.m.

Emmaus Celebrates Easter at 7 and 10 a.m.

Emmaus worshippers will have six opportunities to observe Holy Week.

Mundy Thursday

Mundy Thursday services on April 4 will be held at noon and at 7:00 p.m. Both services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion; the 7:00 service will conclude with the stripping of the altar, leading us to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

Good Friday

Good Friday, April 5, we will again experience the crucifixion through song and word. An early worship service will be held at noon. The Tenebrae, "Service of Darkness

and Shadows," will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday features two festival worship services of Holy Communion at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. We have chosen to have our services at these times because Daylight Savings Time begins April 7. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through festive floral decorations, joyful music, and proclamation of the Easter gospel. "The Brass Nickel" quintet will play at both services, with special instrumental preludes preceding the 10:00 service.

Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall at 8:15 Easter morning for a breakfast served by our youth.

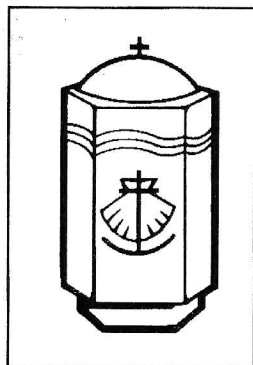
PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

- March 3: Joseph Raymond Butler
- March 10: Dustin Scott Mickelson
- March 17: Laura Grace Zeleski

Joey Butler is the son of Vicki and James Butler and the grandson of Ray Knapp. His baptismal sponsors were Kristine and James Bournoyville.

Dustin Mickelson, born July 11, 1994, is the son of Kevin Sholly and Ruth Mickelson. His sponsors



were Diana Hoey and Kurt Sholly.

Laura Zeleski, born Feb. 9, is the daughter of Sandra and Nicholas Zeleski and the granddaughter of Carol Perce. Her sponsors were Charles and Susan Perce.

8th-9th Grade Confirmation Classes Resume

Confirmation classes for eighth and ninth graders resume Wednesday,

April 24 at 6:15 p.m. Classes will meet for five weeks, through May 22.

10:00 a.m. Service April 28

Children's Choirs Present Miracle Sunday Musical

by Kathy Christensen

Miracle Sunday, April 28, will be a day for a special celebration with our children. The theme for this day will be "Lost and Found," and the Deacons Committee has designated this to be a Bring A Friend Sunday.

We are combining our worship services and Sunday School into one service at 10:00. This will enable us to worship together with friends we may have "lost" due to attending different services, and to enjoy together the musical *The Story*



Tellin' Man, performed by the Sunrise Singers and the Carpenter's Kids.

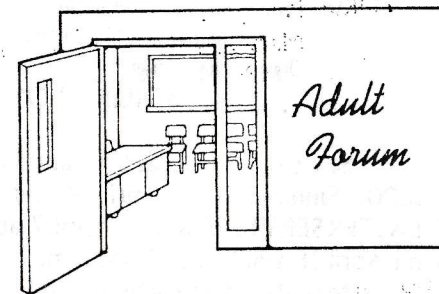
The Story Tellin' Man is a children's musical by Ken Medema about the parables of Jesus, including "The Lost Coin," "The Lost Sheep," "The Prodigal Son," and "The Good Samaritan." Cathy Meyer has been working with the Sunrise Singers at their Wednesday evening rehearsals and with the Carpenter's Kids (all 3-year-olds through 2nd graders) on Sunday mornings to prepare for this presentation. The children are excited about their musical and anxious for everyone to come and enjoy it.

We invite the families of these children to worship together and we encourage our entire Emmaus Family to bring a friend to worship. You'll be glad you did!

Homeward Bound Is Topic of Adult Forum

Mary Etta McLain, Executive Director of Homeward Bound of Racine County, will discuss her agency's activities at Emmaus' Adult Forum on April 21. Homeward Bound's mission since 1990 has been to provide shelter and services to women and children who lack fixed, adequate or regular nighttime residence. Located at 1014 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, the agency has helped over 800 women and 1500 children by instructing them on job finding, financial management, child care and parenting skills.

There will be only one Adult



Forum at Emmaus in the month of April. We will not have Adult Forum on Easter Sunday, or on April 14, or on Miracle Sunday. Adult Forum meets between services Sunday morning in the Sunset Room.

Vacation Bible School Staff Needed

Mark your calendars for the 1996 Vacation Bible School for Aug. 5-9. As in recent years, counselors from Lutherdale Bible Camp will lead the program for students in kindergarten through grade 5. We will run a

morning program for pre-schoolers with our own staffing.

Our staffing needs are: pre-school teacher, teachers' helpers (at all age levels), and on-site coordinator. Please contact Pastor Paul.

MEMORIALS

Designated to the Kitchen Fund:	
In memory of Anita Andersen	\$155
Designated to the Organ Fund:	
In memory of Anita Andersen	\$10
Designated to the Building Fund:	
In memory of Anita Andersen	\$65
United Methodist Hymnals:	
In memory of Atlee Bratley	\$15
Non-designated memorials:	
In memory of Anita Andersen	\$275



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Mandy Thursday and Good Friday services will be offered both April 4 and 5 at noon and 7:00 p.m.

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WELCA Bulletins

Rev. Chrostowski to Lead Women's Retreat

Sign up today for the Emmaus Women's Retreat, Friday evening and Saturday, April 26-27 at the Siena Center.

Pastor Sandy Chrostowski will be the Retreat leader. If you are unable to participate in the Friday night activities, you are welcome to come for Saturday only. The cost is \$41.00 for Friday night and Saturday, and \$20.00 for Saturday only. Scholarships are available. You can make your reservation by signing up with a \$10.00 deposit. The balance must be paid by April 7.

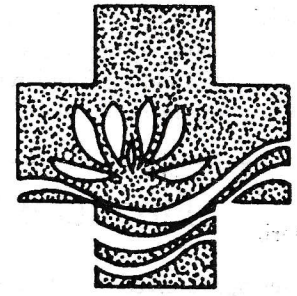
Cluster Brunch

All women are invited to the Racine Mission Cluster brunch of the Women of the ELCA. The brunch will be at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 20 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at the corner of Erie and Melvin Avenues.

Mission Synod Growth Chair Nancy Hofer will present "Behind Closed Doors," a film on domestic abuse. The cost of the brunch is \$3.50. Sign up in the narthex by April 15.

Triennial Convention

The WELCA Triennial Convention will be July 11-14 in Minneapolis. The theme will be "Proclaim God's Peace." Pastor Mary will be a chaplain at one of the hotels. There will be a bus for those attending from southeast Wisconsin, stopping at I-94. AAL Branch #4175 will pay for part of the bus fare for women from our church.



WOMEN

of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mark Your Calendars

May 9 will be our Mother, Daughter and Other Banquet.

Thanks to Amy Haman and Julie Field for making posters for women's events!

Gethsemane Hosts Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Luncheon

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, at the corner of Blaine and Washington Avenues, will be the site of the Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Spring Luncheon at noon, Monday, April 5. Flowers by Zirbel will present a program on flower arranging, and four lucky attendees will go home with demonstration arrangements.

Make your luncheon reservations by April 5 by sending \$6.00 to Henrietta Pruissen, 5700 Cambridge Circle, #3, Racine, 53406. Please make your check payable to Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary.

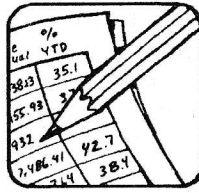
Building Fund Depleted

As of March 24, Building Fund showed a balance of \$808.76. Please consider special donations through our Adopt-a-Sunday program, or regular offerings to Building Fund with your weekly envelopes. We use these funds

to help pay our monthly mortgage payment of \$1,927 (see table). Special donations designated to pay principal will be honored and used to make extra principal payments.

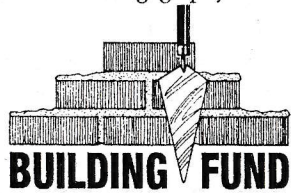
Financial Statistics

Offerings received in February \$19,558.02
 Needed monthly for 1996 budget \$18,200.58
 1996 budget to date, 2/29/1996 \$36,401.16
 Total offerings as of 2/29/1996 \$34,023.01
 Total Expenditures as of 2/29/1996 \$32,354.32



FINANCE

March mortgage payment: Principal \$423.82
 Interest **\$1,503.18**
 Total **\$1,927.00**
 Principal balance as of 2/12/1996 . . \$222,007.61
 January Building Fund offerings \$477.00
 February Building Fund offerings \$517.00
 Building Fund Balance as of 3/24/1996 \$808.76



"Our Church Costs Too Much"

*Reprinted from Church Chimes,
 Redeemer Church of Joy*

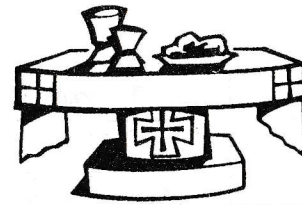
Alan Redpath tells this story in his book, *The Royal Route to Heaven: A certain Christian once said to a friend, "Our church costs too much. They are always asking for money."*

The friend replied, "Some time ago, a little boy was born in our home. He cost us a lot of money from the very beginning: he had a big appetite, he needed clothes, medicine, toys, and even a puppy. Then he went to school, and cost a lot more; later he went to

college; then he began dating, and that cost a small fortune!

"But in his senior year at college, he died; and since the funeral, he hasn't cost us a penny. Now which situation do you think we would rather have?"

After a long pause, the friend continued, "As long as this church lives, it will cost. When it dies -- for lack of support -- it won't cost us anything. A living church has the most important message for all the world today. Therefore, I am going support it with my tithes and pray with everything I have to keep our church alive!"



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS
Apr. 4 7:00 pm	Amanda Lawler Kristin Andersen	Evelyn Larsen	Team #4 Rich Christensen	
Apr. 5 7:00 pm	Ryan Clinton Derek Haug		Team #6 Howard Jensen	
Apr. 7 7:00 am	Kristen Clinton Katie Sanders Ken Larsen Eric Larsen	Ruth Estep Beverly Hansen <i>(continuous service)</i>	Team #7 John Cook	Bev Hansen
Apr. 7 10:00 am	Scott Rudey Justin Svoboda Jill Lynch Christina Listrom	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen <i>(continuous service)</i>	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Maury Felton
Apr. 14 8:00 am	Sam Falaschi Jon Cook		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cindi Larsen
Apr. 14 10:30 am	Becky Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan		Team #10 Bob Anderson	Mildred Schroth
Apr. 20 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barbara Larsen		
Apr. 21 8:00 am	Ryan Kreimer Jason Meteyard	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #3 Harold Miller	Ruth Hlavka
Apr. 21 10:30 am	Ken Larsen Matt Liesch Tom Pie	Pat Sodke Evelyn Larsen	Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Fred Van Nice
Apr. 28 10:00 am	Nate Pearson Chris Friis		Team #5	Ginny Dougall

Altar Flowers


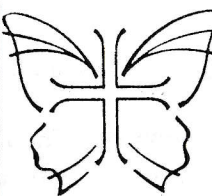
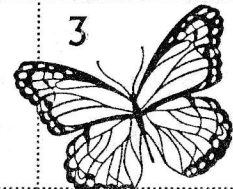
Apr. 7: *(Easter garden)*
 Apr. 14: Jim & Joan Larsen
 Apr. 21: Mark & Grace Falaschi
 Apr. 28: Cathy Meyer

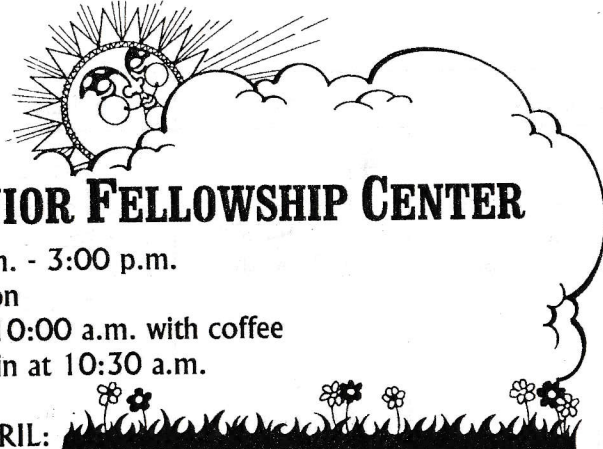
Coffee Fellowship

Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
 TBA
 TBA
Miracle Sunday

Candle Care

Pat Sodke
 (Through April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April, 1996 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, WI 53404 414 634-5515	1 6:00 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Deacons meeting 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee	2 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 5:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Caring Evangelism	3 1:30 pm Mary Circle at Julia D.'s 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 5:00 pm Wed. Night Activities	4 Maundy Thursday 12:00noon WORSHIP SERVICE w/Holy Communion 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Pat's 7:00 pm WORSHIP SERVICE w/Holy Communion	5 Good Friday 12:00noon WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 pm REST 7:00 pm TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS	6 No Saturday worship service 
	HOLY WEEK					
7 Easter Sunday 7:00 am SUNRISE SERVICE with Holy Communion 8:15 am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 10:00 am FESTIVAL SERVICE with Holy Communion	8 5:30 pm Building & Grounds committee 6:30 pm Church Council	9 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center	10 No Wed. Night activities	11 7:00 pm Racine Mission Cluster Council	12 6:30 pm REST	13 9:30 am 1st-4th Grade First Communion Class 5:00 pm Worship Service
14 2nd Sun. of Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICE 9:15 am New member class 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 2:30 pm KFC Bowling at Castle Lanes	15 <i>Visitor deadline</i>	16 9:30 am Cluster Clergy mtg. 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm Caring Evangelism 7:00 pm Miriam Circle	17 5:00 pm Wed. Night activities 5:30 pm Mary-Martha Circle	18 	19 6:30 pm REST	20 Earth Day 8:30 am WELCA Brunch at St. Paul's 10:00 am 6th-12th graders meet at Emmaus for Adopt-a-Highway clean-up 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
21 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:30 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion 9:15 am New member class 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Carpenter's Kids practice 9:20 am Adult Forum	22 3:00 pm WELCA Bible Study 6:00 pm 1st-4th Grade First Communion Class	23 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm Caring Evangelism	24 9:30 am After Pastors 5:00 pm Wed. Night activities 6:15 pm 8th-9th Grade confirmation	25 St. Mark, Evangelist Clergy Day of Renewal, West Bend	26 6:30 pm REST <i>Women's Retreat at Siena Center</i>	27 5:00 pm Worship Service
28 MIRACLE SUNDAY; 4th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE with Children's musical	29 <i>3:00 WELCA Bible Study</i>	30 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm caring Evangelism	May 1 1:30 pm Mary and Rebecca Circles 5:00 pm Wed. Night activities 6:15 pm 8th-9th Grade confirmation	2 7:00 pm Stamp Club	3 	4 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.



EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

PROGRAM FOR APRIL:

- April 2: 10:30 a.m. - Cards & games
 11:30 a.m. - Early lunch
 1:00 p.m. - COPS Program of Racine County
 1:45 p.m. - Games
- April 9: 10:30 a.m. - On the Road with Al and June
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- April 16: 10:30 a.m. - Games
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Joe Knotek: Art in All Forms
- April 23: 10:30 a.m. - Pastor Don Johnson, Lincoln Lutheran: Spiritual Dimensions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social Activities
- April 30: 10:30 a.m. - VCR: "Cuts"
 12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games

April Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

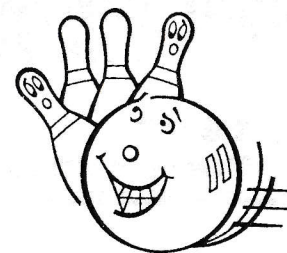
4-16	Evelyn Eschmann	2504 Drexel Avenue	53403
4-26	Arvilla Nemer	1805 Jupiter Avenue	53404



KFC Nuggets

Middle School Youth to Bowl

Middle School Youth! Join us Sunday, April 14 for a bowling party at Castle Lanes. Meet us there at 2:30 for bowling and pizza. Approximate cost will be \$6.00 for bowling, shoe rental and pizza. Bring extra money for snacks and extra soda. Parents can pick you up at Castle Lanes between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. Sound like fun? Bring a friend!



Questions: call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

KFC Calendar

- April 14: Bowling Party, Castle Lanes
- April 20: "Adopt-a-Highway" service project (see the BIC article below)
- May 17-18: "Paint-In overnight at Emmaus"
- June: To be announced
 Watch for information on a June Volleyball league in the May Visitor!

The BIC Pen

Youth to Serve Easter Breakfast

Our high school youth group, Believers In Christ (B.I.C.), will serve the Easter breakfast between services April 7. We should start dishing up sometime around 8:15.

Adopt-a-Highway Project

We will be good stewards of the Earth on Earth Day, April 20. Grades 6-12 meet at Emmaus at 10:00 a.m. We will proceed to Good Shepherd and view an Adopt-a-Highway training film at 10:30 a.m. Our two youth groups will combine to pick up the trash on our 2 mile strip of Highway H between Highway K and 4 Mile Road, finishing around 12:30 p.m.

LYE Congress

Seven of our high school youth

attended the Lutheran Youth Encounter Congress in Chicago this year. Chad Strini, Ryan Sedgwick,

Y-O-U-T-H



Josh Sanders, Jason Meteyard, Tiffany Kreimer, Ben Field, and Ryan Clinton were among some 2,000

youth from all over the midwest who gathered in faith March 15-17 to celebrate and to grow in Christ.

Sunday School Sentinel

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Lenten Stamp Contest

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Stamp Collection this year. The Southern Center will no longer be taking canceled stamps, however, due to recent uncertainties about the facility. Because of this, the Sunday School will not be collecting stamps in the future.

Again, thank you to all who supported this effort in the past.

See You Sunday!

Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter,

Cathy Meyer,
Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi

Draw the other half of these "signs of Spring"



Annual Cluster Assembly

Bishop Rogness Lauds Congregations' Support of ELCA

The annual assembly of the Racine Mission Cluster (RMC) was held February 8, 1996 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Peter Rogness addressed the assembly, reporting that congregational support to the synod exceeded the budgeted amount in 1995, and 70% of synod congregations met or exceeded their 1995 pledges.

Donna Bumpus, coordinator of the cluster's Meal Site at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, reported that the site served 5,500 people in 1995. She thanked Roma Lodge and the participating congregations, two of which are non-ELCA congregations, for their support of the meal site. This meal site continues to be the major expense of the cluster; the suggested annual contribution from member congregations of 35¢ per member should be enough to leave a small surplus after meal site expenses.

Rev. Karl Otto of Bethania reported that 150 persons attended the Epiphany Festival in January. The offering of \$165.35 was donated to the Racine Jail Ministry.

Delegate Elections

Mary Alice Peterson of Bethania was elected as the RMC's delegate to the 1997 Assembly of the ELCA in Philadelphia. Donna Lathrop was elected alternate. Election of a youth delegate to the Synod Assembly at Carthage College this June was left to the Racine Mission Cluster Council, as no nominations were available at the time of the assembly.



The assembly approved a resolution urging the Synod Council to investigate amending the ELCA constitution to credit clergy "on leave and available for call" for time served as interim pastor of a congregation. At present, such a pastor is removed from the Clergy Roster after three years on leave, even if the pastor serves as an interim pastor of a congregation during that time.

The RMC Council met after the assembly to elect new officers. Jan Behrens (Redeemer) was elected lay chair; Rev. Steve Blyth (Zion) was elected vice chair. Rev. Jerry Anderson (Our Savior's) was elected council secretary. Mike Anderson (Gethsemane) was elected council treasurer. The RMC council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

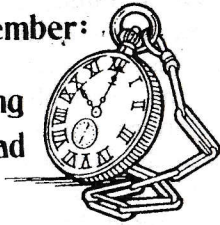
Note: Emmaus' position on the Racine Cluster is currently vacant, and we therefore are not represented. That position is open to a female lay member of the congregation (current term extends through January, 1997). Are you interested or know of someone who might be? If so, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

Wisconsin Legislature Defies Time

Remember six months ago, when we reported that it was illegal in the state of Wisconsin not to switch to Daylight Savings Time in the spring? Well, that statute has been removed from the books. Wisconsin citizens are now free to set their watches and clocks to any time they wish whenever they want.

So, if you show up for church on April 7 an hour later than everyone else, there is no need to be embarrassed or in fear of the law. You can now proudly proclaim that

**Remember:
Spring
ahead**



you have decided to march to the beat of a different timepiece—to spend your Daylight Time freely and with abandon.

Just keep in mind that our own plans 'round these parts are to switch over to Daylight Savings Time on April 7, setting our clocks ahead one hour before we go to bed Saturday night.

Elsewhere in Our Area

Support Groups, Concerts, Other Opportunities Offered

Project FACE offerings in April include a Blended Family support group for re-married couples. The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at St. Patrick's Church, 1100 Erie Street. There is no registration fee for this group, which is led by Tony and Mary Kay Friedel. Contact them at 632-4167.

Another Project FACE support group for anyone who has placed a child for adoption, their family members or significant others, will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Catholic Social Services, 2711 19th Street. Contact facilitator Julie Heisler at 637-8888.

Pre-registration is required for all Project FACE groups. See our bulletin board for other offerings.

Lutheran A Capella Choir

Robert Porter will direct the Lutheran A Cappella Choir in its 1996

Spring Concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9th & Highland in Milwaukee, Sunday April 28 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will feature works by Benjamin Britten, Johannes Brahms, Healey Willan, and the premiere of Emily Maxson Porter's *Heralds of the Cross*. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students by April 15; a dollar extra at the door. Order your tickets to the choir at 2647 N. Stowell avenue, Milwaukee, 53211.

Lutherdale Summer Camp

Register now for summer camp! Lutherdale Bible Camp reports that some weeks have filled already. The registration fee increases by \$25.00 on April 15. Choose a week now -- third graders through senior high, families and "seasoned saints." Brochures are available from the church office, or phone Lutherdale at 742-2352.

Pastor Paul's Column

For Whom Do We Worship?

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

For whom do we worship? For God? For ourselves? For others? I think we could respond with all three of these answers and say quite a bit about each one. As we begin this month with Holy Week, for example, it is the most important time for each of us to grow in our own faiths. Worship is for ourselves, to continue to be nurtured and strengthened in our faiths.

And Easter is a day above all other days to praise and worship God for the promise of new life in Jesus Christ. Worship is for praising God. Many places in Scripture give that as the ultimate purpose of Creation, in the first place: that we come to praise our Creator.

I would like to spend a few moments, however, reflecting on the third of these answers: when we worship, we do so for others. Worship is our act of service to God *and* to one another. Our most common term for it is as a worship "service."

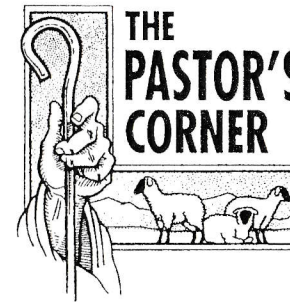
I recently came across a quotation from Martin Luther that helped drive this point home for me. In his introduction to the German mass, he suggested that worship should be designed *for the young and for the stranger*. Why? Because we should always be concerned about nurturing the faith of those who are most new to it. In most cases, that means young people and the strangers among us who

are visiting, looking for a place among us.

Luther himself worked quite hard at this. The German mass was a change from the Latin one, so that young people and strangers would have an easier time of understanding. Perhaps most important, though, as it is in every age, was the music. Luther took up hymn writing so that he could bring the Christian faith to people through the popular music of the time. It is hard for us to think of "A Mighty Fortress" as a contemporary song, but that is precisely what it was in the 16th century.

How do we do in shaping our worship for the young and for the stranger? Is this something we make an effort at? Is it something we think about at all? I must confess that most of the time I am planning worship, I am primarily conscious of trying to do it in the traditional ways for the mature and the faithful Christians, rather than for the young and those still strange to the faith. It is not that this is wrong. We began by saying that worship is very legitimately for each of us to be nurtured in our faiths; and most of us feel best nurtured by the traditions most familiar to us.

But how can we make the new Christians among us a priority, as well? Let's face it, "A Mighty Fortress" is no longer a contemporary song! We had a good taste of it last month when Adam Pechman, David Rudey, and their



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Pastor Paul's Column, Continued

friend Dan Salbreiter played a contemporary Christian song for us. Didn't they do a terrific job? How much difference do you think that would make to our young people to have more such music?

I offer these reflections not as a prelude to moving immediately to wholesale changes in our worship at Emmaus, but simply to begin the process of reflection and decision-making that tries to balance all these factors in planning our worship. Thus far, I have found Emmaus to be a welcoming place, open to both the stranger among us and to doing new things. And I want to especially lift up this approach to worship as an act of service to others. Even if we were to move to some worship styles that were

less familiar to us, would we be willing to do so as an act of service to our new brothers and sisters in Christ?

Please keep such questions in mind as the Worship & Music Committee looks at ways of making our worship more welcoming to visitors and to the younger families. We value your input and feeling about such matters so vital to our life together.

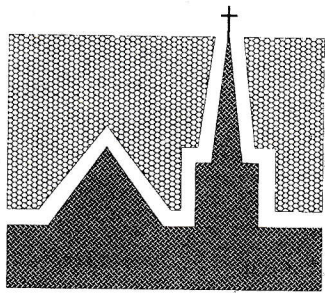
And may the Spirit richly bless our worship together during this most holy of seasons! See you in church.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

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Spring Clean-Up Planned for May 18

Come one and all! To the Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. to noon. We are scheduling a shorter period of time with the hope of more volunteers being able to give two hours of their time: "Many hands

make light work."

We hope to clean both inside and out. Bringing your rakes, gardening tools, dust rags, etc. from home would be a big help! Hope to see you there!

Youths to Take First Communion May 5

At the 10:30 a.m. worship on May 5 will be a very special day for a number of our young people and their families. Thirteen 5th to 7th grade students have completed instruction on the sacrament of Holy Communion and will be taking their first communion in the coming weeks, mostly on May 5, but several on other dates due to scheduling conflicts.

The thirteen are: Alex Gueldenzopf, Rachel Haug, Nicole Larsen, Amy Lawler, P.J. Liesch, Melanie Olson, Nate Pearson, Jonathan Pechman, Destiny Rodriguez, Chris Sedgwick, Abigail Steger, Erin Svoboda, and Adam Van

Nice.

May 5 also marks the first time that communion will be offered to those at Emmaus younger than fifth grade since the congregation voted in January to lower minimum age for communion. Six children have been prepared for their first communion and are looking forward to participating on May 5. They are **Nathan and Kelsey Albright, Marissa Connet, and Joel, Matthew and Joshua Nuechterlein.**

May the Lord richly bless and nurture these young people through the sacrament of Holy Communion for many years to come!

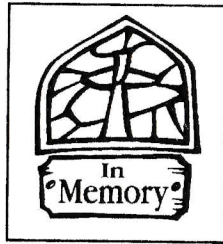
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Non-designated Memorials:

in memory of Anita Andersen: \$25.00

Easter Offering:

in memory of Lois Gueldenzopf: \$1,000.00



Church Council Report

Council Discusses Benevolences, Worship Plans

At its April 8 meeting, the Emmaus Church Council authorized Treasurer Amy Larsen to pay the church's January and February benevolences.

Pastor
Mary reported that she will serve as a hotel chaplain at the WELCA



National Convention July 10-14.

Cheryl Dexter informed the council that WELCA is searching for another name for the

Mother/Daughter/Other banquet. This year's banquet will be on May 9 (see WELCA Bulletins).

All council members were asked to consider becoming delegates to the Synod Assembly at Carthage March 31-June 2. Since the assembly includes a Sunday morning worship service, the Synod has suggested that all member congregations observe a "Laity Sunday." Lay members of the Emmaus congregation will lead our worship service.

The next council meeting will be May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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Services are held at Emmaus Saturday evenings at 5:00 and Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. (Summer schedule begins June 9.)

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EMMAUS VISITOR

Vol. 24, No. 9

MAY, 1996

WELCA Bulletins

Story-Teller to Entertain at Banquet May 9

by Kathy Cook

We hope all the women of Emmaus will purchase tickets for the Mother/Daughter banquet to be held on Thursday, May 9, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. Your guests are welcome! We will have a delicious catered dinner and there is a wonderful program scheduled with storyteller Linda Somers. She is



certain to entertain women and girls of all ages with her silly songs and stories. Tickets have been on sale after each service on Sundays (or call the church office, 634-5515 to reserve your tickets): Adults, \$7.00, Girls under 12, \$4.00. A very big THANK YOU to Julie Field for the lovely poster for this very special event.

Wear Red to Church on Pentecost Sunday!

Emmaus will celebrate the birthday of the Christian church and the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 26, by decorating the church with red geraniums, banners and paraments. Worshipers are encouraged to wear red, the color used in the Christian church to mark special

celebrations, to church that day.

Also as part of the occasion, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Adult Choir will sing at both services.

Order forms for geraniums are included in the Visitor and in Sunday bulletins through May 19.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of March 31, 1996

	February	March
Number of people served:	371	357
Amount of money received:	\$746.52	\$1,555.43
Amount of money spent:	\$353.58	\$863.53
Checkbook:	\$1,669.99	\$2361.89



Trinity United Methodist was a drop-off site for the Boy Scout Food Drive, and the Pantry benefitted, receiving approximately 2,300 food items.

Food Pantry Coordinator (639-5149)
Editor's note: May 11 is the date of the U.S. Postal Service Food Drive. Emmaus will receive food from the Sturtevant post office to be contributed to the Northside Food Pantry.

--Mary Haas

Graduates to Be Honored June 9

Graduating seniors from high school and college are invited to submit their names and the schools graduating

them to the church office by June 3. All graduates will be honored at church on June 9.

KFC Nuggets

Paint-in Planned Overnight May 17

Middle School Youth! Join us on Friday, May 17 for our Spring "Paint-In." Come to church after supper around 6:30 p.m. Bring your old clothes, painting supplies (brushes, rollers, etc.), sleeping bag, pillow, and a snack to share. We'll provide paint, soda and a light breakfast on Saturday. Have your parents pick you up at 8:00 Saturday morning.

See your Sunday School teacher for a permission slip to be signed by your parent(s). Sorry--no non-Emmaus friends unless cleared through Chris Olson or Cindi Larsen.

Questions? Call Chris Olson (634-2582), Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Pat Liesch (835-1363).

P.S.: Any brave souls out there who would like to chaperon? Please let us know!

Volleyball League

Look for the sign-up sheet for June volleyball league. Last year, the

league games were held on the empty lot south of Emmaus on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00.

Highway Clean-up

Emmaus and Good Shepherd's turn to clean the Racine Christian Youth Organization's (RCYO) adopted stretch of Highway H has been rescheduled to May 4. Meet here at the church at 10:00 a.m. Bring \$2.00 for lunch; parents may pick up their children at Good Shepherd by 1:30.

Youth Birthdays in May

May 14	Joseph Devine, 9
May 18	Christina Listrom, 11
May 18	Alyssa Yorgan, 11
May 19	Justin Haman, 6
May 21	Jill Lynch, 13
May 24	Amy Lawler, 11
May 29	Courtney Jansen, 6
May 30	Brad Kousek, 16

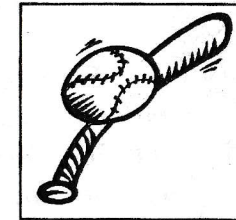
Mexican Exchange Program Seeks Host Families

Intercambio Internacional de Estudiantes is a seven-week student exchange program that is in need of host families for Mexican boys and girls aged 12-16. Students arrive July 13. Host

families provide room, board, and love and a boy or girl of the same age. If you would like a rewarding and educational experience for your family this summer, please call 1-800-437-4170.

Softball Season Opens May 21

Softball season begins May 21! The Emmaus Kringles softball team will be getting together again this year for Christian recreation and fellowship. Games are played Tuesday evenings at Cliffside Park, north of Six Mile Road



on Michna Road.

All men and boys 14 years and over are welcome to sign up and to attend the pre-season practices. Please sign up in the narthex or call Ed Simon (634-5666) for details.

Sue Bowen Receives Call

Sue Bowen has received a call to serve half-time as pastor at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greendale, Wisconsin, beginning in May. Sue underwent parish training at Emmaus in 1992-93 while studying at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She will serve the

congregation at St. Luke's with senior pastor Rev. Richard Warber.

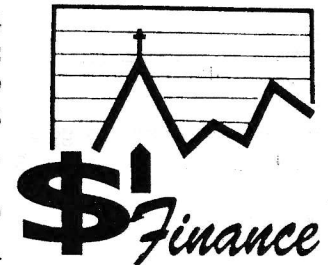
Sue will be ordained at Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Racine on June 30. Best wishes and God's blessings to Sue as she begins her pastoral career!

Financial Statistics

Offerings received in March	\$17,839.04
Needed monthly for 1996 budget	\$18,200.58
1996 budget to date, 3/31/1996	\$54,701.69
Total offerings as of 3/31/1996	\$51,862.05
Total expenditures as of 3/31/1996	\$51,506.71

April mortgage payment: Principal	\$626.69
Interest	\$1,500.31
Total	\$2,127.00

Principal balance as of March 11, '96	\$221,538.79
March Building Fund offerings	\$1,284.00



Sat.-Sun. Attendance Statistics

Weekly average	1994	1995	1996
...in February	190	205	190
...in March	236	208	227
...in April	260	271	236



FILL A PEW



Geranium Sale for Debt Retirement

Emmaus will decorate the church with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 26. These geraniums from Milaegers will be blooming in 4" pots and can be purchased for \$4.00 each or \$44.00 per dozen. The geraniums can be picked up after the 10:30 service on May 26.

Please pass this order form out to your family and friends. The proceeds from this sale will go to help us retire our mortgage debt.

Geranium Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of geraniums _____

I will be taking my geranium(s) home after the 10:30 service

Please deliver my geranium(s) to a shut-in

Please have your order in to the church office by May 19.



Emmaus Experiences Sharp Dip in Offerings After Easter

In contrast to very consistent giving on the Sundays prior to and including Easter, the last three Sundays have shown a sharp dip in contributions. In order to meet the basic needs of our operating budget, \$4,200 is needed weekly. For the three weeks following Easter, that would mean a total of \$12,000 to meet the budget.

However, actual giving for those three weeks was \$7,676, which has forced the Treasurer and Executive Committee to make difficult choices about which bills could be paid in a timely manner. It is the hope of the



YOUR PLEDGE
This Summer

committed giving at Emmaus.

A big thank you to all who have been consistent and faithful in your giving -- the ministry of the church flourishes because of you!

Executive Committee of the Church Council that this is only a temporary "blip" in what has otherwise been a very solid year of

Mothers' Day

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30



This poem was written by Mary Protheroe for Mothers' Day and given to Anita Andersen. Cheryl Dexter has submitted it for mothers everywhere.

God bless every mother, on this very special day.

Watch over her, protect her, as she travels on her way.

May I show her how I love her, in little things I do.

Tell her what she means to me, every day the whole year through.

Memories so sweet of mothers who dwell in God's beautiful garden above.

I shall always remember my mother, her smile and tender love.

We thank thee, Lord, for mothers, their kindness and their love.

--Mary Protheroe

Thanks for All Your Help!

Thank you to Carol Yust, Vern Peterson, and Kerry Hunter for helping keep Emmaus clean during Wes' vacation last month.

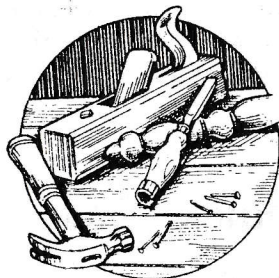
Wes joins us in thanking Amy Larsen for donating new soap dispensers and soap for the rest rooms.

And last, but not least, a thank you to all the people who hardly ever get thanked in the *Visitor* because their

help comes after the *Visitor* has been printed—namely, the people who help put the *Visitor* together, affix mailing labels, and sort them for mailing. Among the people who have helped with this task have been Jo Baggesen, Dorothy Bagley, Al and June Beck, Marian Bower, Howard and Marge Jensen, Glenn Olson, Betty Petersen and Carol Yust.

AAL, Habitat Call for Construction Help

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) and Habitat for Humanity of Racine are calling for help in the construction of a Habitat home on 9th Street and Parker. By involving people in the building of their own and other Habitat homes, Habitat provides housing for those who might otherwise never be able to afford a home of their own. Volunteers are needed to assist with construction, painting and so forth, as well as making



lunch and snacks for the construction crew.

AAL Branches signing up six or more volunteers will receive \$700 for their church. Emmaus has a sign-up sheet in the narthex on Sundays; please sign your name with your phone number so we can call you. Men and women are both needed.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own hammers (with their names on them). Workers are insured by Habitat, and will receive a t-shirt from AAL. Work will take place on Saturdays throughout the summer.

Johnson Wax Fund Awards Grant to Hispanic Agency

The S.C. Johnson Wax Fund has awarded a grant of \$30,000 to the Hispanic Education and Support Outreach Services Agency, 818 6th Street, to support "Breaking the Language Barrier," a program that provides advocacy support and referral services free of charge to Spanish speaking residents of Racine County.

The agency assists Spanish speaking individuals in dealing with government agencies, hospitals and insurance companies. The agency also provides translation services for city and county officials and departments. For more information, contact Tony Martinez, Executive Director, at 637-3680.

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____



ELCA International **DISASTER** Response

THE SUFFERING PEOPLE OF LIBERIA NEED YOUR HELP!

DISASTER - GRAM
(April 19, 1996)

Pray for the people.

For seven years the people of Liberia have been suffering the effects of widespread civil war. The warring factions signed a peace accord in August, 1995. An interim government was established and given the mandate to repatriate refugees, disarm the combatants, and hold free and fair elections. The fragile peace was broken on Easter weekend when conflict again erupted between several of the factions. The capital city, Monrovia, continues in chaos as armed bands loot, vandalize, and kill.

A high percentage of the people are displaced, both within and outside the country. Help is needed now for the many Liberian refugees in The Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and other neighboring countries. Assistance is being given in some of the more secure areas of the country, such as Phebe Hospital in the central part of the country.

The Lutheran Church in Liberia continues its work of reconciliation. The ELCA has a long-time relationship with this church. **We must not let them feel abandoned!**

We have the agencies and opportunities to continue the work of relief and rehabilitation. We are able to channel your help through Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation, and the ELCA Division for Global Mission. These entities have longtime relationships with organizations, churches, and institutions which are in the best position to give most effective help when peace is restored.

Your financial help is much needed!

Contribute through your congregation, or write your check to "ELCA World Hunger Appeal - Liberia," P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. 100% of your gift will be channeled through the ELCA International Disaster Fund for work with the people of Liberia.

**In times of disaster
THE ELCA IS THERE**

Pastor Mary's Column

Which Season Are You?

"Think About the Seasons" was an instruction given recently to those of us participating in the Caring Evangelism class. That wasn't hard to do. Immediately my mind was filled with images of the contrasts and changes found in each season of the year.

But the instructions to the class were then expanded. Next we were asked to consider our relationship with God and our own faith life. Which season would best describe that relationship, and why? The room was buzzing as we talked this question over with our discussion partners.

Think for a moment. How would *you* answer that question? How would you describe your *current* faith relationship with God? Winter? Spring? Summer? Fall?

Following our one-on-one discussions in the class, we came together again as a group. How did we describe our faith relationships? One of the older men in the class chose fall as the season best describing where he was -- quiet, reflective, introspective. Another talked of winter because it was challenging and invigorating, while yet another person said that everything seemed to be in such full bloom, both with his family and his faith life, that summer was the season that best described him.

While there was a handful of

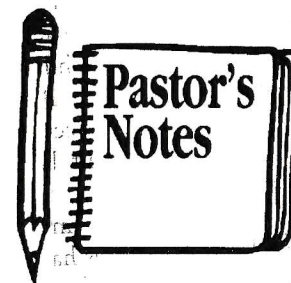
folks identifying their spiritual seasons as winter, summer and fall, the vast majority of us had answered *spring*.

The young man who was my discussion partner chose spring because it was a season of hope and new growth. But he also pointed out that spring is a time of unpredictability -- one day is sunny and warm and the next may be chilly, cloudy and rainy. But even then, growth occurs and those days don't last forever.

A young woman articulated how seeds have been planted in her life and how God is there in the middle of the process, causing them to grow and to blossom. Like those springtime buds that we now observe, they burst open and show the wonder of God in new ways.

This spring, as I impatiently waited for the tulips by my front door to poke through the dirt, I wondered what was taking so long. Was anything happening in that cold, dark earth? Then, *finally*, a bit of green peered out. Each day they have grown taller and the buds are forming, preparing to flower. The presence of God's creative power in that growth process is a mystery and a miracle once again this spring. I have to admit that there have been days in the past weeks that I've thought something like, "Rain, rain, go away. Come again another day. Pastor Mary wants to play!" But then the new life and the

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Pastor Mary's Column, CONTINUED

buds appear, and I remember that it's often rain and darkness that precedes new growth and new life. New life emerges out of that cold, damp ground -- just as new life emerged out of the darkness of death and the empty tomb that first Easter morning. And that life of the risen Christ conquered death once and for all in the resurrection.

In the resurrection of Jesus, may this season of Easter give us new hope as we trust God to be with us each step of the way in our life and faith journey. I pray that your growing season will be a

good one, filling you with resurrection surprises! And, that is also my prayer for the Emmaüs community as a whole -- that God will bless us with spiritual growth in ways we never even dreamed possible! May we *all* come alive in new ways in that resurrection hope.

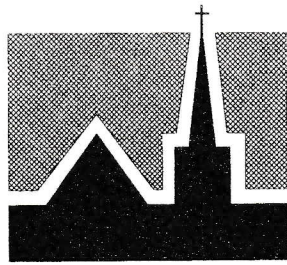
In the risen Christ,

Pastor Mary

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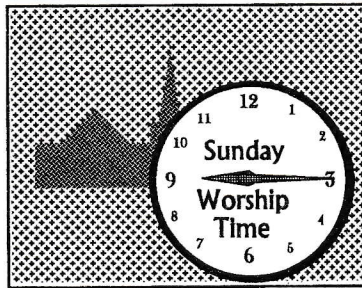
Lay Leadership Sunday Features Service of Song

Summer Schedule Begins June 2

Summer worship schedule at Emmaus begins the weekend of June 1-2. The Saturday worship service will continue at 5:00 p.m., but there will be only one service on Sunday mornings through Labor Day weekend.

Sunday services this summer will begin at 9:15 a.m. Weather permitting, coffee and fellowship will be held on the front lawn after the service.

Because of the Synod Assembly, which is scheduled to adjourn at noon on June 2, ELCA congregations around the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be observing "Lay Leadership Sunday" that morning. At Emmaus, Karen Sedgwick will act as worship leader and will provide the leadership of the liturgy and special litanies.



June 2 will also be the Adult Choir's last Sunday until fall, and the choir will conclude its season by taking us on a journey through the church year, following the life of Christ. Songs during the service will begin with the preparation (Advent) and culminate in the Resurrection. The choir has chosen some of their favorite anthems, and the congregation will sing several well-known hymns.

For those who prefer to attend the Saturday evening service, the same liturgy, litanies and hymns will be used, but the choir music will not be presented. Karen Sedgwick will lead the service.

Please join us this summer to praise God and join in Christian fellowship!

Kathy Christensen contributed to this report.

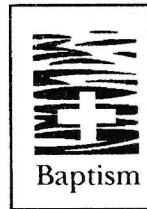
PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

May 12, 1996 Adam Robert Rasmussen
 May 26, 1996 Mitchell John Dresen

Adam Rasmussen, born December 14, 1995, is the son of James and Leslie (Annis) Rasmussen. His sponsors were Paul Thompson, Tara Kerr, and Jami Therkelsen.

Mitchell Dresen, born April 9, is the son of Michael and Dawn (Woodland) Dresen. His sponsors were Lane and Renea Woodland.



Wedding:

May 18, 1996 Carla Vertz and Tim Van Berg



Carla Vertz and Tim Van Berg were joined in Holy Matrimony by Pastor Mary and Rev. Mary Steege at Emmaus. Tim and Carla met at a bereavement support group. Tim, an Accounting Manager for Interlake Packaging Company of Racine, serves on the church council as Financial Secretary.

Son Eric and daughter Rachel served as candle lighters and ushers for the wedding service.

Funeral:

May 26, 1996 Mae Florence Henke

Mae Henke was born May 8, 1922 in Nelsonville, Wisconsin. She joined Emmaus when she moved to Racine from Chicago in 1964, when her career as a nurse brought her to work at High Ridge Nursing Home.

MEMORIALS

Flowering shrubs, evergreens, and flowering perennials in the parsonage front yard were lovingly given for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day in memory of Mary and Russ Protheroe by Keith and Leroy Protheroe

Non-dedicated memorials: In memory of Mae Henke: \$50.00

Members Adopt Sunday in May to Help Retire Emmaus Debt

We extend our earnest thanks to the following for adopting Sundays in May as part of Emmaus' "Adopt-a-Sunday" debt retirement program. Adopt-a-Sunday forms are available in the *Visitor* and in Sunday bulletins.

Esther Jensen, in thanks to God for her Christian heritage
Julia Durand, in memory of her husband, Laurier Durand

Remember Emmaus This Summer

Will you be away for part of the summer? If so, please consider mailing your contributions to the church *before you go*. We hope to keep up the *great* pattern of giving established since the

first of the year. Do your part and use the enclosed envelope to help keep us current.

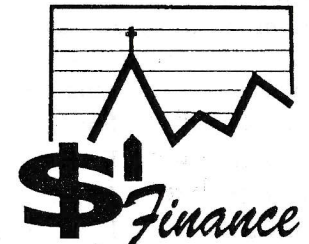
Thank you for your faithful giving thus far; it has made a difference!

Financial Figures

Offerings received in April \$17,839.04
 Needed monthly for 1996 budget . . . \$16,257.75
 1996 budget to date, 4/30/1996 \$71,502.21
 Total offerings as of 4/30/1996 \$68,119.80
 Total expenditures as of 4/30/1996 . . \$72,600.09

April mortgage payment: Principal . . . \$430.94
 Interest . . . \$1,496.06
 Total \$1,927.00

Principal balance as of April 11, '96 \$220,957.10
 April Building Fund offerings \$566.00



Sat.-Sun. Attendance Statistics

<u>Weekly average</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
...in March	236	208	227
...in April	260	271	236
...in May	206	203	224

Thoughts of Summer Inspire Wish List

Thanks to Wish List offerings this spring, we have been able to have maintenance work done on our elevator. For the convenience of our senior citizens, the elevator door will now remain open for twelve seconds, nine seconds longer than it had previously been programmed to stay open.

Other Wish List items for this summer are:

\$150(?) / fan

\$45 / student

\$200

Fans for the sanctuary to help keep us cool this summer. We're still looking for better prices on this item.
 Vacation Bible School scholarships.
 New tape deck for recording worship services for shut-ins.

Softball Season Gets Underway

The Emmaus Kringles' softball season is underway! Everyone is invited to come on out to Crestview Park, on Michna Road north of Six Mile Road, to cheer on the team and to share in the joy of Christian fellowship. New team members are always



welcome; contact Ed Simon at 634-5666.

Games are on Tuesday evenings; with make-up games and tie-breakers, the season runs through August 13. Here is the schedule of game times, opponents, and the diamond on which the game will be played:

June 4	Emmaus vs. Trinity U. Meth.-St. Andrew Luth.	7:15 SE
June 11	Emmaus vs. Mt. Pleasant Lutheran	8:30 NW
June 18	Emmaus vs. Northside Catholic Collaboration	7:15 SW
June 25	Emmaus vs. Christian Reformed	7:15 NE
July 2	Emmaus vs. Grace Lutheran	7:15 SE
July 9	Emmaus vs. United Presbyterian	8:30 NW
July 16	Emmaus vs. Emmanuel Lutheran	8:30 NE

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Youth Choirs Director: Cathy Meyer
Senior Fellowship Director: Glenn Olson Adult Choirs Director: Marsha Connet
Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi and Karen Olson
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00. Summer schedule begins June 2 with Sunday services at 9:15 only (the Saturday services will continue at 5:00.)

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R.E.S.T. Program Thanks Volunteers

The R.E.S.T. program here at Emmaus would like to thank all of the volunteers who generously gave of their time, to help those in need.

- ◆ No matter what you provided – whether you opened the door, so someone could come in;
- ◆ whether you stayed awake, so someone else could sleep;
- ◆ whether you served food, so someone else could eat;
- ◆ whether you donated bus tokens, so someone else could ride;
- ◆ whether you donated your time

and money, so someone else could be warm and find shelter; or whether you extended a helping hand, a listening ear or a friendly smile, so someone else could find comfort; –it is all greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who helped, we were able to serve 161 guest nights of R.E.S.T. this past season. We look forward to your continued support in the years to come.

Thanks and see you in the fall.

–Jim Palmer

Site Coordinator

Council Seeks New Committee Chairs

Two very important council positions remain open and we pray that interested people will contact Council President Cathy Knuteson or one of the pastors to answer our call for assistance. Both the Education Committee and the Social Concerns Committee are currently operating without chairpersons. Both of these committees are important in our ministry within our church family and to the community beyond our walls!

The Education Committee oversees all education programs. This includes not only the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Forum, and the catechism program, but also the adult and children's libraries, the Senior Fellowship Center, and Wednesday Night Activities.

The Social Concerns Committee is involved with Emmaus' service to others in need. We heed Christ's challenge in Matthew 25:35-36 through

participation in the Community Meal at St. Patrick's Church, the Northside Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist, the Lutheran World Relief Clothing Drive, the CROP Walk, the Christmas Giving Tree and the REST Program for the homeless.

Duties of a committee chairperson include convening the committee on a monthly basis and reporting to the full church council. The council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month; committee meetings are scheduled by agreement among committee members.

Chairing a committee is a wonderful opportunity to become involved and truly have an influence in the lives of others. Should you be interested in helping, you would have great support from the Council and other committee members! Please call Cathy at 639-5621 or one of the pastors.

Sunday School Sentinel

June, 1996
Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church

Thanks to Our Teachers!

A very special thank you to all of our wonderful Sunday School teachers. You have shared your knowledge, experience, time and love with the children at Emmaus.

Grace and I appreciate the time and dedication you have given to the Sunday School Department this year. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved vacation this summer.

1995-6 Sunday School Staff

3-year-olds Joy Kousek
4-year-olds .. Barb Toslek Susan Page
Kindergarten Caren Lambertson
1st Grade Kelley Toslek
2nd Grade Pat LeRoux-Sodke
3rd Grade Sharon Devine
& Ellen Nuechterlein
4th Grade Irene Pechman
5th Grade Vicki Steger
6th Grade Chris Olson
7th-8th Grade Denise Ustymowicz,
Cindi & Loren Larsen, Claire Warren,
Pastor Paul, John Liesch, & Greg
Reischl
High School Sandy Strini
Treasurer Linda Meteyard

More Thanks

Thank-you to Cathy Meyer who spent many hours singing with our little ones, and for preparing the wonderful musical programs through the year!

We would also like to thank Paul Berge for putting up with our forgetfulness. Without your guidance, we would have never survived.

This has been a great first year as Sunday School Superintendents. We have learned a lot. Thanks for putting up with us -- we look forward to next year.

See You Next Year!

Thanks to all!

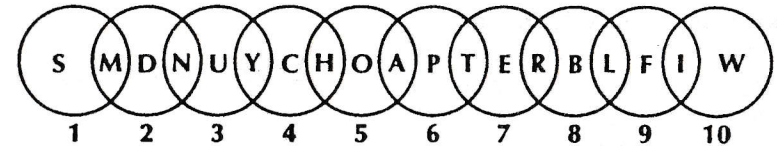
*Yours in Christ,
Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi*

What do you want to be when you grow up?

If you were a child in Bible times, you might answer that differently than you would today.

Use the circles to find out what some jobs were.

(There were many more, of course!) Ex.: 4,5 = H; 7 = E



1. a preparer of drugs, oils, perfumes:

5,6 6 5 6,7 4,5 7 4 5,6 7,8 3,4

2. one who dyed cloth:

2 3,4 7 7,8

3. a worker in stone:

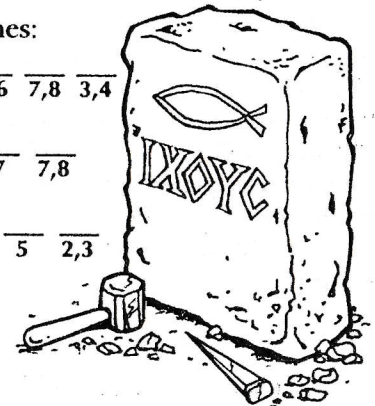
1,2 5,6 1 5 2,3

4. one who prepared cloth:

9 3 8,9 8,9 7 7,8

5. a worker with clay:

6 5 6,7 6,7 7 7,8



Youth Volleyball Meets Wednesdays

by Sandy Strini

Racine Christian Youth Organization (RCYO) Volleyball will be held at Emmaus each Wednesday in June from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All youth grades 6-12 are invited to play. A competitive level of play and a social

level of play will be available. Four courts will be available.

Come with a team or with a friend or come to make friends. There will be refreshments, and we will close the evening with a short meditation ... and clean-up.

The BIC Pen

Great America Outing Welcomes the Class of '00

Senior High students in grades 9-12! Believers In Christ (BIC) announces its annual welcome for the incoming Class of 2000:

an outing to Great America!

We'll meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 11 and return kids to their homes around 11:00 p.m.

Make your reservations by Sunday, June 9 by signing up in the narthex or by calling Sandy Strini (639-3755). Bring a friend!

Note: Any drivers who fill up their tank with eight or more gallons at Speedway filling stations may pick up their receipt for a two-for-one admission to Great America. Please save those receipts and place them in the BIC mailbox by the church office if you would like to donate to the kids' trip.

Canoe Trip

Watch for the sign-up sheet for



our canoe trip coming up in July! The date for this trip to Luther College in Iowa will be announced soon.

Youth Birthdays in June

- June 5 Erica Eisel, 3
- June 7 Nathan Lamberton, 7
- June 8 James Krizan, 7
- June 10 Mason Bagley, 2
- June 13 Katy Sanders, 12
- June 14 Jessica Fiebig, 8
- June 17 Nicole Tatum, 13
- June 17 Claire Hierseman, 4
- June 18 Ryan Halsey, 16
- June 18 Shai'ela Dexter, 3
- June 18 Ashley Neuhaus, 3
- June 23 AnnMarie Liesch, 9
- June 29 Adam Van Nice, 13
- June 30 Justin Svoboda, 14

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER



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

Director: Glenn Olson

The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee
Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

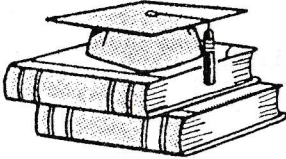
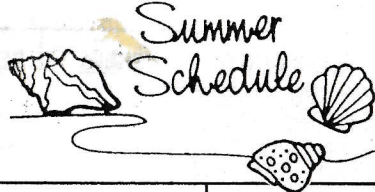

PROGRAMS FOR JUNE:

- June 4: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. VCR: "Cats"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games
- June 11: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. "So We Sew" -- show and tell about the things made during the winter
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games
- June 18: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. VCR: "Babe" (Thanks, Marge)
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games
- June 25: 10:00 a.m. Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. VCR: Conclusion of "Babe"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Birthday Lunch
1:00 p.m. Games



June Birthdays - 70 Years and Over

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|------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 6/1 | Marcie Runge | 6940 Mariner Dr. #202 | 53406 |
| 6/6 | Fran Burdick | 1238 Harrington Drive | 53405 |
| 6/10 | Evelyn Larsen | 5315 Norman Street | 53406 |
| 6/17 | Mildred Schroth | 3900 N. Main Street #231 | 53402 |
| 6/19 | Marvin Gattie | P.O. Box 221, Ellison Bay, WI | 54210 |
| 6/22 | June Johns | 5527 Marboro Drive | 53406 |
| 6/25 | Lowell Klees | 1903 Shoop Street | 53404 |

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
June 2 9:15 am	Katie Sanders Jill Lynch		Team #7 John Cook	Audrey Rasmussen	Willine & Vern Svendsen Marge & Howie Jensen
June 9 9:15 am			Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Al Svendsen	Betty Barth Arvilla Nemer Karen & Chris Olson
June 15 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
June 16 9:15 am		Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #4 Rich Christensen	Kathy Christensen	Jim & Nancy Martinsen Carol Yust Lisa Ziehlke
June 23 9:15 am			Team #3 Harold Miller	Chris Lamberton	Julia Durand Harry & Evelyn Larsen
Jun. 30 9:15 am			Team #6 Howard Jensen	Karen Sedgwick	Peter & Susan Bayer
July 6 5:00 pm		Audrey LeRoux Marg. Christensen			
July 7 9:15 am		Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	TBA	Al & Jan Svendsen Lucille Atkinson Edith Bohn

Altar Flowers

June 2: Cathy Meyer
 June 9: Cathy Meyer
 June 16: Gerry & Judy Dykstra
 June 23: Lyle & Cathy Andersen
 June 30: Art & Diane Rode
 July 7: Bill & Cindy Cook

Fellowship Hour

TBA
 Deacons' Committee
 Betty Barth, Jo Baggesen
 TBA
 TBA
 John & Kathy Cook

Candle Care

Jan Svendsen
 (Through June)
 Evelyn Larsen

Let's Hear It For the Spring Clean-up Crew!

A big thank you to all those who pitched in on Spring Clean-up Day, May 18: Betty Barth, Al & June Beck, Judy Berndt, Lyle Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, Bill & Shirley Irvine, Joy Kousek, Loren & Eric Larsen, Boots & Lloyd LeRoux, Pastor Paul & Ellen Nuechterlein, Vern Peteron, and Harley Slater.

We cleaned up about 50 bags of yard refuse (especially fallen leaves), trimmed bushes, and turned the earth on the flower beds. The job of hauling away all the debris was a big one -- thanks go out to Milt and Marlyn Christensen and Carol Yust for that task.

WELCA News

Fabric Needed for Bibs and Quilts

by Betty Barth



Our circles will meet as usual in June. There will be no circle meetings in July or August.

Our WELCA seamstresses are in need of fabric. Perhaps you have some pieces which you are not planning to use around the house. We can use pieces for quilts and we especially need some fabric lengths to make bibs for Lincoln Lutheran. If you have any fabric to donate, it can be put in the box in the kitchen off the Sunset Room. Thanks for your help.

Thank you to Bev Hansen, for sewing 50 bibs for Lincoln Lutheran Home, and to the sewing women of Emmaus who sewed 45 quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks to Banquet Helpers

We would also like to thank the fathers and sons that served at our Mother and Daughter Banquet. Thanks, too, to the Miriam and Mary/Martha Circles for the

decorations, and to everyone that helped in any way.

Triennial Convention

This year's triennial convention of the Women of the ELCA will be July 11-15 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme of the convention is "Proclaim God's Peace."

We have five women attending from our church. They are Margaret Christensen, Cheryl Dexter, Arvilla Nemer, Audrey Rasmussen and Betty Barth. Pastor Mary will also attend and she has been asked to serve as a chaplain.

Emmaus AAL Branch #4157 will be contributing \$300 toward the transportation for those attending. The women have rented a 15-passenger van along with some other women from Racine and will be riding up to the convention together.

Emmaus WELCA scholarship fund is also contributing toward the trip.

There will be a meeting of our delegates to the convention at 6:30 p.m. June 17.



If one member suffers

(1 Corinthians 12:26)

They work with the most needy. Yet, in a time when some government officials talk about church agencies carrying more of the burden, many of them,

dependent upon government grants, are on the brink of extinction.

In trying times, our ELCA inner city social ministry agencies continue to work with the poorest of the poor though they are often underfunded and overburdened. "At the core of the issue, it's an urban ministry crisis," notes Sally Camp, regional director for support to ELCA east coast social ministry organizations. "These agencies, so crucial to their communities, have often been dependent on congregations with declining financial resources. Because we continue to be rich in people resources, the challenge is to develop a collaborative vision for urban social ministry partnerships."

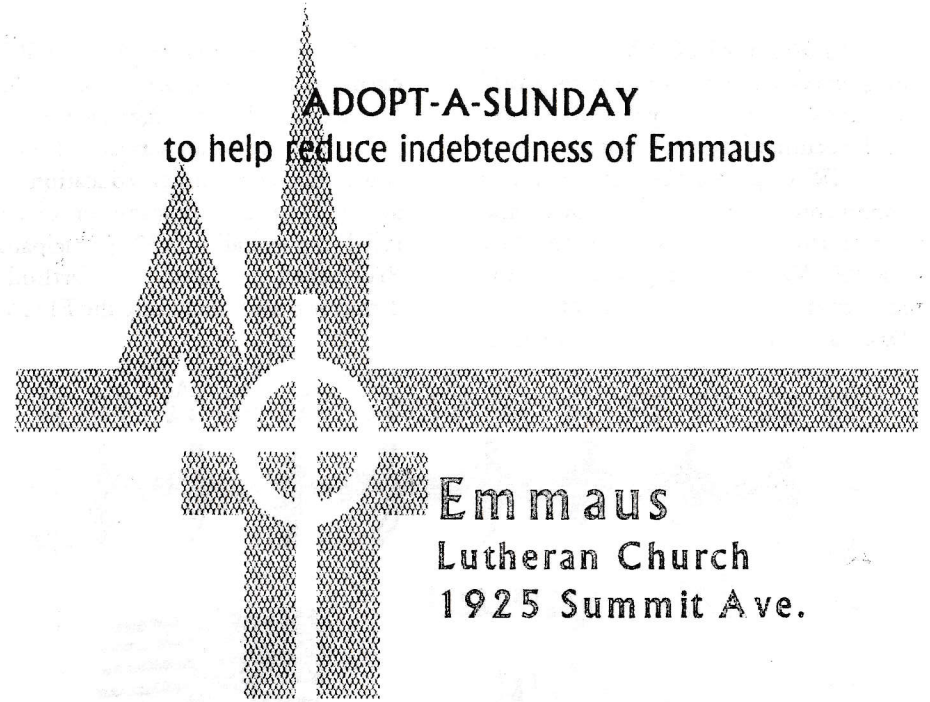
With Camp facilitating consultations, synod staff, agency executives and board members in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. took up that challenge. New partnerships are being forged — like those in Philadelphia where suburban congregations were recruited to work with inner city agencies, and in metropolitan New York, where Lutheran Social Services collaborates with a large ELCA-related nursing home to provide congregationally based health ministries.

"If one member (of the body) suffers, all suffer," yet in that body, members "have the same care for one another." In our partnership with ELCA social ministries, we reach beyond ourselves to be the church at work.

The Division for Church in Society:

"...and for all people according to their needs."

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

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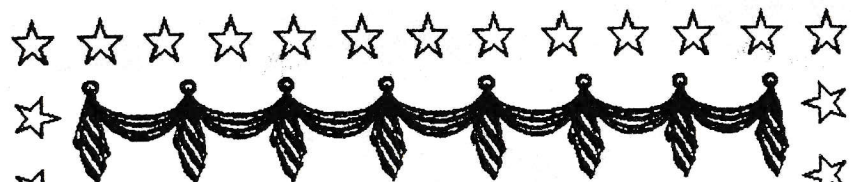
Church World Service/CROP Celebrates 50 Years

In 1996, the ELCA World Hunger Program celebrates with Church World Service/CROP its 50 years of services to the ecumenical community.

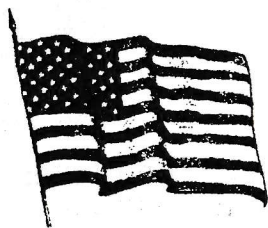
CWS is perhaps best known for its community CROP educational and fund-raising events. One of the first CROP Walks was organized by the former ALC Luther Leagues of North Dakota in 1969. Today, more than

2,000 communities organize CROP events to support local and international hunger-fighting efforts.

CWS provides services of global education, community education and action, and coordination of disaster relief on behalf of 32 participating Protestant and Orthodox denominations, including the ELCA.



5th Annual Salad Luncheon



FRIDAY JUNE 14TH

11 AM TO 1:30 PM

SALADS, ROLLS and DESSERTS

\$4.50 [\$5.00 take-out]

Messiah Lutheran Church

3015 Pritchard Drive (corner of Durand)

Sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood



Elsewhere in Our Area

Messiah Lutheran Seeks Entertainers for Viking Fest

Messiah Lutheran Church, on Durand Avenue between Regency Mall and Ohio Street, will host a Scandinavian Festival, called The Viking Fest, on Aug. 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Messiah is looking for musical entertainment, choirs, solos,

duets, instrumentalists, dancers, ethnic food and craft demonstrations. Professional crafters are asked for a \$20 donation for their tables.

Organizations and groups are asked to contact Messiah Lutheran at 598-0455.

Rebuilt Cross Lutheran to Be Dedicated

Cross Lutheran Church of Milwaukee reports that the work on rebuilding the church structure is all but completed. The building had been badly damaged by fire in February of 1995. Nearly 500 persons joined in the Palm Sunday return home on March 31 of this year, 150 of them braving the cold, wind and rain to march around the block singing and waving palm branches.

All friends and supporters of Cross Church are warmly welcomed to the two dedication services planned for Sunday, June 2. The 9:30 a.m. service will include Rev. Mary Martha Kannass, Pastor of Hephatha Lutheran, as preacher. Hephatha congregation will join us in the service. It was Hephatha Church that contributed their entire Sunday morning offering to the Cross Rebuilding Fund on the Sunday after the fire.

The preacher at the 3:00 p.m. service will be Bishop Medardo Gomez, head of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, whose leadership during El Salvador's Civil War in the 1980's resulted in his imprisonment and nearly cost

him his life. Choirs will include Cross's Choirs, a mass choir made up of singers from Cross's partner congregations, and the Cream City Chorus. A special thanks will be given in the services to the hundreds of persons, congregations, and foundations that have contributed to the Cross Rebuilding Fund.

Cross Lutheran is located at 1821 N. 16th Street in Milwaukee. Exit I-43 left onto Fond du Lac Avenue, left again onto Walnut Street, and right onto 16th Street.



Missionary Humor

Reflections on Law and Order

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

On June 4, we have an important election here in Racine. I have watched with interest the campaign rhetoric of both major candidates. And one their major issues has certainly been "law and order."

On the following Sunday, June 9, we begin a summer-long journey through St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which we will read as our Second Lesson, passage by passage, until September 15. And one of St. Paul's major issues in this great epistle of faith is "law and order." The word "law" appears 77 times in Romans! Chapters 2, 3 and 7 are especially devoted to Paul's trying to understand the law of his own time, both Jewish and Roman, in relationship to his Christian faith.

Can we make a similar attempt, using Paul's reflections on the law to reflect on our own experience of "law and order"? For the average person, both in Paul's day and our own, we see ourselves as "law abiding" and have this sense that, if only everyone could be as law-abiding as we, then there wouldn't be so many problems in the world. Isn't this the feeling from the current political campaign? Both candidates are trying to make positive mileage out of appealing to fellow "law-abiding" citizens for clamping down on those who aren't. The current political rhetoric would seem to be something like, "With stronger 'law and order,'

those of us who abide by the law could truly live in peace."

But we may be shocked to find out in our reading of Romans this summer that St. Paul seems to challenge this way of thinking. The only true peace, according to Paul, will come from the gospel of Jesus Christ, not the law. Basic to his conversion experience was also a complete turn-around in his experience of the law. As a pharisee, he had lived his whole life for the law, believing it to be the true path to peace. But Jesus knocked him off his horse on the way to bringing "law and order" to Damascus and said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

That was the beginning to Paul's coming to see the gospel of Jesus as the only true way. What he also came to see about the law is that any *relative* peace and order achieved by the law is still based on a forceful division between peoples and so cannot achieve ultimate peace.

In fact, Paul saw the law as having caused divisions between Jewish and Gentile Christians in the Roman church, so his letter to them is very negative on the law. In chapter 7, his argument against the law climaxes with: "you have died to the law in the body of Christ." And: "But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit (7:6)."

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THEREFORE,



THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

ROMANS 8:1

Pastor Paul's Column Continued

Why is St. Paul so harsh on the law? Because he came to see it as making false distinctions that keep people divided. Here again is that famous passage from Romans 3 (on which Luther based the Reformation):

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed.... *For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

God had to show us a righteousness apart from the law, because Jesus was condemned according to the law! What was so scandalous is that Jesus was declared a criminal by the so-called law-abiding citizens. And St. Paul came to see this not just as a historical accident, a grave mistake by one court of law, but rather as a flaw in the law itself. Human law is in the grip of sin and so will continue to divide peoples rather than to unite them ultimately in peace.

So does that mean we simply throw out the law? By no means! First of all, because the gospel does not force itself on people like the law does, it will be a gift that many choose to ignore or neglect. St. Paul believed that someday

the gospel would be victorious in winning everyone's heart. But, in the meantime, he was thankful for the "governing authorities" who keep a relative peace (13:1-7).

But he was also clear that his first responsibility as a Christian is always to proclaim and live the gospel as the ultimate way. And to this end he concluded his letter to the Romans with a positive word about the law, God's law, which was fulfilled in the love of Jesus Christ. And here is where we can end, too:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

In the Spirit's love,

Pastor Paul

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of April 30, 1996

Number of people served: 378
Amount of money received: \$424.00
Amount of money spent: \$727.76
Checkbook: \$2,058.13

we received. It will help us a lot as the numbers of people keep coming. For the first four months of the year we are averaging 373 people per month.

Trinity was a recipient of the Postal Carrier Food Drive and we were very fortunate in the amount of food

Mary Haas
Food Pantry Coordinator
639-5149

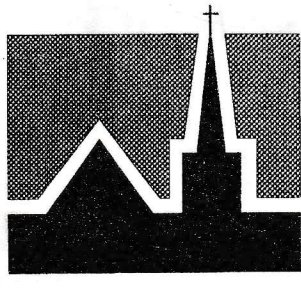
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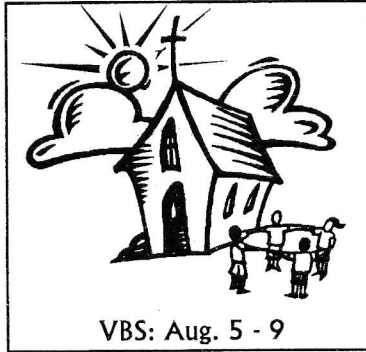
Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue
"A Safe Harbor" Phone (414) 634-5515

Register for Vacation Bible School by July 15

Vacation Bible School and Pre-School will be offered at Emmaus the week of August 5 through 9. The deadline to register your children is July 15.

Vacation Bible School for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 this fall will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A typical day will include worship and Bible study, recreation, songs and crafts, led by counselors from Lutherdale Bible Camp. The cost for the week is only \$15.00.

The pre-school program is open to children aged three to five years;



VBS: Aug. 5 - 9

children who have completed Kindergarten may enroll in this program instead of the K-5 program. The pre-school will meet from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the cost for the week is only \$5.00. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the

Son: a Prayer Safari."

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have questions or are available to help with either program, please call Karen Olson at 634-2582.

PASTORAL ACTS



Funeral: June 21, 1996 Robert Ericksen

Robert Ericksen passed away June 19 in Milwaukee. Mr. Ericksen and his wife, Rose, were members of Emmaus from 1955 until 1983, when he retired from Western Publishing and moved to Brooksville, Florida. His survivors include his wife, and Pat Liesch, his niece.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Kevin Steger**, who was struck by a train on June 17. His funeral was June 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic

Church. Survivors include his father and stepmother, Dale and Vicki Steger, and sisters Brooke and Abigail.

We also offer our sympathy to the family and friends of **Donald Tower**, stepfather of Susan Bayer. Mr. Tower, a member of Atonement Lutheran Church, passed away June 18 at the age of 72.

Memorial Gift Gives Fireside Room a Facelift

Thanks go to June and Al Beck for the special gifts of furniture and upholstery in the Fireside Room. The sofa, two new chairs and the recovering of the two large wing-back chairs (done by June!) have been given in memory of Al's sister, Helene, who passed away February 12, 1996.

The old furniture has been moved to the large upstairs room in the education wing. This room will now

be used by the youth. Thank you, Al and June, for the memorial in Helene's name!

MEMORIALS

Building Fund:

In memory of Mae Henke: \$60

Kitchen Fund:

In memory of Mae Henke: \$650

Coffee Hour Hosts Still Needed

One of the highlights of being together for summer Sunday worship is having fellowship time on the front lawn afterward with refreshments. There are still a



number of openings for hosts. You may sign up on the orange sheet during one of the coffee hours. If you have any questions about what is involved, please contact Pastor Mary.

New Members Received June 9

Fifteen new members were received into the Emmaus family on Sunday, June 9:

James and Marie Andersen

1835 Carlisle Avenue #3
Racine, 53404
637-0338

Diana Hoey

709 William Street
Racine, 53402

Susan Konsinowski

Callie & Ashley
1839 Shoop Street
Racine, 53404
632-0407

Ruth Mickelson

Joshua & Kyle
2313 Shoop Street



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Racine, 53404

Pam & John McPhillips

Kelly & Schaun
1802 Grange Avenue
Racine, 53403

Chuck & Sandee Schuleit

1 S. Emmertsen Road
Racine, 53406
884-0173

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTORS: Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Dr. 53404 637-0671
Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr.#104 633-3059

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet

Sunday School Superintendents: Karen Olson & Grace Falaschi

Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Through September 1, Sunday worship services are held at 9:15 a.m. Informal worship services are held every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The VISITOR is published monthly September to July. The deadline for the September VISITOR is August 15.

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Sunset, Fireside Rooms Available During Nursery Renovation

During the summer months, the downstairs nursery will be closed due to renovation. The Sunday worship service is piped in to the Sunset Room and the Fireside Room so that parents of young children still have a place to take their restless little ones during

worship. A rocking chair and some toys are available in the Sunset Room. The Sunset Room will be air conditioned during those Sundays when it may be necessary.

We expect the renovation of the nursery to be completed by September.

Worship & Music Begins Search for Youth Choir Director, Pianist

The Worship and Music Committee is conducting a search for a new Youth Choir Director and a Saturday Worship Pianist. Letters are being sent to music teachers and other musicians here in Racine, soliciting their suggestions and referrals. A job description for the Youth Choir position is available in the church office; inquiries may be made through the office or via one of the pastors.

experiences and memories these past two years of guiding our children in singing the Lord's praises. Thank you, Cathy!

With Cathy as a long-time member of Emmaus, we fortunately do not have to say goodbye. Over the years she has been instrumental to our

worship and music life here at Emmaus. Her leadership has involved such things as chairing the Worship and Music Committee, playing flute for the Chicago Folk Service, and spearheading the *Emmaus Book of Worship* project. We are blessed to have her continued leadership and involvement in the life of Emmaus.

Heather Bowen to Leave for College

Heather Bowen, who has been our pianist for the Saturday evening worship for one and a half years, will be leaving us by the end of the summer to attend St. Norbert College. She has done a wonderful job in leading our singing on Saturdays! We invite our Saturday worship attendees to be sure to thank her and to wish her well in these weeks ahead before she leaves.



Thanks to Cathy Meyer

Cathy Meyer, after two years of leading our children in making a joyful noise to the Lord, is needing to step down from her position of directing the Carpenter's Kids and Sunrise Singers choirs. Under Cathy's leadership, our children's choirs have led us through two special programs each year: the Sunday School Christmas program and our spring Miracle Sunday musical. This past year, Cathy directed the Carpenter's Kids by leading the Sunday School openings each week.

How many of us have strong, positive memories of songs lifted to the Lord in Sunday School? Cathy has graced us all with many wonderful

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, June:	1994: 182	1995: 177	1996: 156*
Average Weekly Attendance, July:	1994: 170	1995: 145	
Average Weekly Attendance, August:	1994: 172	1995: 166	

*As of 6/23/96

Financial Figures

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
Offerings received in May:	\$16,257.75	\$15,513.48
Total received as of 5/26/1996: . . .	\$88,302.73	\$83,633.28
Total expenditures as of 5/26/1996		\$86,210.01
May mortgage payment: Principal		\$433.85
Interest		\$1,493.15
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of May 10, 1996		\$220,526.16
May Building Fund offerings		\$1,578.00



WELCA Bulletins

Cluster Brunch to Feature Award-Winning Quilts

by Kathy Cook and Betty Barth

Daily prayer for 1996 Triennial Convention: God of Peace, giver of that peace that passes all understanding, bless the participants in the 1996 Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention. Guide their hearts and minds to do your will and grant them safe travel to and from this gathering. Bless those at home whom they know and love and bless those they have yet to meet and love as they are sent forth to proclaim your peace. Help them and us to understand "...he is our peace." (Eph. 2:14)

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Happy summer to all.

Dates to mark on your calendars: The WELCA Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 5. Regular Circle meetings will resume in September. The Racine Cluster Brunch will be September 28 at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The program will be on quilting. Award-winning quilts will be on display and one of the winners, Betty Suiter, will be speaker. Lutheran World Relief quilts will also be on display. Someone will inform us about

this project.

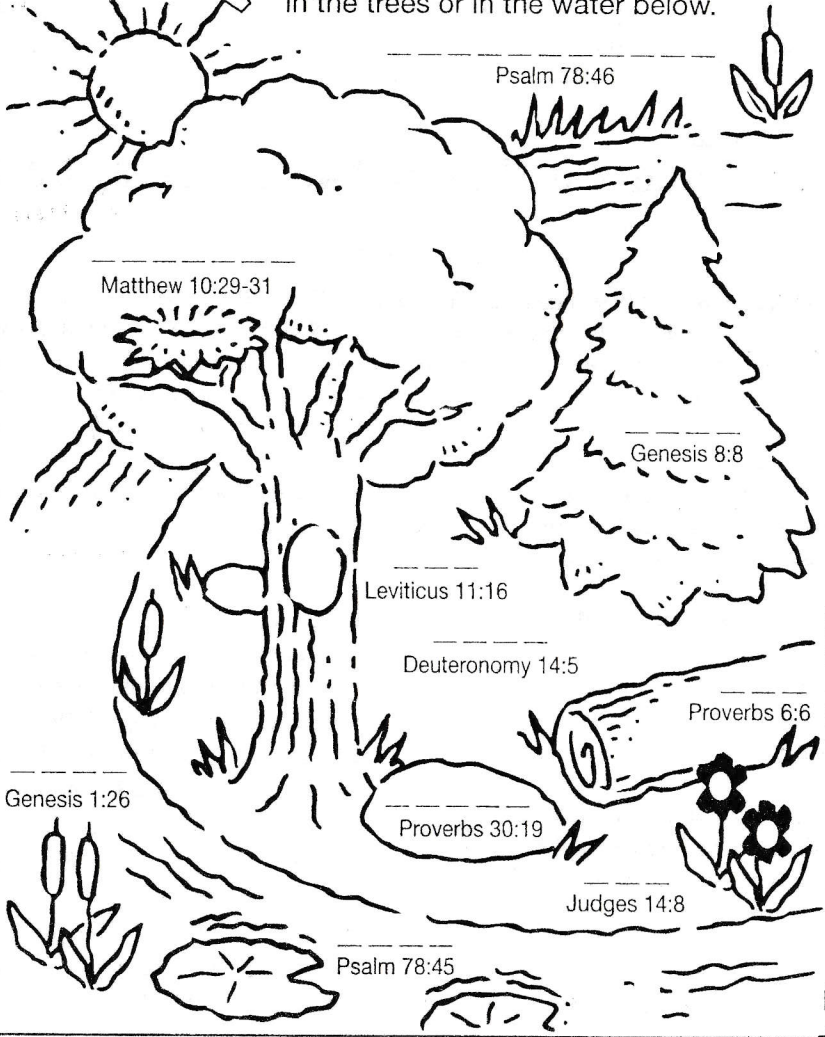
The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization convention and Retreat will be October 18-19, 1996. It will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend. Women can attend for Saturday only or for an overnight retreat October 18-19. Pastor Mary will be chaplain for the convention and will be the preacher at the closing worship service. More information will be forthcoming.

Just for

KIDS

Take a hike through a park, the woods or your neighborhood. See what wonderful creatures God has made.

Look up these verses in your Bible. Find what's hiding under the rocks or in the trees or in the water below.



Psalm 78:46

Matthew 10:29-31

Genesis 8:8

Leviticus 11:16

Deuteronomy 14:5

Proverbs 6:6

Genesis 1:26

Proverbs 30:19

Judges 14:8

Psalm 78:45

Cluster Bike Ride and Picnic Planned Aug. 3

The Racine Cluster Youth Organization has finalized plans for a major summer family event on August 3. Youth in grades 6 through 12, and their families and friends are invited to join in a ride up the bike trail to Crestview Park starting



at 10:30 a.m. The ride starts at Layard Avenue at the railroad crossing.

Those who would rather drive will bring coolers and bag lunches for the group, and the picnic should get underway around 11:45. A 16" softball game is planned for 1:00. The group will return around 2:00.

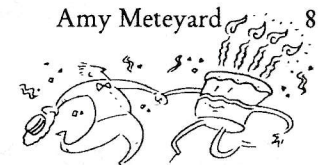
Please sign up for this event in the narthex or contact Sandy Strini (639-3755).

Youth Event Planned at Noah's Ark

There will be an ELCA Youth Day at Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday, August 7, 1996 for all fall of '96 6th-12th graders. The cost would be \$25.00 per person which includes your bus transportation. (Time and location of departure have not yet been settled but the bus will probably leave Racine around 8:00 a.m. and return after 8:30 p.m.)

The fee also includes all the soda you can drink as well as an all-you-can-eat cookout. Please get your money to Sandy Strini (639-3755) by July 18. Make your check out to Emmaus Luther League.

Jul. 11	Dustin Mickelson	2
Jul. 12	Tina Yust	10
Jul. 15	Kathrine Perce	3
Jul. 16	Derek Haug	15
Jul. 20	Patrick Jansen	4
Jul. 22	Chris Pearson	16
Jul. 23	Peter Sukus	17
Jul. 26	Kenneth Soens	5
Jul. 26	Dominick Williams	4
Jul. 27	Amy Meteyard	8



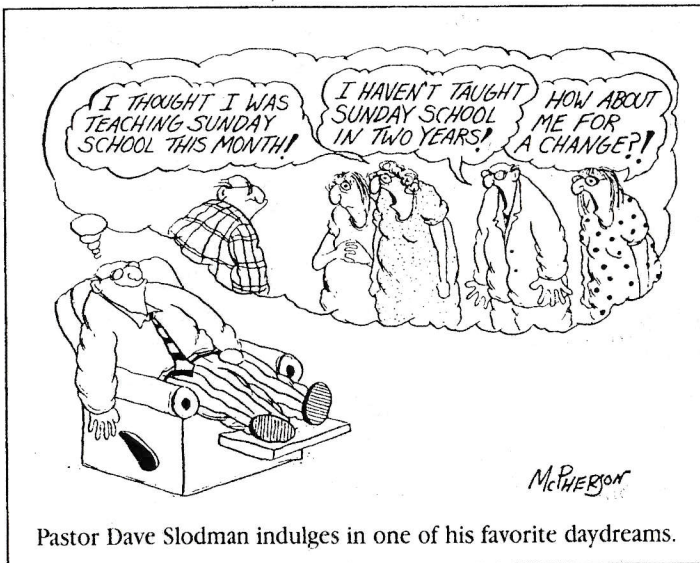
Youth Birthdays

Jul. 6	Lukas Reischl	11
Jul. 6	Geoffrey Pearson	9
Jul. 7	Jonathan Cook	15
Jul. 7	Ashley Simon	13
Jul. 7	Stephanie Lopez	8
Jul. 7	Erin Napier	6
Jul. 8	Nicole Kreimer	19
Jul. 10	Kasper Stricker	6
Jul. 11	Ryan Clinton	15
Aug. 1	Amanda Lawler	14
Aug. 4	Matt Nuechterlein	8
Aug. 10	Nikie Christensen	18
Aug. 10	Matt Sawalski	2
Aug. 13	Alec Sawalski	4
Aug. 15	Adam Skelley	2
Aug. 16	Sarah Knuteson	18
Aug. 21	Josh Sanders	16
Aug. 21	Stephen Mayer	6
Aug. 24	Chris Sedgwick	12
Aug. 26	Sarah Fiebig	16
Aug. 26	David Lopez	7
Aug. 28	Scott Rudey	14
Aug. 30	Marissa Connet	7



Congratulations 1996 Graduates!

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Plans</u>
Ted Andersen	St. Catherine's	To attend UW-Parkside in fall to study communications.
Jeanne Brumm	Horlick	To attend MATC for sign language.
Sarah Knuteson	Horlick	To attend UW-Madison in fall.
Barbara Lasko	Horlick	To work at Modine while taking night classes at UW-Parkside; to become fulltime student in second semester
Brooke E. Mote	Case	To attend Carthage in fall and study chemistry.
Mary Ustymowicz	Horlick	To attend Alverno College in fall.
Matthew Andersen	UW-Parkside BA in Geography	To continue work as a cartographer (3 years experience).



Kids' Page Answers:

Grasshopper, sparrow, dove, owl, hart/deer, ant, fish, snake, bee, frog. And yes, we think it should have been Leviticus 11:17, not 11:16.

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Not by bread alone

(Luke 4:4)

It wasn't enough for Bethphage to serve the physical needs of nearly 1500 mentally retarded and developmentally disabled people. They believed they could fully be in *ministry* only when their staff worked with their clients spiritual well being.

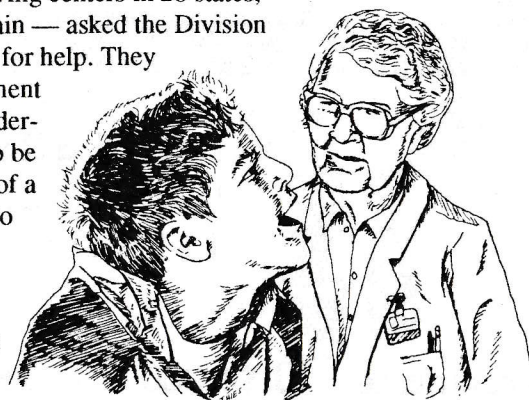
To do that, this century-old ELCA social ministry — with residences and satellite living centers in 28 states, Latvia and Great Britain — asked the Division for Church in Society for help. They wanted their management teams to help staff understand what it means to be in ministry on behalf of a church that responds to the spiritual needs of those in their care.

Today, when Bethphage employees interact with residents, they are conscious about the value of praying and talking about God with them. They also work to help local ELCA congregations welcome to their midst people with needs that are different from most members. One employee said, "I've begun to understand that caring about the spiritual life of our residents helps me see Christ in another outside of church walls."

"That understanding," says Ruth Reko, who worked with Bethphage leadership on behalf of the ELCA, "sets ELCA care institutions apart from non-church agencies. We're there to show God's love." In ministries like these, brought together through the ELCA Division for Church in Society, we reach beyond ourselves to be the church at work.

The Division for Church in Society:

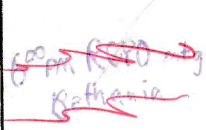

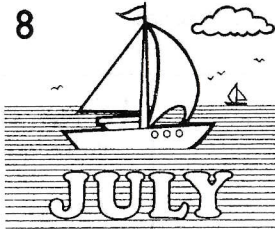
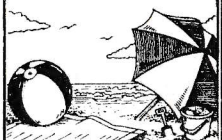
"...and for all people according to their needs."







Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Readers	Greeters
July 6	Boots LeRoux	—	—	—
5:00 pm	Margaret Christensen	Ev. Larsen	—	—
July 7	Ruth Estep	Team #5	Bev Hansen	S: Lucille Atkinson & Edith Bohn
9:15 am	Bev Hansen	Jim Palmer	Hansen	N: Al & Jan Svendsen
July 14	—	Team #8	Mildred Schroth	S: Jim & Ginny Dougall
9:15 am	—	Bill Meteyard	Schroth	N: David & Kris Smith
July 20	Evelyn Larsen	—	—	—
5:00 pm	Marge Jensen	—	—	—
July 21	Jo Baggesen	Team #7	Anne Felton	S: Don & Dolly Orth
9:15 am	Pat Jensen	John Cook	Felton	N: Chris & Bev Hansen
July 28	—	Team #10	Maury Felton	S: Jerry & Denise Pipol
9:15 am	—	Bob Christensen	Felton	N: Cheryl Dexter
Aug. 3	Marian Andersen	—	—	—
5:00 pm	Marge Zielke	—	—	—
Aug. 4	Sharon Devine	Team #1	Nancy Martinsen	S: Audrey & Ralph Rasmussen
9:15 am	Cynthia Cook	Mark Falaschi	Martinsen	N: Isabelle Barry & Ruth Estep
Aug. 11	—	Team #2	Sandy Strini	S: June & Al Beck
9:15 am	—	Lyle Andersen	Strini	N: Susan & Peter Bayer
Aug. 17	Sandy Strini	—	—	—
5:00 pm	Kim Battisti	—	—	—
Aug. 18	Nancy Martinsen	Team #3	Ruth Hlavka	S: Margaret & Bob Christensen
9:15 am	Anne Felton	Harold Miller	Hlavka	N: Kathy & John Cook
Aug. 25	—	Team #4	Betty Barth	S: Marge & Howard Jensen
9:15 am	—	Rich Christensen	Barth	N: Willine & Vern Svendsen
Aug. 31	Pat Jensen	—	—	—
5:00 pm	Julie Christensen	—	—	—
Sept. 1	Evelyn Larsen	Team #5	TBA	S: Chris & Karen Olson
9:15 am	Pat LeRoux-Sodke	Jim Palmer	—	N: Betty Barth & Arvilla Nemer

	Altar Flowers	Coffee/Fellowship	Candle Care
July 7	Bill & Cindy Cook	John & Kathy Cook	Evelyn Larsen
July 14	Jim & Nancy Martinsen	TBA	(through July)
July 21	Jan Sukus	Glenn & Eileen Olson	
July 28	Marilyn McGinnis	Church Council	
August 4	Mary Larsen	Jim & Nancy Martinsen	Sandy Strini
August 11	Jeff & Linda Clinton	J&L Christensen	(through August)
August 18	Bev & Chris Hansen	Bev & Chris Hansen	
August 25	Jim & Ginny Dougall	Linelle G. Jensen	
Sept. 1	Mary Schultz	TBA	Arvilla Nemer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July, 1996 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone 414 634-5515	1 Pastor Paul at conference June 26-July 1	2 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:15 pm Kringles Softball vs. Grace Luth. - SE	3 	4 Independence Day Office Closed 	5 5:00 pm Henrickson-Hall rehearsal	6 3:00 pm Henrickson-Hall wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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14 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am TRAD. Worship Service 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship Pastor Paul on vacation, July 13-14	15 Deadline to register for Vacation Bible School	16 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 8:30 pm Softball vs. Emmanuel Luth. NE	17	18	19	20 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
<i>...WELCA Triennial convention, Minneapolis, July 10-14</i>		<i>Pastor Mary on vacation July 15 through 20</i>				
21 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Chicago Folk Service with Holy Communion 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	24	25 St. James the Elder	26	27 11:30 am Executive Committee 5:00 pm Worship Service
28 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Trad. Worship Service 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship in honor of Glenn Olson	29 6:30 pm Church Council	30 9:15 am Staff meeting 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 TOPS	31 	AUGUST 1 5:00 pm Community Meal at St. Patrick's	2	3 10:00 am Cluster Youth Bike ride and picnic at Cliffside Park 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.
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EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee
Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.



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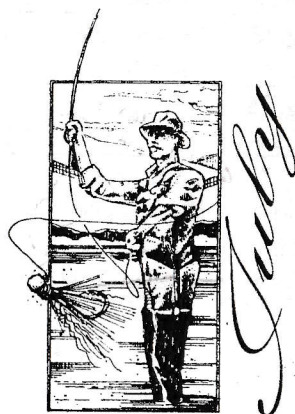
July 2 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Art & Nancy Smith: Our Nation's Capitol
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

July 9 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Jan Caffisch: Senior Advantage Program
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

July 16 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. On the Road with Al & June Beck
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
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July 23 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Nancy Smith
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

July 30 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Jim Martinsen: China
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Birthday Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities



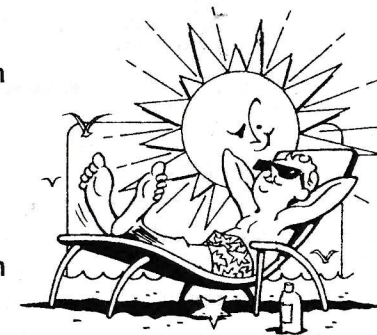
PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST:

August 6 Out to eat (VBS)
11:00 a.m. Brunch; location to be announced

Aug. 13 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. Mary Hook: "Heart, Health & Seniors"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

Aug. 20 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. VCR
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities

Aug. 27 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation
10:30 a.m. VCR
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities



July-August Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

July 6	Lucille Atkinson	1230 N. Memorial Drive	53404
July 10	Lawrence Decker	3000 N. Green Bay Road	53404
July 16	Dorothy Jacobsen	2015 Prospect Street	53404
July 18	Gladys Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
July 21	Eleanor Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
July 23	Edith Bohn	4435 Lakeshore Road	53403
July 26	Doris Decker	3000 N. Green Bay Road	53404
July 27	Mildred Haakensen	2818 Donna Avenue	53404
July 27	Joyce Toslek	5809 Sixteenth Street #230	53406
July 28	Lawrence Estep	2522 Maple Grove Avenue	53404
July 30	Ralph Rasmussen	8829 Northwestern Avenue	53406
July 31	Glenn Olson	1817 Mars Avenue	53404
August 1	George Mathieus	2015 Prospect Street	53402
August 5	Don Gueldenzopf	1937 Jupiter Avenue	53404
August 8	Dorothy Holtz	2200 Carlisle Avenue	53404
August 8	Isabelle Barry	1508 Maryland Avenue	53403
August 8	Norman Sorensen	3124 N. Green Bay Road	53404
August 9	Edith Jansen	1835 Polaris Avenue	53404
August 12	Alfred Beck	733 West Lawn Avenue	53405
August 14	Robert Lawrenz	1921 Mt. Pleasant Street	53404
August 25	Harold Traeger	5407 Norman Street	53406
August 28	Caroline Schultz	812 Illinois Street	53405

Search Begins for Senior Center Director

Following Glenn Olson's resignation as the Emmaus Senior Center Director, announced on June 11, a task force was formed to assist with the search for a new director and to address any specific needs there might be for the interim period. Members of the task force are Pastor Paul, Pastor Mary, and Esther Jensen.

During the months of July and August the pastors will be responsible for arranging and leading programs with the assistance of a number of volunteers. Volunteers are being sought for the following:

**See also
Pastor
Mary's
column**

- ▶ Assistance with food preparation - Mondays
- ▶ Setting up for Tuesday meetings - Mondays
- ▶ Picking up bakery goods, preparing coffee and tea - early Tuesday morning
- ▶ Arranging for guest speakers and programs - for September
- ▶ Serving lunch at the center - Tuesday mid-morning to early afternoon

If you would be willing to fill in for any of these positions to help out, please call the church office or talk with one of the pastors.

Emmaus Members, Friends Adopt June Sundays

Thankyou to the following people, who adopted Sundays in June as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

Bernice Holding, in memory of Russell Holding

Carol Saylor, in memory of Kenneth Saylor
Ray & Myrna Olesen, celebrating their anniversary
Rev. Sandy Chrostowski
Cathy Meyer & Mark Frankowski

Softball Season Continues Through August 13

The Emmaus Kringles' softball season continues at Cliffside Park. The schedule for the next few games is as follows:

July 2	Emmaus vs. Grace Lutheran	7:15 SE diamond
July 9	Emmaus vs. United Presbyterian	8:30 NW diamond
July 16	Emmaus vs. Emmanuel Lutheran	8:30 NE diamond

In addition, courtesy of the marvelous weather we have been subjected to this spring, there will be make-up games scheduled on the remaining Tuesdays in July and into August. Times of these games will be announced when the updated schedule becomes available.



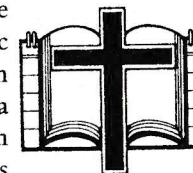
Lincoln Lutheran Hosts Ice Cream Social Aug. 10

Mark your calendar for the 22nd Annual Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 8. There will be ice cream and music from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine.

The Ice Cream Social will be held at Lincoln Villas Apartments, 5820 Lincoln Village Drive, south of Mt. Pleasant Church. The apartments are handicap-accessible.

Who Chooses the Scripture Lessons?

Have you ever wondered how it is decided which Old and New Testament lessons are to be read for any given worship service? Did you know that, in most cases, if you were worshipping at a Roman Catholic Church in Mexico City or an Anglican Church in London or a Lutheran Church in Copenhagen on a given Sunday, the lessons would be the same as those used at Emmaus Lutheran in Racine?



This is possible because a number of mainline denominations take their guidance from what is called a lectionary. The lectionary used is based on a three-year cycle, which is then repeated. Each cycle begins with the first Sunday in Advent (the first Sunday of the church year) and continues through Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday after Pentecost). Each year of the lectionary is based on one of the first three gospels and related readings. We are currently in "Year A," the year of the Gospel of Matthew. Year B is the Gospel of Mark, and Year C is the Gospel of Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed each year.

In an effort to have more consistency among denominations, a common lectionary was developed by an ecumenical group of theologians and scholars in 1983. More recently, the Revised Common Lectionary has been

introduced. Among other things, an option is given for the choice of the Old Testament lessons for the Sundays following Pentecost. They may be topical, connecting in some way to the New Testament readings each week, or they may be in the form of continuous readings from two or more books of the Old Testament.

In the past, the Lutheran Church has used only the topical lessons. With the New Revised Common Lectionary, the option of the continuous reading is also offered for the season of Pentecost.

Our worship and Music Committee has chosen to use the second option for the remainder of this Pentecost season. That will mean hearing many of the familiar stories from the books of Genesis and Exodus during the coming months.

Will you be out of town and worshipping elsewhere in the weeks ahead? If so, take a second look at their readings. Do they also use the lectionary? Which Old Testament lessons have they chosen to highlight? Is the sermon based on one of the assigned lessons? If you have observations or suggestions for the Worship & Music Committee after having visited elsewhere, let them know. Kathy Christensen (886-2151) and the members of the committee appreciate your ideas and input!

Take me out to the ball game

AAL Day With the Brewers

Sunday, Aug. 18
Milwaukee Brewers vs.
Chicago White Sox
Game Time 1:05 p.m.

Hey, hey! Let's have some fun at the old ball park!

Go Brewers! Go Sox!

- Tailgating.
- Free gift.
- National anthem sung by AAL choir.
- Chance to win autographed Brewers keepsakes.

It's Not Just A Baseball Game!

- For every ticket purchased, AAL will contribute 50 cents to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Fund.
- Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be an AAL member.

Tickets:

- Lower grandstand \$9.
- Upper grandstand \$5.
- Meal tickets \$4 for a brat and hot dog, potato chips, ice cream and 2 beers/soda

Contact:

Church office: 634-5515
 Barb Toslek: 681-0240
 Joyce Kaiser: 878-2989
 Mildred Schroth: 639-1881

Bus transportation is FREE!
Deadline for tickets is July 21

Synod Assembly Reelects Rogness

from from Twelve Twelve

"Our foundations will shake and we will never be the same again." With those words of challenge from Bishop Peter Rogness, delegates of the Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) began their annual assembly at Carthage College May 31-June 2.

The Global Mission emphasis of the assembly was expressed by the keynote address delivered to delegates on Saturday morning by Bishop Medardo Gomez, Bishop of the Lutheran Synod of El Salvador. Bishop Gomez stated that "the Church is the Herald of God to proclaim hope for those who are suffering and in need of Good News." He added, "Hope realizes the miracles of God; it makes the light shine -- especially for those in pain. Those without pain must be in solidarity with those in pain."

The Rev. Peter Rogness was reelected to a six-year term as bishop of the GMS on the first ballot with 85% of

the 318 votes cast. This is Rogness' third term, and the last that he is eligible to serve as bishop of the synod.

Eighteen delegates were elected to represent the Mission Clusters of the GMS at the Churchwide Assembly in Philadelphia next year. Representing Racine will be Mary Alice Peterson of Bethania. Mrs. Peterson is a sister of Emmaus member Kathy Christensen.



Resolutions approved at the assembly called upon ELCA members to pray for an end to the use of landmines; upon the synod office and Synod Council to explore ways to provide for all interim pastors to be under call; and upon congregations to work with school districts which do not have breakfast programs to initiate such programs.

Emmaus was represented at the Synod Assembly by Kathy Christensen, Chris Olson, and Pastors Mary Janz and Paul Nuechterlein.

Report from the Northside Food Pantry as of 5/31/96

Number of people served: 478
 Amount of money received: \$324.14
 Amount of money spent: \$654.04
 Checkbook balance: \$1,728.23

Even though the Food Pantry was a recipient of the Postal Carrier Food Drive and the donations were generous, that food is easily half gone in the three week period since the Drive. On Tuesday, May 28, food was furnished for 102 people.

With all the donations of

canned goods, money still is spent to keep the Pantry supplied with bread, eggs, margarine and meat.

Last year in the three summer months, a week's food was given to over 1,000 people. We are entering the summer months. Keep alert of the situation; keep helping!

--Mary Haas

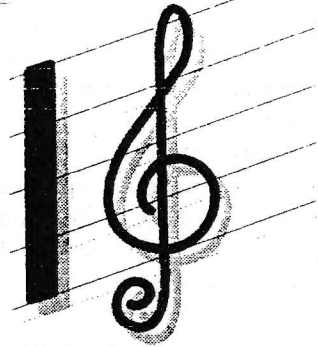
Food Pantry Coordinator,
639-5149



Viking Fest to be Held at Messiah

Messiah Lutheran Church, on Durand Avenue south of Pritchard Park, will host Viking Fest, a festival of Scandinavian heritage, on August 17

from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Musical entertainment, dancers, and craft demonstrations are planned, and there will be ethnic food available.



ORGAN CONCERT

*Guest performer –
Dr. Stephen "Gabe"
Gabrielsen*

July 7, 1996

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Thanks Given for Glenn's Partnership in the Gospel

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine...thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." --
Philippians 1:3-6*

It was at the June 11 meeting of the Senior Center that its director, Glenn Olson, asked the group, "How many times have the seniors met during the past 21 years, assuming 50 meetings per year?" (Answer: 1,050). "And how many spoons have been set at the tables during that time?" (Answer: well over 30,000!)

Glenn was leading up to his announcement that he would be beginning his second "retirement" at the beginning of July. Glenn's first retirement was as a school teacher 21 years ago. From that position he stepped almost immediately into the newly formed position of director of the Emmaus Senior Center, a responsibility which he has so faithfully fulfilled, week in and week out, for these 21 years.

It's not without some tears and a lump in my throat that I think about Glenn's leaving. As I said to Glenn in the staff meeting when I first learned of his decision to step down, "We will miss you; those are some mighty big shoes to fill!"

In a humble response, typical of who Glenn is, he looked down at his feet and said, "Oh, they're only a 6½!"

I have to say that they are the biggest 6½ that I've ever seen!

Glenn has been a true partner in the ministry of Emmaus as he has directed the Senior Center. He has always brought his gifts of teaching, wisdom, caring and hospitality, sharing them in the spirit of a true servant. He faithfully did everything from arranging for guest speakers and programs to stopping weekly at O&H for cinnamon bread for the morning coffee, to keeping track of the library books, to



coordinating lunches with the kitchen crew (kudos go, too, to Pat Jensen and all who continue to assist her in doing such a super job in

the kitchen), to handling the banking and finances, to leading the meetings, to listening to both the joys and the gripes of the seniors, to ... And the list goes on and on and on. And all of that has always been done with considerable thought, discernment, and care – not to mention constant prayer.

Glenn's leadership has also spilled over to a number of areas, including the weekly staff meetings and as a member of the Education Committee. During his tenure as director of the Center, he has brought maturity of faith, wisdom and guidance not only to the seniors, but to many more of us as well. And so we all thank Glenn for his service and generosity among us.

I echo the words of Paul in the first chapter of Philippians; I am so grateful for Glenn's partnership in the

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Pastor Mary's Column CONTINUED

Gospel. And, although Glenn does not want special accolades or fanfare at this time, it is simply impossible not to celebrate the blessings we have received through his leadership and service in this community of faith. Our hearts are full of thanks to God for putting Glenn in our midst -- and to Glenn for faithfully answering "yes" to God's call to serve in this place.

As we say thank you to Glenn at the July 28 coffee hour following the

worship service, we do so praying that God surround Glenn and Eileen and their family with on-going love and support and blessings in the years ahead.

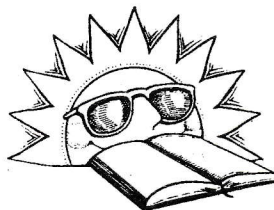
Glenn and Eileen, may God's spirit bless you and keep you!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mary

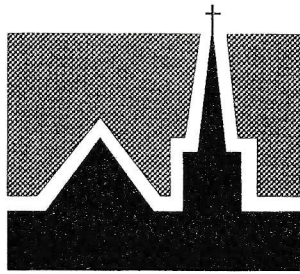
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September, 1996

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"Lost and Found" Is Theme of Rally Day, September 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship.**
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee hour in Sunset Room.
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School -- age 3 to grade 12, beginning in the sanctuary; parents please register new students in the Sunday School office downstairs.
- 9:20 a.m. **Adult Forum: What's new, what's needed at Emmaus?**
- 10:30 a.m. **Worship.**

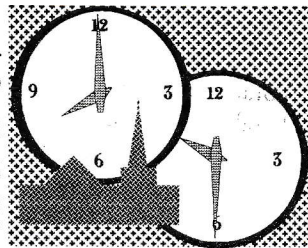
Fall is a time when we jump back into our full pace of activities after the summer respite, and our life as church family is no different. We return to our regular worship schedule September 8,

with Sunday worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School and Adult Forum between services. Saturday services begin at 5:00 p.m.

For Sunday School students, Rally Day will kick off with a scavenger hunt, helping them find their classrooms, their new teachers and even more.

Come join the excitement on September 8!

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SEPT. 8!



PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:

**July 6, 1996 Dori Jane
Henrickson and Douglas Hall.**

Dori Jane Henrickson, the daughter of JoAnn and Tom Henrickson and granddaughter of Walter and Marcella Runge, was married to Douglas Hall at Emmaus on July 6. The couple live in Everett, Washington.

Funeral:

**August 13, 1996 Wallace
Sorenson**

Wally Sorenson was a lifelong member of Emmaus. He is remembered by his sister, Marcie Runge, as well as by three generations of offspring. Mr. Sorenson passed away August 10.

MEMORIALS

Non-designated Memorials

In memory of Wally Sorenson . . . \$520.00

Building Fund

In memory of Wally Sorenson \$40.00

Kitchen Fund

In memory of Mae Henke \$10.00



Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, June:	1994: 182	1995: 177	1996: 157
Average Weekly Attendance, July:	1994: 170	1995: 145	1996: 145
Average Weekly Attendance, August:	1994: 172	1995: 166	1996: 150
Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1994: 196	1995: 207	

Financial Figures

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
Offerings received in June:	\$16,257.75	\$20,406.47
Offerings received in July:	\$16,257.75	\$15,094.52
Total received as of 7/28/1996	\$125,641.13	\$119,134.27
Total expenditures as of 7/28/1996		\$123,317.57
Total budget as of 7/28/1996		129,765.06
June-July mortgage payments:		
Principal		\$876.54
Interest		\$2,977.46
Total		\$3,854.00
Principal balance as of July 11, 1996		\$220,092.31
June Building Fund offerings		\$1,277.00
July Building Fund offerings		\$1,224.00

Wednesday Night at Emmaus Events Schedule

5:00	5:30	6:00	6:15	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30
Supper (Fellowship Hall)								
	K-2nd Grade Hands-On Science (FH)		3rd-6th Grade Hands-On Science (FH)					
	Music Time 3rd grade & up				Adult Choir rehearsal (Choir loft)			
			8th-9th Grade Confirmation					

Wednesday Night Menu Expands

Every Wednesday night from September 11 to December 11, supper will be served in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The cost for each meal is \$3.00 per adult, \$1.00 for kids or \$8.00 per family.

Each week a main dish, dessert, coffee, juice and milk are offered. And there are always the makings for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those who would prefer.

Menus for September and October

are:

- Sept. 11: Hot beef sandwiches
- Sept. 18: Hot dogs and brats
- Sept. 25: Pizza
- Oct. 2: Sloppy joes
- Oct. 9: Chicken
- Oct. 16: Mostaccioli
- Oct. 23: Make-your-own sub sandwiches
- Oct. 30: Hot beef sandwiches

Take a break and come for food and conversation on Wednesday nights.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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

Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi & Karen Olson
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wesley Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. through September 1. Beginning September 8, Sunday services will be held at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.; Saturday services will continue at 5:00 p.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

Sunday School and Adult Forum meet at 9:15 a.m. Sundays beginning September 8.

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 October issue is September 15.

EMMAUS VISITOR

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September, 1996

Nursery to Reopen with New Look

Our renovated nursery will be ready for the children of Emmaus at the late service September 8. The new look is largely due to a lowered ceiling and new fluorescent light fixtures. The updating also included the raising of wall outlets to be out of reach to little ones, re-covering of heating pipes, blinds for the windows, new rugs, a fresh coat of paint (except over the cheery mural), newly washed and waxed floors, and some new equipment and toys for the children. It looks like a whole new room!

Caren Lamberton coordinates the nursery of Emmaus. If any member is willing to assist with child care at the 10:30 service on occasion (approximately twice a year), please contact Caren at 639-1712.

Nursery Thanks

Many folks helped with the nursery renovation project, and we want to thank them all: Jim Simonsen for acquiring and installing new fluorescent light fixtures... Jerry Pipol for raising the wall outlets... The painting was done on two separate occasions: Chris Olson led a youth group in May, including Becky Fiebig, Lynda Usymowicz, Jennifer Olson and Chris Fries; Pastor Paul and John Liesch spearheaded a group of youth that included David Lasko, Chris Nikolai, Amanda Lawler, and Matt & P.J. Liesch.

Overseeing the whole project were Caren Lamberton and Ellen

Nuechterlein. And initiating and making the renovation possible was AAL Branch #4157, which matched \$705 in generous donations from members of Emmaus with \$700 in additional funds. Thank you to all!

Opportunities to Serve: A-Z **Your Help Is Needed!**

We emphasize in the Lutheran Church that the overall ministry is the responsibility of **all** the baptized members and not solely of the ordained clergy. So much is necessary to keep that ministry going. The ministry of the laity, often referred to as the priesthood of all believers, is essential for the entire body of Christ to function well and to keep the church alive and vital.

Is the mission and work of Christ's Church important to you in your life? Just as you need the church, the church also needs you. Are you prepared to say "yes" and to accept **your** part as one of the members of Christ's body? What would that mean for you?

In addition to regular worship, consider giving **at least 4 hours per month** to service here at Emmaus. That's an **average of only eight minutes** per day. Are you "too busy" for that?

Will you consider doing one of the following **at least once** in the next two to three months? The A-Z list isn't exhaustive; it simply represents the most pressing needs at this time. Some of our most immediate needs are on the chart on the next page:

Opportunities to Serve: A - Z

	<u>Type of service</u>	<u>Day(s) of week</u>	<u>Approx. time</u>
A.	Host Sunday coffee hour	Sunday	2 hours
B.	Help prepare food for Senior Center	Monday aft.	2-3 hours
C.	Set tables for Senior Center	Monday aft.	1 hour
D.	Bake a cake or bars for funeral luncheon or other event	varies	1 hour
E.	Help serve a funeral luncheon	varies	3 hours
F.	Serve as an usher	Sunday	1½ hours
G.	Help with painting projects--parsonage and church	varies	2-3 hours
H.	Chaperon a youth event	varies	3 hours
I.	Set up for a communion service	Sat. or Sun.	1 hour
J.	Be a substitute Sunday School teacher	Sunday	2 hours
K.	Visit a homebound person	varies	1 hour
L.	Help serve a Wed. night supper	Wednesday	2 hours
M.	Sing in the choir	Wed. & Sun.	2½ hours/wk.
N.	Serve on one of the committees (Youth, Education, Social Concerns, Building & Grounds, Stewardship, Deacons, Worship & Music, Women's Board)	Monday	2 hours/month
O.	Serve as the Emmaus liaison on the Racine Cluster Council	Thursday	2 hours/month
P.	Serve as a volunteer for the REST program	Friday	2½-5 hours
Q.	Do light cleaning in the church	varies	2-3 hours
R.	Help with yard work	varies	2-3 hours
S.	Serve as communion assistant	Sat. or Sun.	1 hour
T.	Help plan adult education offerings	varies	2-3 hours
U.	Serve as a sponsor for a new member	varies	3-5 hours
V.	Be a mentor for a 10th grade confirmation student	(Sept.-Oct. only)	6 hours
W.	Work in the nursery	Sunday	1½ hours
X.	Help count the Sunday offering	Monday a.m.	1 hour
Y.	Organize church library (adult/children's)	varies	varies
Z.	Read lessons at worship service	Sunday	a few minutes

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else."

--Charles Dickens

Middle School Youth Plan Bowling Party

by Pat Liesch

Our Middle School youth group, Kids for Christ (KFC) is planning a bowling party at Castle Lanes on Sunday, September 8. Join us from 2:15 to 5:00 p.m. for bowling and pizza afterward.

The cost will be approximately

\$6.00 per person plus the cost of any snacks. Drop off and pick up at Castle Lanes.

Bring a friend! For questions, call Cindi Larsen (681-0282) or Chris Olson (634-2582).

Coming soon: watch for the wreath sale sponsored by KFC and BIC.

Youth Choir Director Search Continues

We began our search for a director for our children's choirs with a letter to all Racine Unified music teachers. Two leads were followed up but without any results. Recently, we broadened the search by placing ads in the Racine *Journal Times* and our synod newsletter, as well as through a letter to other area music teachers.

If you have any ideas or possible candidates, please pass them on to Worship & Music Committee chair Kathy Christensen or to one of the pastors. We hope to fill this position as soon as possible; in the meantime, we are recruiting others to fill in temporarily.

(See Wednesday Night article.)

Fall Confirmation Schedule Announced

The orientation meeting for 8th and 9th graders and their parents will be at 6:45 p.m. September 18. Thereafter, 8th and 9th grade confirmation classes will begin at 6:15 Wednesday evenings. The fall session will continue through Nov. 13; the topic will be "New Testament Stories" using Walter Wangerin's *The Book of God*, videos, and a variety of materials.

Tenth graders in the confirmation program are scheduled to meet their mentors at Emmaus at 6:45 p.m. September 11. Confirmands and mentors will then schedule individualized times for the following meetings. The Rite of Confirmation is planned for Reformation Sunday, Oct.

27 at the 10:30 service.

Let's Keep In Touch!

Is there anyone in your family who is away at college or in military service? Please provide the church office with the campus or military address of your family member for our newsletter mailing. We want to remember them and to keep them abreast of news here at Emmaus.

We invite you also to let the office know of honors and accomplishments of our members away from home. Please let us share your good news in future issues!

Resurrection to Host Cluster Women's Brunch

by Betty Barth

The WELCA Fall Brunch will be held at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Saturday morning September 28 at 8:30. Quilt Master Betty Suiter will lead a program on quilting, "Varieties of Gifts--the Same Spirit," with Mary Ann Fehl, Sharon Guetzlaff and Donna Hanson. Millie Bassinger will acknowledge Lutheran World Relief quilts displayed by ten churches.

Reservations can be made at circle or in the church office. Reservation deadline is Sept. 23 and the cost is \$3.50.

WELCA Synod Convention

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA will be Oct. 18 and 19 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend.

Women can attend both Friday evening retreat and Saturday, or only Saturday as they choose. The keynote speaker will be Georgeanne Robertson.

Pastor Mary has been on the worship planning committee and will serve as chaplain for the convention. She will be the guest preacher at the closing worship service, which begins at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday.

You can receive more information at circle meetings.

Circle Meetings Resume

Our circles will meet in September as follows:

Mary Circle, Sept. 4 at 1:30



Women

p.m. at Mary Schultz's.

Rebecca Circle, Sept. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at church in the Sunset Room.

Miriam Circle, Sept. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Cathy Meyer's.

Mary/Martha Circle, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at church

in the Fireside Room.

Any women in the congregation or friends are invited to come to any of the circles.

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary News

Emmaus to Host Fall Luncheon

Emmaus will host Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary's Fall Luncheon at noon on Monday, September 16. St. Andrew Lutheran women will be co-hostesses.

The catered luncheon will be followed by an entertaining program featuring an interior decorator from Johnson Furniture who will show ideas for decorating with colors and fabrics.

Make your luncheon reservation by writing a check for \$6.00 payable to Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary. Checks may be mailed to Henrietta Pruisen, 5700 Cambridge Circle #3, Racine, 53406.

Hosts Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Each Sunday immediately following the first worship service, there is time for coffee and conversation in the Sunset Room. Volunteers are needed for all Sundays this fall to host the fellowship time.

Duties include bringing a treat (purchased items are fine), making

coffee (directions are posted on kitchen wall and coffee is provided), serving and cleaning up.

Want to know more? Ask Pastor Mary or Betty Barth (639-7894). Thanks for pitching in to make Emmaus a hospitable congregation.

Ministry Sunday Set for September 29

A celebration of ministry and service will be the focus of the September 29 worship service. How can we share our talents and gifts with the Emmaus community and with our neighbors at large? What are the gifts of time, matched with your talents and interests, that you are willing to share?



respond in new ways to the Spirit's call and "nudge" to serve! We have the incredible message of the Gospel to share -- with our words and through our actions. Let all of us be ministers in Christ's name!

Register for Early Communion by Sept. 22

Emmaus is offering the opportunity for children who have not yet begun receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion to take their first communion on the first Sunday in November at the 10:30 worship service. Parents wishing to have their children younger than fifth grade take first communion on November 3 need to register your intentions by September 22. This is so that the pastors have time to visit with each family in preparation.

First through fourth graders also will have a class to attend. A letter of explanation will be sent in response to your registration. The forms can be found on the secretary's desk in the church office. Simply fill one out and return it to the office.

Racine Prepares Peaceful Response to KKK Hatred

Do you recall the murder of a skinhead in Racine in October of 1994? Unfortunately, many of those who share that same orientation of hatred and violence remember, and they are planning a rally on the Racine courthouse steps for October 5. The Racine Clergy Association has been in dialogue with community officials for several months in anticipation of this dread event. On August 26, the Clergy Association held a meeting in the city council chambers with Mayor James Smith, the police chief, the sheriff, and other community leaders.

The difficult aspect of responding to such a gathering of hate-mongers is to avoid getting drawn into their game of hatred and violence. Law enforcement officials have done their homework in researching such events and are aware of such practices as their hiring professional hecklers whose sole job is to incite a reaction from onlookers and especially from counter-demonstrators. The main goal of such KKK gatherings seems to be to incite hatred and violence in reaction to them and thereby to gain notoriety.

Thus, the best response on the part of a community would seem to be what might be called actively ignoring them: Don't counter demonstrate; don't show up at all. Because that's what they want. Let them meet without anyone looking on, and it becomes a "non-event" for them.

But isn't there something else we can do to stand up to such a message of hatred and violence? Yes, we can re-dedicate ourselves to our message of love and peace. We can be proud of our community for coming together in such a way. Here are some of the

efforts being planned:

- ▶ "Violence No More!", an ecumenical peace rally/worship service on Sunday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. (See "Elsewhere in Our Area").
- ▶ Racine Unified School District has declared the theme of this 1996-97 school year to be "Peace in Our Place." Large banners are going up in many of the schools, and special activities and learning opportunities are being planned throughout the year, especially for the week leading up to the Klan rally, Sept. 30-Oct. 4.
- ▶ Ecumenical prayer services are being planned for the morning of October 5. These are not counter-demonstrations but special opportunities to do what we are always called to do: pray for peace in our world. (More details in coming weeks.)
- ▶ "Sleepover units" will be created to help protect minority churches and cemeteries the nights of October 4-5

Sleepover Volunteers Sought

In light of the terrible rash of church burnings and the unfortunate influx of such hate-mongering folks the Racine Clergy Association is organizing units of people to sleep over at area African-American churches and Jewish synagogues and cemeteries for the nights of October 4 and 5. These efforts are being coordinated with law enforcement agencies.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Paul. Let's stand together against those who would spread their brand of hatred and violence!

How is God calling you?

Begin (or continue) your prayers including the question "How is God calling me?" today. May each of us

Emmaus Opens Its Doors on Friday Nights

by Pat Liesch

Fall is just around the corner and so is the REST (Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce) program at Emmaus. REST will begin city-wide in early October and will continue until the end of April.

Friday nights are still the REST nights at Emmaus. Our shifts will be 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The REST program depends on volunteers. If you can:

- ▶ volunteer your time for a shift, sign up at Rally Day, or in the narthex thereafter;
- ▶ transport participants to and from the church, see Jim Palmer (681-2363);
- ▶ donate and prepare a meal, see Pat Liesch (835-1363);
- ▶ donate frozen meat to be used for meals, see Pat Liesch;
- ▶ donate personal size toiletries,

Help for the



Homeless

bus tokens or money, see Jim Palmer, or contact the church office.

Your help is needed and appreciated.

Emmaus Members Lead in Helping Habitat for Humanity

by Darrell Reynolds

Did you know that to date, Emmaus Lutheran Church, along with AAL Branch #4157, has provided the most number of hours as well as the largest number of people who have worked on the AAL Habitat house in Racine? This is out of all the churches of all synods in the Racine and surrounding areas.

Congratulations and thank you to all who have worked on the house. Because of you, the house is coming right along on schedule.

As a matter of fact, AAL and Habitat have set a tentative date for the house blessing of Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10:00 to noon. It is a very special event, and everyone from Emmaus is invited whether you were able to work on the house or not.

More information will be available soon as to verification of the date and time. Thanks again for all of your help!

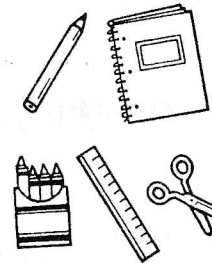
Emmaus Kringles Complete 1996 Season

Our men's softball team, the Emmaus Kringles, enjoyed a fine season of recreation and Christian fellowship. A big thanks goes out to Ed and Joan

Simon for all their efforts to organize and lead the team! Thanks, too, to Scott Palmer for hosting the year-end picnic!

Lutheran World Relief Seeks School and Health Kits

Our annual collections for Lutheran World Relief take place throughout the month of September. The train is coming on October 12 to load the Racine area donations of school and



health kits, blankets and quilts, sewing kits and men's and children's clothing.

Millions of people overseas continue to have need for aid and assistance. Boxes for donated items are located in our narthex. \$5.00 will purchase a blanket and can be donated through the church office.

School Kits

For children whose lives have been disrupted by war or other disasters, receiving a school kit is a sign that someone far away cares. Adults in literacy classes appreciate the supplies needed to learn to read and write. Each school kit it to contain the following items:

- ▶ Pads or notebooks of 100-150 sheets of ruled paper approximately 8½"x11".
- ▶ One blunt scissors. The "safety" scissors with imbedded steel blades are an excellent choice.

- ▶ One 30-cm (12") metric ruler.
- ▶ One pencil sharpener.
- ▶ Six new pencils with erasers.
- ▶ One eraser approx. 2½" long.
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- ▶ One box of 8, 16 or 24 crayons.
- ▶ One cloth bag approx. 12"x14" with cloth handles.

Pack all the items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands if you wish.

Health Kits

Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles -- you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits. Each kit should contain:

- ▶ One hand towel.
- ▶ One washcloth.
- ▶ One bath-size bar of any brand of soap.
- ▶ One toothbrush.
- ▶ One tube of toothpaste (5-7 oz.).
- ▶ One comb.
- ▶ One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached.
- ▶ Six band-aids, preferably ½"-¾".

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel or pack in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tie securely with ribbons or yarn.



CROP Walk to Aid Hungry October 13

The 1995 CROP Walk to stop hunger will start from the YWCA at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13. This event can be a five or ten kilometer walk. Sponsors of the walk include the Church World Service, Center for Community Concerns,



Racine Clergy and the YWCA. Walkers raise money for each mile they walk to help people in more than 70 countries, bringing safe water, seeds and tools, education and a chance for a better life. A percentage of the monies raised will be allocated to the community meal programs and the food pantries in Racine.

LWF Sunday to Be Observed Oct. 6

by Kathy Christensen

The first Sunday in October has been designated as an opportunity for ELCA congregations to recognize Lutheran World Federation. LWF was founded in 1947 and is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The federation meets every six years and represents over 56 million Lutherans worldwide.

Several ELCA members serve on the federation staff. Over the years, LWF has been a world leader in mission

development, refugee resettlement, hunger and disaster relief, peace and human rights negotiation, theological study and ecumenical relations.

As it begins preparation for its 50th anniversary celebration next year, LWF has asked member churches to designate a Sunday to focus on its work. Being in communion with other Lutherans not only across the country, but also globally, highlights our mission as part of the church universal.

Thank You To VBS Helpers

Thank you to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success! There were donations of camperships, snacks, and dinners for the Lutherdale counselors. Karen Olson taught the pre-school class with able help from Pat Torine. Melanie and Jennifer Olson, Kristin Clinton, Becky Fiebig, Rachel Haug also assisted with pre-school and



VBS

program possible.

classes. Diane Haug provided housing for the Lutherdale counselors.

A big thank you also goes to those who provided meals for the Lutherdale counselors and snacks for the kids, and to everyone who donated camperships to make this

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS
Aug. 31 5:00 pm		Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen			
Sept. 1 9:15 am		Pat Jensen Julie Christensen	Team #5 Jim Palmer	Karen Sedgwick	Chris & Karen Olson Betty Barth & Arvilla Nemer
FALL-WINTER-SPRING SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8!					
Sept. 8 8:00 am	Jon Cook Sam Falaschi		Team #7 John Cook	Eileen Olson	Jim & Nancy Martinsen
Sept. 8 10:30 am	Justin Svoboda Scott Rudey		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Ryan Sedgwick	Carol Yust Lisa Zuehlke
Sept. 14 5:00 pm		Evelyn Larsen Pat LeRoux Sodke			
Sept. 15 8:00 am	Ryan Clinton Derek Haug	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Hans Jepsen	Julia Durand
Sept. 15 10:30 am	R. Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Connie Bertermann Jan Bertram	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Audrey Rasmussen	Evelyn & Harry Larsen
Sept. 22 8:00 am	Ryan Kreimer Jason Meteyard		Team #3 Harold Miller	Al Svendsen	Jeff & Linda Clinton
Sept. 22 10:30 am	Matt Leisch Tom Pie		Team #10 Bob Christensen	David Christensen	Oscar & Ginny Haugby
Sept. 29 8:00 pm	Ken Larsen Kevin Meteyard		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Jerry Hierseman	Jan & Al Svendsen
Sept. 29 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristin Andersen		Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Kathy Christensen	Lucille Atkinson Edith Bohn

Altar Flowers




Sept. 1: Mary Schultz
 Sept. 8: Lee & Betty Woodward
 Sept. 15: Barb Toslek; John Psiones
 Sept. 22: Betty Barth
 Sept. 29: Rich & Kathy Christensen

Coffee Fellowship

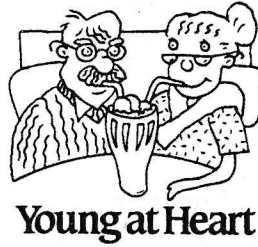
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Candle Care

Arvilla Nemer
 (Through Sept.)

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Emmaus Senior Fellowship Center



Young at Heart

Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee
Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Sept. 3 Meet at Hamzi's Restaurant, 1707 Douglas Avenue
10:30 a.m. Chris Olson, locksmith: "Tips on Safety and Security"
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 noon Cards and games
2:00 p.m. Restaurant closes
- Sept. 10 10:30 a.m. Laura D'Amato: "Power of Attorney for Health Care"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Salad Pot Luck
1:00 p.m. Social activities
- Sept. 17 10:30 a.m. Vic Johnson: "Native America: Another Perspective"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities
- Sept. 24 10:30 a.m. John & Lila Berge: "The Canadian Rockies"
11:45 a.m. Devotions
12:00 noon Birthday Lunch
1:00 p.m. Social activities



September Birthdays - 70 Years and Onward

Sept. 1	Bob Christensen	221 William Street	53402
Sept. 2	Gerry Dykstra	1521 Summit Avenue	53404
Sept. 5	Mary Schultz	222 88th Street, Sturtevant	53177
Sept. 5	Marian Bower	5926 Douglas Avenue, #6	53402
Sept. 9	Meta Haanstad	3340 Fourth Avenue	53402
Sept. 10	Catherine Miller	2705 James Boulevard	53403
Sept. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Avenue	53404
Sept. 19	Lucille Dudek	3900 N. Main Street #215	53402
Sept. 27	Ella Nielsen	3321 Fourth Avenue	53402

Pastors Serve as Interim Directors for Seniors

Since the beginning of July, Pastor Paul and Pastor Mary have been serving in an interim capacity in the directorship of the Emmaus Senior Center. Together, they have planned programs and activities for the seniors and have helped coordinate the weekly set-up. Each Tuesday, one of them is present to coordinate and lead the days activities.

The pastors and Pat Jensen (who coordinates and prepares the weekly lunches served) invite any and all outside help to lighten the load of their tasks. The following assistance would be more than welcome:

1. Suggestions and resources for interesting programs;
2. Set-up on Monday afternoon or evening for approximately one

hour (setting tables, etc.);

3. Assistance with food preparation on Monday during the day (approximately two hours);
3. Offer to bake a dessert for 30-35 people;
4. Assistance with last-minute food preparation and serving (mid-morning through the noon hour on Tuesdays).

In addition, we are seeking a director (or co-directors) to lead the center on a permanent basis.

Are you able to contribute your time and energy in some capacity to this very important ministry of Emmaus? Do you have suggestions for a future director? We value your help and your input!

Emmaus Lags Behind in Its Benevolence Commitments

The financial figures on page 2 show both that our income is struggling to keep up with our expenditures and that our expenditures are significantly short of our budget. For the most part, we are continuing to pay our regular bills, though that has become more of a struggle in the waning weeks of summer.

What has taken the biggest hit is our benevolence commitment of payments, only \$2,591 toward a \$13,000 pledge (only 19.93% of it!). Church Council truly regrets this benevolence shortfall. We have let it happen through the summer months not because benevolence is of secondary importance--quite the contrary!--but



because of the reality that our synod is more forgiving of time lags in meeting commitments than our bill-creditors.

We are confident and hopeful that members of Emmaus will do everything they

can to keep up with their pledges so that Emmaus can keep its pledge to the synod in these final months of the year. As always, Church Council welcomes your suggestions and comments.

Messages of Thanks

Dear Emmaus friends,

Thanks, everyone, for the special services, the cards and gifts, the good wishes from all of you -- truly a day to be remembered for a long time. Thanks again, and see you in church!

--Glenn Olson

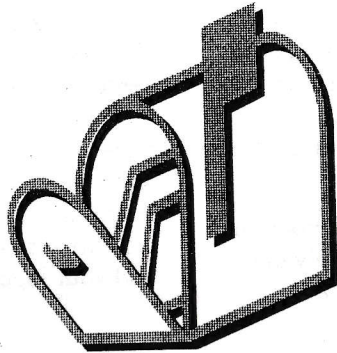
Dear Members of Emmaus,

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the lovely mum plant you presented us in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. It was very kind and thoughtful of you. May God bless all of you.

--Larry & Ruth Estep

Dear Emmaus friends,

Thank you to Pastor Mary and Pastor Paul for the beautiful service in memory of our brother, Wally Sorenson. Thanks also to Pat Jensen



and the whole kitchen crew for the wonderful luncheon afterward.

--Walter and Marcella Runge

Teen Parenting Begins Twelfth Year

Greetings!

If you happen to be in the area adjacent to Fellowship Hall on weekday mornings, beware of little people in walkers! Don't be alarmed--they're members of the YWCA's Teen Parenting Day Care Center. Starting on Wednesday, Aug. 28, the YWCA will resume its program to aid school-age mothers and their babies.

So, if you happen to be in the building on a school day, between 6:30 a.m. and

4:00 p.m., feel free to stop in and say hi!

--Lisa Van Koningsveld

Teen Parenting Coordinator

Thanks for Adopting Sundays

We extend our thanks to the following persons who adopted Sundays this summer as part of the debt retirement program of Emmaus:

Larry & Ruth Estep, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary;

Art, Nancy, Josh & Abby Smith, in honor of Pastor Mary;

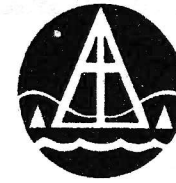
Julie and Gary Field and John Psiones, in memory of Shirley Psiones;

Lucille Adams Dudek, in memory of George R. Dudek;

J. William Christensen, in memory of Freda Christensen;

Friends of Bev and Chris Hansen, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

As of July 11, the current principal balance on our mortgage stands at \$220,092.31, at an annual interest rate of 8.125%.



LUTHERDALE FEST '96 Quilt Auction and Pig Roast

Saturday, September 7, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lutherdale Bible Camp

N7891 US Hwy 12, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

8 miles north of Elkhorn

Bakery and Crafts Sale

Door Prizes*****Pontoon Boat Rides

Sponsored as a benefit for outdoor ministry by

AID ASSOCIATION FOR LUTHERANS

This year's auction items, home-made by friends of Lutherdale, can be previewed in Lutherdale's Bakken Chapel on Friday, Sept. 6, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., as well as on Saturday, 8:00-9:00 a.m. before the Auction. There will also be an opportunity for "silent bidding" on quilts on Friday; all sealed bids will be opened at the time of the Auction. Snacks and lunch will be available on Friday.

Lutherdale is an outdoor ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in partnership with 242 congregations in Wisconsin and Illinois. Lutherdale depends on the generous benevolence of congregations, individuals and Lutherdale Fest for one-third of its revenue.

Thanks for Handling Maintenance Tasks

Folks have been busy this summer completing various projects in efforts to keep up our church building and grounds. These are some of the highlights with thank yous:

- ▶ Harold Miller came in a couple days one week and spruced up the pre-school Sunday school rooms; he gave the walls a fresh coat of paint and stripped and waxed the floors. Thank you, Harold!
- ▶ A heating system pipe was almost rusted through in a basement storage room. Thanks go out to Harley Slater and his friend, Tom Hansen, who replaced it.
- ▶ Have you gone by the church after dark recently? All the outside lighting has been restored – even the steeple lights – due to many hours of climbing ladders and roofs and many trips to the electrical supply by Bill Irvine and his son, Tom. Many thanks!
- ▶ Tree-trimming and removal was a team project. Custodian Wes Mohr began the work with some trimming; Bill and Tom Irvine removed two trees crowding the building; and Milt and Marlyn Christensen finished up by grinding all the remains and hauling them off. Our sincere thanks for all their efforts.
- ▶ Every summer in recent years, it has been our pleasure to



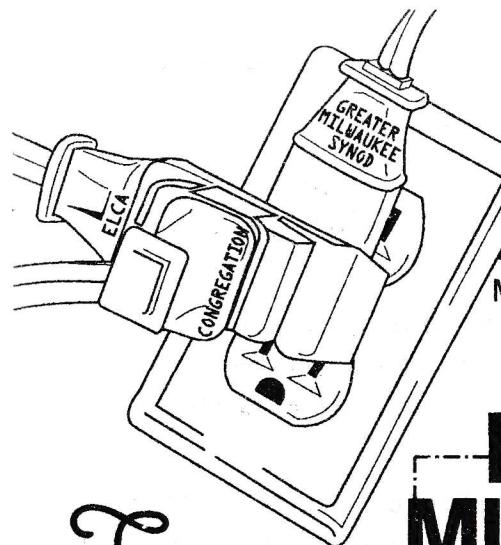
thank Al Beck and Joy Kousek for planting and maintaining flower beds on the church grounds.

A project that remains for the fall is the completion of painting the parsonage exterior. Watch for a date and please pitch in so that we can complete this project before the snow flies. Thank you.

Adult Choir **Make a Joyful Noise!**

The Adult Choir season will resume at Emmaus with rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the choir loft. Anyone interested in joining the Adult Choir is invited to attend.

No special musical training or experience is necessary, just a love of music and a desire to praise the Lord in song. Come try us out! See how rewarding worship and song can be! If you have any questions, call Marsha Connet at 633-2047.



We Are Connected

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES...

Are Life-Changing

FROM A PARENT...

"...I'm going to cry... When Dick's mom died, it was our kids and the faith that has been built in them through Sunday School that saved us. Thanks for all you've done and all you've taught our kids..."

FROM AN ADULT (recalling a previous Sunday School teacher and lesson)...

"I remember my junior high school Sunday School teacher telling us about God's unending love for us. As Christians, we would have trials and tribulations just like everyone else, but we would never travel alone. We would be accompanied by God during the bright peaks of our lives, as well as the dark valleys. This has been true in my life as I've experienced those peaks and valleys; I often remember her lesson."

The educational ministries offered by congregations within the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA take a variety of shapes and forms, but have the common thread, however, of being life-changing. Participants come to know their Savior through Bible studies, through the love and care and words of others, and through active involvement as a teacher and/or a learner. The examples which follow are real stories from real people in one, single real congregation in this synod – just imagine the life-changing educational ministry events and their impact on God's people here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

FROM A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER...

"...Last summer when I volunteered (to teach), I was hoping to find a way to give a little back for all the blessings I have been given in my life... I gained so much more than I gave. Through teaching, I was able to become more connected to the congregation, I gained a better understanding of the Bible's teachings, and best of all, I made 12 new (young) friends, who are the nicest friends a person can have..."



Prayer Ventures for the Greater Milwaukee Synod --

September 1996

- 1** Pray that the Holy Spirit will make miracles possible in Sunday School classes and that teachers will freely seek God's guidance and praise Him for His love of all children and adults everywhere.
- 2** We lift up our Sunday School teachers that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit as they begin teaching our children this year and that God will use these people in powerful ways to help their students know God's love for them.
- 3** Pray for the adult education programs of our churches. That the Holy Spirit may enlighten church leadership to specific needs, and will nurture and strengthen programs, adult leaders, and participants in our church families.
- 4** Pray that the pastors of the ELCA will recognize and support the important work of Sunday School teachers and will, in turn, inspire teachers in their work of building faith in young hearts.
- 5** Pray for the confirmation teachers and the mentors at Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookfield as they embark on an exciting new program involving the congregation in the spiritual journey of their young people.
- 6** Pray for the teachers in our ELCA preschool day programs, that their acts of caring and love will help the little students learn that Jesus is reaching out to them. Pray that their efforts to make Christ known will have a life-lasting effect on their students.
- 7** Pray for all the children in all the churches of the ELCA as they begin a new Sunday School year on Rally day. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and may their love for Jesus Christ show no boundaries (Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray. Proverbs 22:6 NRSV)
- 8** Pray for the children in adult worship. Pray that as they witness adults in prayer, they understand God is real. As they watch adults kneel, they understand God is awesome. As they watch adults in praise and song, they understand the joy of God's grace.

9 Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, good and following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. (LBW p 51)

10 Pray for patience among our congregations as we teach young members the importance of worship, and for ourselves as we learn to worship together.

11 Pray for the committee members in our Worship and Music committees. Pray that they will be open to creatively exploring outlets for meaningful worship for children in the worship service. Teach them the importance of worshipping together as a community.

12 Pray that our pastors messages are delivered in a way that makes them as meaningful to the children and teens of our congregations as they are to the adults.

13 Pray that we as a church and local congregation will prayerfully explore and consider how God comes to us - all of us - through the sacraments. May church leaders effectively educate the hearts and minds of congregation members in the use of those sacraments. Finally, we pray that we know God's life-changing grace which comes to each of us in Baptism and Holy Communion.

14 Lord, help us to share our liturgical and musical tradition with our children. Open our hearts to new and inspiring liturgical settings and music that as we carry on the traditions of the past we may also grow new ones.

15 Lord, in this time of great change for our middle school age members, give us patience to model lives that bring joy to you. Give our young people wisdom as they struggle through.

16 Pray for those parents and volunteers who give their time and themselves to youth and confirmands. Pray that the Lord would fill them with energy and wisdom to love and nurture the faiths of our young people.

17 Pray that young people beginning their confirmation studies will,

in observing the Christian live of their parents, be encouraged to dedicate their lives to God's work.

18 Pray that as the youth and confirmands serve their churches and their communities, they would learn further what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. They would learn to relish unpleasant tasks and serve with joy.

19 We remember the young people in Confirmation ministry programs in the congregations. As they affirm the faith given to them in Baptism, may their hearts and minds be transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

20 Pray for adult leaders and teachers of our church confirmation programs, and that God will guide and nurture them as they form relationships with the confirmands and their parents. Pray that our programming and activities may reflect our youth needs for their time and daily experience, and that our members pray to support and encourage these leaders and teachers.

21 God, Our Father, You see Your children growing in an uncertain and confusing world. Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following You is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of worth, but as an opportunity for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in You and to keep alive their joy in Your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (LBW p51)

22 We pray for all adults in the Greater Milwaukee Synod as they prioritize the demands on their time in the coming months. Open our hearts, Lord, to be more mindful of the gifts your Word holds for us and to put You first as we plan the schedules that so often control our lives. Taking a few seconds to remember our baptism in the shower can lead to taking a few minutes to read a brief devotion, which can lead to taking a half hour to read the Bible, which can lead to taking an hour or two for deeper study. All of this will deepen our personal relationship with you.

23 Pray for the adult members of Memorial Lutheran Church that they may feel led to participate in the education programs that would best fit their spiritual needs.

24 Pray that the men who study God's Word in Promise Keeper groups act on that Word in their daily lives and keep alive the enthusiasm they felt at national gatherings this past summer.

25 Pray for the Naomi and Ruth Women's Circles of Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend as they begin another year of Bible study and fellowship with one another. May they grow in faith and understanding of the Gospel of the Lord.

26 Pray for the prayer chain members throughout the ELCA, that they may feel fulfilled knowing that their prayers are reassuring people and are generating hope, comfort, peace and love.

27 Pray for the participants of the adult forums throughout the ELCA, that they may gain a Christian perspective on current issues facing the world today.

28 As we recognize the many needs of our congregational members, we pray that our church and other congregations both hear and respond to the educational needs of our members.

29 Lord in all the programming we do, may it bring glory to you. May the outpouring of our learning and praising be the touch that inspires your wandering child.

30 Pray that opportunities to share these ministries with others would naturally arise, and place open hearts in our paths.

Savior teach me day by day

Savior, teach me day by day, Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be: Loving him who first loved me.

With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow thee-- Loving Him who first loved me.

Jane E. Leeson

Ecumenical Rally Urges End to Violence

Christian congregations of Racine in conjunction with Truce International, Inc., a non-profit corporation for the prevention of violence, will sponsor an ecumenical rally calling for peace in America at Racine's Lakefront Festival Hall. "Violence No More!" will start at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 15 and will

feature guest celebrity appearances, a 200-voice "Youth for Peace" Choir, and a laser light exposition memorializing the victims of violence.

The only admission fee for the rally is a commitment to peace. For more information, contact Rev. Kirby at 632-1467.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Takes Place September 22

Registration forms are available now at retail establishments such as Kohl's Food Stores and Walgreens for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sunday, September 22. The 10-kilometer walk begins at the Summerfest Grounds on Milwaukee's lakefront at noon. After sending in their registration forms, walkers will receive Walk Sponsor forms to collect pledges for each kilometer walked; collected money should be brought to the Summerfest grounds at the time of the walk.

Last year, 8,500 walkers raised \$570,000 to provide essential financial support for important AIDS prevention, early intervention and research programs in Wisconsin.

Racine Clergy Sponsor Forum

The Racine Clergy Association, with the assistance of Wisconsin Interfaith IMPACT (Wisconsin Council of Churches) is sponsoring "Hopes & Fears for Wisconsin's Future," a community forum. It will take place on Saturday, September 21, 1996, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 3825 Erie Street,

Racine.

The forum features a panel on faith, politics and integrity, small groups on your choice of four topics such as clean air and water, life after welfare reform, and the future of entitlements such as medicare. The forum is free and open to the public. Free child care will be available at the church. For more information, call the Rev. James Miller at 637-2829 or Bonnee Voss, WCC office, (608) 837-3108.

Messiah Opens Child Care Center

Little Blessings Childcare Center at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3015 Pritchard Drive, is available for children from age 2½ to kindergarten. The center is open weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The fee schedule is \$100.00 per week for full time day care, plus \$2.50 per hour for additional time; or \$3.00 per hour for part time. \$25.00 of a non-refundable registration deposit of \$55.00 will be applied to the first week's tuition. Contact director Faith Christian at 554-2400 or 554-7747.

"Peace in Our Place"

Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

"We interrupt this pastor's column for a late breaking story..." Actually, this will not be so much an interruption than a way of focusing my originally intended topic. The story I am referring to is the Racine Clergy Association conference with city officials that I attended this week (see related *Visitor* articles) regarding the planned KKK rally October 5. And my intended topic for this column is to welcome everyone back to worship after our various summer breaks. I especially wanted to talk about welcoming children and their families to Sunday morning worship.

"How are these two things related?" you ask. One of the focuses of our community's response to this dread visit from hate-mongers is the susceptibility of children to the effects of such people. Children are both more naive, and therefore vulnerable to their message, and more frequent victims of the violence they help to spawn. The September 15 ecumenical rally entitled "No More Violence!" features a flyer (which we will include in upcoming bulletins) that outlines the effects of racial hatred and violence that our children face every day at school. The statistics are staggering and frightening.

Our Racine Unified School District has also responded by proclaiming the theme for this 1996-97 school year to be "Peace in Our Place." They are hanging large banners in schools and preparing a host of activities to lift up this theme.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let me suggest to you that having "peace in our places"—whether at home or school,

in our workplaces or in our neighborhoods—all true peace ultimately flows from the Prince of Peace whom we encounter in a special way in our place of worship. God's peace flows from the one who forgave those who heaped hatred and violence upon him on the cross. It is that amazing grace and love which forgives each of us and thereby grants us new possibilities to have peace in all the places that we inhabit.

I encourage you, for the sake of our children, to take part in our community's many activities for peace in the coming weeks. But I also encourage you to center all that activity through worship of our Prince of Peace who comes to us in water and word, in bread and wine. We have such a unique resource for peace through our worship life together at Emmaus!

Having said all this, I'd be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge that there are special challenges in bringing children to worship. Worship is for the sake of our children's peace, precisely because it gives us adults in their lives a greater source of peace. Our peace is their peace. But worship isn't designed specifically as an event for children.

Nevertheless, there are things we can do to include children in meaningful ways. A recent ELCA publication carried some worship ideas for children that I'd like to pass on to you:

- ▶ Pack a "Sunday Only Bag" of soft, quiet toys that aren't used the rest of the week. Emmaus supplements your efforts with special worship bags with books

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Pastor Paul's Column, Continued

and coloring materials, as well as weekly children's activity pages based on the day's theme and scripture readings.

- ▶ Help your children participate in the service by helping them to follow along in service books.
- ▶ Use the Lord's Prayer and creed at home so that they learn to recite them with everyone else.
- ▶ After the service, talk with your child about what he or she saw, heard or did during the worship. (This is actually the main purpose of those "Sermon Reports" we require for confirmation: to get families talking about their worship together.)

This is obviously not an exhaustive list.

We, the worship leaders and planners of Emmaus, also need to do our part in helping children feel welcome. In addition to what was noted above, we have in the last couple years made the children's time, "Good

News 101," a regular feature of non-communion services; and we've opened the age for first communion for younger children. For those times when our little ones are still unsettled or distracting to fellow worshipers, we have renovated our nursery this summer.

Are there further ways for us to include children in our worship? We have talked recently of including children in such things as being greeters. We welcome young musicians who offer their talents for special music or accompaniment. We also welcome your suggestions.

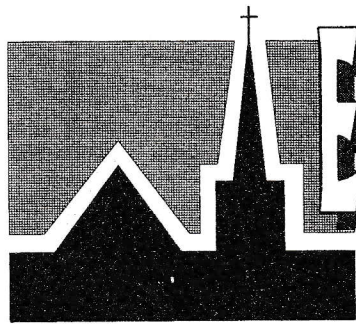
Most of all, we welcome you to worship with us this fall, as the Prince of Peace comes to help us make peace in all the places of our lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

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October 13

CROP Walk to Aid Hungry in Racine and Around the World

On October 13, Racine will hold its 18th annual CROP Walk. Last year, nearly 270,000 walkers in 1,861 CROP Walks around the country put their "hearts and soles" in motion to help end hunger in their own communities and around the world.

25% of the funds raised in Racine's CROP Walk will be used to keep local food pantries up and running. The other 75% will go to help alleviate hunger in seventy countries through Church World Service, an international relief, development, and refugee resettlement agency of 33 Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox communions in the U.S.

If you are interested in obtaining pledges and walking, please contact Nancy Martinsen (681-1577). If you are interested in sponsoring a walker, watch for the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Emmaus families with kids in middle school or high school are

encouraged to walk together; see the article on page 3 of the *Visitor*.



The CROP Walk will start from First Presbyterian Church at 716 College Avenue. First Presbyterian is just next door to the YWCA, the starting point for the CROP Walk in years past. Registration opens at 12:30 p.m.; the Walk starts at 1:00.

So come join us in the CROP Walk, or make a pledge to someone else who is walking. You *can* make a difference!

PASTORAL ACTS



Weddings:

Sept. 1, 1996 Timothy McGuire & Tricia Quirk
Sept. 14, 1996 Kim Battisti & James Simonsen

Tim McGuire is a pricing auditor for Caremark International; Tricia Quirk works in the field of job placement. The couple live in Chicago.

Kim Battisti is the mother of Jason Battisti. She is a member of Altar Guild and has been helping in the kitchen for the Senior Fellowship Center this year. She is a registered nurse working in home health care. Some Emmaus members may remember James Simonsen's grandmother, the late Jean Simonsen. He makes his living as an electrician, and recently installed the new lighting in the nursery.

We extend our condolences to Jerry Pipol and his family over the death of Jerry's father, Eugene Pipol, on September 19. Mr. Pipol was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and his funeral was conducted Sept. 23 by Rev. Edward Vogel.

Memorials

Non-designated memorials: In memory of Wally Sorenson: \$775.00

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

PASTORS: Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Drive #104 633-3059
Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671
Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson
Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi & Pat Liesch
Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
Organist: Joyce Kaiser
Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wesley Mohr
Church office: 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services 9:15 a.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

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 November issue is October 15.

10th Graders to Be Confirmed Oct. 27

Emmaus Tenth Graders have been meeting with their mentors since mid-September in final preparation for the rite of confirmation at the 10:30 service on Sunday, Oct. 27. Confirmands and mentors have been discussing faith as it relates to our everyday lives with family and friends, and the choices we make in life.

Confirmands will meet for a brief rehearsal at church at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 26.

Confirmands will have their picture taken following the service at the front of the church.

The following tenth graders are completing their preparation to publicly affirm their baptism:

Ryan Clinton
Jon Cook
Sam Falaschi
Derek Haug
Ryan Kreimer
Eric Larsen
Jason Meteyard

Our thanks to Gregg Albright, Jim Larsen Jim Martinsen, Chris Olson, Steen Stricker, Al Svendsen and Lyle Zielke for serving as mentors to this year's group of confirmands!

K.F.C. Nuggets/B.I.C. Pen

KFC & BIC Families to Join in CROP Walk

by Pat Liesch

On Sunday, October 13, families of Kids For Christ (KFC) and Believers In Christ (BIC), the middle and senior high youth groups at Emmaus, are invited to join in for the CROP Walk. After the walk, we will meet back at the church for food and fellowship.

Watch your mail for all the details, or ask your Sunday School teachers!

New KFC Logo

This past spring, middle school youth voted on a new logo for the Kids For Christ group. The winning logo, which accompanies this article, was designed by Kristin Clinton.



Kristin won two movie passes, and should see her design in every issue of the Visitor. Congratulations, Kristin!

Youth Birthdays

Oct. 1	Danielle Tussler, 16
Oct. 3	Alex Gueldenzopf, 12
Oct. 4	Melanie Olson, 12
Oct. 4	Christian Stricker, 8
Oct. 6	Tom Pie, 14
Oct. 8	Ryan Sedgwick, 17
Oct. 9	Nichelle Slawson, 10
Oct. 13	Michael Liesch, 17
Oct. 17	Aaron Smith, 3
Oct. 19	Chad Strini, 18
Oct. 24	Eric Larsen, 16
Oct. 24	Kally Jansen, 8
Oct. 26	Hailey Sommer, 7

Sunday School Sentinel



October, 1996
Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday School Teachers Installed



2nd Week Offerings Help Food Pantry

Sunday School teachers were installed at worship services on Rally Day, September 8. We thank each and every one of the following for accepting the call to teach our children the love of God:

3- and 4-year-olds	Joy Kousek
Kindergarten	Caren Lambertson
1st-2nd grade	Pat LeRoux Sodke
3rd grade	Ellen Nuechterlein
4th grade	Irene Pechman
5th grade	Judy Yorgan
6th grade	Chris Olson
7th-8th grade	Karen Olson
Superintendents	Grace Falaschi & Pat Liesch
Treasurer	Linda Meteyard

Let's all remember to thank and to pray for these Emmaus members for their dedication to the Christian education of our children!

Students are encouraged to bring canned goods or other non-perishable food items for the Northside Food Pantry. All offerings that Sunday will go the food pantry to help purchase perishable items for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Lutheran World Relief Calls for School & Health Kits

The train is coming on October 12 to load the Racine area donations of school and health kits, blankets and quilts, sewing kits and men's and children's clothing. Millions of people overseas continue to have need for aid and assistance. Boxes for donated items are located in the narthex. \$5.00 will purchase a blanket and can be donated through the church office.

School kits should contain:

- ▶ Pads or notebooks of 100-150 sheets of ruled paper approximately 8½"x11".
- ▶ One blunt scissors.
- ▶ One 30 cm (12") metric ruler.
- ▶ One pencil sharpener.
- ▶ Six new pencils with erasers.
- ▶ One eraser approx. 2½" long.
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- ▶ One box of 8, 16, or 24 crayons.
- ▶ One cloth bag approx. 12"x14" with cloth handles (see illustration for suggested design). Place all the items in the bag and fold the handles over.

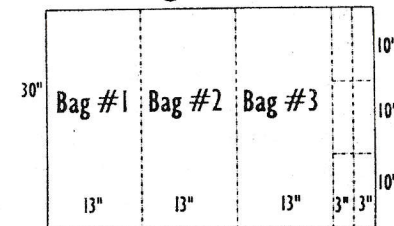
REST Begins Fourth Year of Help to Homeless

The Racine Emergency Shelter Taskforce program begins its fourth year of help to the homeless this month. Emmaus and six other churches will open their doors one night per week through April to offer warmth, safety and shelter to men, women and children who otherwise would have no roof over their heads.

Fridays are still Emmaus' nights as a REST site. Our shifts will be 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., and 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The REST program depends on

School Kit Bag - 30" x 45" cloth



Sew slim panels into tubes. Cut into 3 pieces for 6 panels.

Health kits should contain:

- ▶ One hand towel
- ▶ One washcloth.
- ▶ One bath-size bar of any brand of soap.
- ▶ One toothbrush.
- ▶ One tube of toothpaste (5-7 oz.)
- ▶ One comb.
- ▶ One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached.
- ▶ Six band-aids, preferably ½" to ¾".

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel or pack them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

volunteers. To volunteer your time for a shift, please sign up on the poster in the narthex. Volunteers are also needed to transport participants to and from the church; please see Jim Palmer.

Donations of frozen meat for meals and volunteers for preparing those meals are encouraged; please contact Pat Liesch (835-1363). Other items we like to have available include personal size toiletries and bus tokens; and monetary donations will be used to purchase supplies which run short.

Emmanuel Hosts Ecumenical Service for Racial Harmony

Ecumenical services planned in Racine for Saturday, October 5 to counteract the proposed Ku Klux Klan rally in Racine are going forward in spite of the recent decision by the KKK to postpone their rally. Organizers cite the possibility that "skinheads" and other white supremacist groups may come to Racine independently of the KKK that weekend.

Emmaus members are

encouraged to make a "faith statement" by attending the ecumenical service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 725 High Street, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5. Please take this opportunity to stand in love and faith for what we believe in: peace in our place and racial harmony.

Plans for "sleepovers" at churches and synagogues also continue. Contact Rev. Randall Bush (632-1686) to volunteer.

Racine Interfaith Coalition Holds Public Meeting

All are invited Thursday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall for a meeting of the Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC). The theme of the meeting is "The Will to Act Together," as RIC's goals to work in our community have focused to three:

education, crime and violence, and economics.

The Racine Interfaith Coalition is an interdenominational group of churches in Racine working to better our common life.

Wisconsin Churches Observe Pink Ribbon Sunday Oct. 13

One out of eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer at some time in her life. It is not certain what causes the disease or what can be done to prevent it. What is certain, however, is that when breast cancer is detected at an early stage, less extensive treatment usually is possible.

For this reason, Wisconsin will observe Pink Ribbon Week, October 13-19. All religious faiths are urged to observe this event by distributing and wearing pink ribbon buttons which will be provided to our congregation.

Care of our body is a



responsibility we have received from God. We demonstrate our commitment to a healthy life when we utilize preventive health services such as mammography. Mammography makes it possible to detect early stage breast cancer. Early stage breast cancer is more easily and successfully treated.

Wear a pink ribbon button when you worship during the week of October 13-19, and remind your mothers, sisters, daughters, neighbors, co-workers and friends that we can do something about breast cancer.

First & Fourth Graders to Receive Bibles

As part of the baptismal promise made by the parents and the congregation, we promise "to place the Scripture in the hands" of the baptized

one. All the first and fourth graders are invited to receive their Bibles at the 10:30 service on October 13.

Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt

Our thanks to the following, for adopting recent Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

Lyle & Marjorie Zielke, in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.:	1994: 196	1995: 207	1996: 186*
Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1994: 219	1995: 226	

* as of 9/22/96

Financial Statistics

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
General Fund offerings received in August	\$16,257.75	\$11,491.32
Total received as of 8/25/1996	\$141,898.88	\$130,625.59
Total expenditures as of 8/25/1996		
August mortgage payments		
Principal	\$442.73	
Interest	\$1,484.27	
Total	\$1,927.00	
Principal balance as of September 11, 1996		\$218,773.04
Building Fund offerings received in August		\$717.00

We Find the Strangest Things...

Have you checked our lost and found lately? Among the unclaimed items which have been gathering dust in our lost and found is one perfectly good hour. We found this hour while cleaning up in the church way back last April, and it has been sitting on the shelf ever since.

If this hour is still unclaimed by Saturday, October 26, we plan to put this hour back on the clock. Emmaus

members should be aware

that this would mean that on October 27, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., the times of Emmaus' Sunday morning services, will *fall back* one hour from when they have fallen all summer long. So that you don't get confused, you might want to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



Pastor Mary to Serve as Chaplain at Convention

The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA will be October 18 and 19 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in West Bend.

Pastor Mary has been on the worship planning committee and will serve as chaplain for the convention. She will be the guest preacher at the closing worship service, which begins at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Women can attend both Friday evening's retreat and the Saturday workshops and sessions, or only Saturday as they choose. The keynote



speaker will be Georgeanne Robertson.

Bake Sale Thanks

The bake sale on September 22 was a huge success. Thanks to all who baked and made purchases. A very special thankyou to Amy Haman for making the bake sale poster. Proceeds of the sale will go to into our WELCA women's mission fund.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m., is our WELCA Christmas Party and cookie packing!

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Launches Membership Drive

October is Membership Month for the Auxiliary. It is not necessary to be a volunteer to be a member of the Auxiliary, but your membership helps provide many "extras" for the residents of Lincoln Lutheran Homes.

To join the Auxiliary or to renew your membership, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Gale Sorenson
3326 Monarch Drive
Racine, Wisconsin 53406

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary Membership Form

Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Church: _____

Type of membership (circle one): \$3.00 \$5.00 \$10.00 \$100.00 (Life membership)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS
Oct. 5 5:00 pm		Arvilla Nemer Lael Richter			
Oct. 6 8:00 am	Eric Larsen Eric Moore	Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine	Team #7 John Cook	Bev Hansen	Kris & David Smith
Oct. 6 10:30 am	Jill Lynch	Audrey LeRoux Margaret Christensen	Team #4 Ri. Christensen	Cathy Andersen	Jim & Nancy Martinsen
Oct. 13 8:00 am	Katie Sanders Kristin Clinton		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Cindi Larsen	Bev & Chris Hansen
Oct. 13 10:30 am	Justin Svoboda Scott Rudey		Team #6 Howard Jensen	Anne Felton	Dolly & Don Orth
Oct. 19 5:00 pm		Pat Jensen Cathy Andersen			
Oct. 20 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Adam Van Nice	Ruth Estep Bev Hansen	Team #3 Harold Miller	Lyle Christensen	Cheryl Dexter
Oct. 20 10:30 am	Chris Friis	Sandy Strini Kim Sorensen	Team #8 Bill Meteyard	Mildred Schroth	Jerry & Denise Pipol
Oct. 27 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai Jill Lynch		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Randy Sanders	Isabelle Barry Ruth Estep
Oct. 27 10:30 am	Ken Larsen Kevin Meteyard Matt Liesch		Team #10 Bob Christensen	Maury Felton	Ralph & Audrey Rasmussen
Nov. 2 5:00 pm		Nancy Martinsen Anne Felton			
Nov. 3 8:00 pm	TBA	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #7 John Cook	TBA	Peter & Susan Bayer
Nov. 3 10:30 am	TBA	Mildred Schroth Ginny Douglal	Team #2 Lyle Andersen	TBA	Al & June Beck

Altar Flowers




Oct. 6: Hedwig Wagner
Oct. 13: Denise & Brian Keller
Oct. 20: Julie Christensen
Oct. 27: Jim & Joan Larsen

Coffee Fellowship

TBA
TBA
TBA
TBA

Candle Care

Ruth Estep
(Through Oct.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wednesday Night Schedule: 5:00-6:15 pm Supper 5:30-6:15 pm K-2nd Grade Hands-On Science 5:30-6:15 pm Music Time - 3rd grade and up 6:15-7:15 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation class 6:15-7:00 pm 3rd-6th grade Hands-On Science 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir practice		OCTOBER 1 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Luth. Church of the Resurrection	2 1:30 pm Mary Circle at 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities: Supper: sloppy joes 6:15 pm 8th-9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Youth Committee	3 5:00 pm Community Meal, St. Pat's	4 6:30 pm REST	5 11:00 am Ecumenical Prayer Services for Peace 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 19th Sunday after Pentecost; Lutheran World Relief Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Trad. Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	7 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:00 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Deacons mtg. 7:00 pm Worship & Music Cmte.	8 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	9 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: chicken 6:15 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation 7:15 pm Executive Committee	10	11 6:30 pm Haas-Keller rehearsal 6:30 pm REST	12 2:00 pm Haas-Keller wedding 5:00 pm Worship Service 
13 20th Sunday after Pentecost; Pink Ribbon Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am Trad. Worship Service; Presentation of Bibles to 1st & 4th graders 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 1:00 pm CROP Walk, from 1st Presbyterian	14 Columbus Day 11:00 am Staff mtg. 6:00 pm Church council 	15 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Fay Pearson's Visitor deadline	16 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: Mostaccioli 6:15 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation	17	18 6:30 pm REST	19 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion Synod WELCA Convention, West Bend
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27 22nd Sunday after Pentecost; REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 am Service of the Word 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation	28 St. Simon & St. Jude 11:00 am Staff mtg. 3:00 pm WELCA Bible study leaders	29 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	30 5:00 pm Wed. night activities: Supper: hot beef sandwiches 6:15 pm 8th-9th grade confirmation	31 Reformation Day 8:30 am Clergy Day of Renewal, Milwaukee, to 3:30 pm	Nov. 1 6:30 pm REST	2 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Acting Directors: Pastor Paul and Pastor Mary

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

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER:

- Oct. 1: 10:30 a.m. - Rev. Steve Blyth: Mission work in Papua
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social Activities
- Oct. 8: 10:30 a.m. - Mary Hook, R.N.: Cardiac Care
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 15: 10:30 a.m. - Video
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 22: 10:30 a.m. - Video
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Social activities
- Oct. 29: 10:30 a.m. - to be announced
 11:45 a.m. - Devotions
 12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
 1:00 p.m. - Games



October

October Birthdays - 70 Years and Better

Oct. 2	Lorraine Brown	1621 Walter Avenue	53404
Oct. 14	Ray Knapp	1236 Valley View Dr.	53405
Oct. 15	Dorothy Bagley	2056 Wustum Ave.	53404
Oct. 19	Olaw Thomsen	1233 Illinois St.	53405
Oct. 20	Mabel Melvin	3900 N. Main #308	53402
Oct. 29	Julia Durand	401 Walton Avenue	53402
Oct. 30	J. Wm. Christensen	5745 Cambridge Lane	53406

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
 to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
 Lutheran Church
 1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
 (date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

Prayer Connections

for October '96 — YOUTH

- Pray for congregational visions for youth ministry, encouraging members to become youth-friendly congregations and communities.
- Pray for youth committees — for dedicated individuals with a compassion for youth and their needs.
- Pray for youth Pastors and youth workers that they may remain faithful to their “call” and serve Christ as they minister to youth.
- Pray for youth of your congregation — pray for them by name — pray specifically for their individual needs, concerns, hurts, joys, etc.
- Pray for unchurched youth that they may experience the joy of a Christ-centered life; that we may reach out to them whatever their needs may be.
- Pray that all youth may find our congregations to be a “safe” place where they are welcomed, nurtured, encouraged, loved, and respected.
- Pray for adults with enthusiasm and excitement for youth ministry to volunteer their time and talents.
- Pray for current volunteer staff in your congregation — for encouragement, guidance and enthusiasm for working with youth.
- Pray for growth in youth ministry — for your congregation to establish a mission statement for youth (or review your current statement).
- Pray for the Center for Youth Ministries at Wartburg Seminary — for students being certified in youth ministry.
- Pray for Search Institute (Minneapolis, MN) as they research and produce materials for congregations/communities to reach out to youth.
- Pray for Augsburg Youth and Family Institute as they continue to provide resources and training for nurturing faith in children, youth and families.
- Pray for youth to develop their own sense of mission and commitment to serve Christ as they begin adulthood and establish their vocations. (Pray for specific youth in your own congregation or community.)
- Pray that resource/media/publishing organizations (Augsburg/Fortress, Group, Youth Specialties, Search Institute, etc.) will continue to develop quality Christ-centered materials for youth ministry.
- Pray that *you* may be a living Christ-like example for the youth you encounter in your daily walk.
- Pray for the 1997 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans; that the leaders, youth, adults, preachers, resource personnel etc. will be impacted by the message of the Gospel.
- Pray strong leadership skills to be developed among the youth of your congregation.
- Pray for God to guide you to become a mentor for a youth.
- Pray for youth who are dedicated to serving Christ that they may remain faithful (name individuals that you know in your own congregation).
- Pray for “burned out” youth workers; that they seek renewal and become energized to serve Christ.

- Pray for the Greater Milwaukee Synod Youth network — that resources, ideas, and ministry opportunities shared at the monthly lunch gathering will encourage, motivate, stimulate and uplift youth workers/Pastors in our synod.
- Pray for our ELCA churchwide Youth Ministry Office and personnel; that the mission and focus of our church in youth ministry will remain a priority in their ministry. Pray specifically for Rev. Kelly Chapman as he leads this office.
- Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the focus on youth and the resources given by the Siebert Foundation, Lutheran Brotherhood and Aid Association for Lutherans to local, regional, and national programs.
- Pray that Christian musicians continue to impact our young people in a media that speaks to them; that Christian bands, vocalists, entertainers, become greatly in demand for youth.
- Pray for our national youth organization, LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization), that the youth in leadership will be nurtured and encouraged as they continue to serve Christ in reaching out to the youth of our ELCA.
- Pray for the youth of your congregation as they seek ways of serving Christ; specifically if they venture out on "servant projects". Pray that they will experience the servant Christ as they become 'his hands and his feet' helping others.
- Pray for our synod and regional youth events (overnights, retreats, gatherings, etc.); that leaders and youth will be reaffirmed in their spiritual walk as they experience Christ's grace and forgiveness.

Prayer Petitions for Sundays

October 6

Heavenly Father, as you led your children throughout the ages with the voices of youth, we pray that the voices of youth today will be heard in our congregation, in our synod, region, and nation. Instill in our youth a desire to serve you. Instill in us the patience to listen and the wisdom to be led.

October 13

God of Youth and Age, increase in us the desire to serve you. Whether we are babies or 100 years of age, you have given each of us a mission and purpose through our baptism. Grant us the faith and obedience to fulfill your plan for our life.

October 20

God our Father: As our children are growing up in a society filled with confusing, conflicting, or absent values, give us the conviction to stand firm in our faith and beliefs to live with integrity. May we as individuals and a congregation, be examples of virtue, honor, principles and honesty in our work, our play, our worship, our serving, and our daily lives.

October 27

Lord of the Youth, as we celebrate the great reformation, help us remember the work of Martin Luther and his ministry to families. Give us the drive to continually seek ways to educate, nourish, affirm, love, accept the youth of our congregation and community.

Lutheran College Representatives Visit Area

On Thursday, Nov. 7, Lutheran College Night will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Brookfield. The event will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Many Lutheran colleges and universities will be represented at this event. Students and parents will have opportunities to ask



questions and receive information from college admissions counselors.

To explore the Lutheran college option, take I-94 west of Milwaukee to Moorland Road. Exit north on Moorland Road to U.S. 18 (Blue Mound Road).

LSS Offers Nurturing Program

Lutheran Social Services offers the Nurturing Program, an intensive family based program for children and parents who are experiencing a range of significant problems. The program meets for 2½ hours each week for 12 weeks. Children and parents meet in separate groups for an hour of programming, then join for a meal program, followed by another hour of meeting in their separate program groups.

The next group will begin Wednesday, October 16. Families will

learn to develop appropriate developmental expectations for their children, non-violent behavior management and conflict resolution skills, awareness of basic nutritional needs, and skills to handle stress and anger.

The United Way and the Racine County Human Services Department are collaborating with LSS in providing this program to the community at minimal to no cost for participating families. Contact LSS at 2711 19th Street, Racine, 53403, phone 637-3886.

Visiting Nurse Association Training Class Begins

All Saints Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice will begin a volunteer training class on Saturday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 26. Classes will be held at 4000 Spring Street, Racine, in the Conference Room from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can be included in patients' homes, with the

hospice office, or in various community activities. Call 635-7580 and ask for Kris Kirchoff or Nancy Anderson for more information.



Food for the Hungry

"I'm starving to death!"

How often is that complaint followed by resorting to fast food or junk food to fill the void? Rather than healthy, regularly planned meals and snacks, it's often tempting to grab something quickly to tide us over. Is what we eat even fit for consumption?

What are we hungry for? The answer to that will often depend on the respondent. If you're a college student, pizza and Coke or Mountain Dew for breakfast might be common fare. Or if you're a die-hard Norwegian, lutefisk might be a treat for a special dinner. (I, for one, already have Feb. 14 marked on my calendar for the outstanding lutefisk supper at Norway Lutheran Church!) Last week, I watched cases of soup and other items from Project Emergency be unpacked by our REST shelter volunteers. Those hot meals served to the guests at our homeless shelter on Friday nights will undoubtedly be very welcome indeed.

As I recently talked with Cecilia Cervantes, an educator from Brazil visiting Racine under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, I learned about what the poor in her country face. Many people exist on what they find as they scavenge through the garbage of those who are wealthier. There is even an attempt to teach those people how to incorporate egg shells (high in calcium!) and banana peels (an ingredient in a kind of jelly) into their meager diets to provide more nutrition. It's only when I hear accounts such as that that I can even begin to comprehend our abundance in comparison.

Many of you recognize that abundance and have been more than

generous as you've shared what you have to help those who might literally starve to death otherwise.

Thank you for your pledges to the CROP Walk on October 13, for your willingness to walk (a number of our youth will be earning confirmation service points on the Walk), for your contributions of food and money to the Northside Food Pantry, the REST program, and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Your contributions to help fight hunger affect people throughout the world.

And, in the meantime, let us remember that *we* also need care and nurturing, both physically *and* spiritually. As we come to worship and to be fed by the Word and by the Body and Blood of Christ, we are strengthened and nourished in new and exciting ways. Our deep hunger and thirst can only be satisfied fully by Jesus Christ as he comes to us in bread and wine offering us forgiveness and new life.

If you have been away for a while, the One who is the Bread of Life invites you with open arms to come again and be fed. If you are confined to your home and would like audio tapes of our Sunday services, copies of a daily devotional book, or Holy Communion, please contact the church office or one of us pastors. We as a church reach out that all might be fed in Christ's name -- both physically and spiritually. We hope you join us in the foretaste of the feast that is to come!

See you in church!

Pastor Mary



"God calls us to evangelism! The bank that holds our mortgage has mentioned it, too."

Lurking in the October VISITOR:

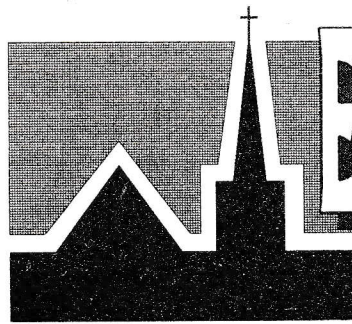


- ☺ Tenth Grade Confirmation Is October 27
- ☺ Service for Racial Harmony at Emmanuel
- ☺ School and Health Kits for LWR
- ☺ REST Shelter Reopens

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Church Singers Here November 17

The Church Singers, led by Bob Gall, will sing at the 10:30 worship service at Emmaus on November 17. The Church Singers are well-known

around the Racine area for their devotion to praising God through their music. Be sure not to miss this talented group!

Emmaus Presents First Graders with Bibles

As part of the rite of baptism, parents and sponsors agree to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of the baptized one, and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith. The congregation then pledges to support the parents and sponsors in the Christian education of their children.

On Sunday, November 24, Emmaus will present first graders with Bibles at the 10:30 service. The Contemporary English Version, sponsored by the American Bible Society, is not a paraphrase, but a translation of the Bible designed for children just learning to read.

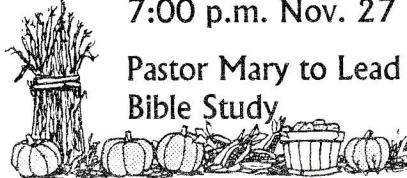
This is the second year in which we have extended our Gift Bible program to include first graders.

Fourth graders received new Revised Standard Version Bibles on October 13; the NRSV Bibles are better suited for confirmation study and have each student's name engraved on each one.

In the November VISITOR:

- ▶ Pledge Campaign Begins
- ▶ Thanksgiving Service
7:00 p.m. Nov. 27

Pastor Mary to Lead
Bible Study



Emmaus to Observe All Saints' Sunday

During worship on November 2-3, we will pause to honor the saints from Emmaus who have joined the saints in heaven during the past year:

Anita Walters Andersen (8/19/1910 - 2/21/1996)

Mae Henke (5/8/1922 - 5/18/1996)

Robert J. Ericksen (4/2/1922 - 6/19/1996)

Wallace L. Sorenson (3/19/1908 - 8/10/1996)

Mary Wisby (3/29/1909 - 9/28/1996)

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Oct. 13, 1996

Alexis Marie Toslek

Alexis was born July 26. Her mother is Kelley Toslek; her grandparents are Skip and Barb Toslek; her great-grandparents are Gil and Joyce Toslek. Her sponsors are Jamie Toslek and Laura Michel.

Oct. 13, 1996

Katrina Marie Ahrens

Katrina is the daughter of Tom and Jackie Ahrens and the granddaughter of Carolyn Wooster. Her sponsors are Jodi Finneman and Beth Markworth.

Wedding:

Oct. 12, 1996

Denise Haas and
Brian Keller

Denise Haas is the daughter of Art and Diane Rode and a long-time member of Emmaus. Brian grew up at Gethsemane Lutheran, where his parents, Henry and Pat Keller still attend; Brian joined the Emmaus congregation last December.

Funeral:

Oct. 1, 1996

Mary Reif Wisby

Mary Wisby, a lifelong resident of Racine, passed away on September 28. She had been a member of the Senior Fellowship Center here at Emmaus as well as the center at St. Patrick's. She is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren.

Our Condolences...

Dr. Carl Becker

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dr. Carl Becker, who passed away in Kissimmee, Florida, on October 17, one day short of his 86th birthday. Ordained in Madison in 1937, he served as a military chaplain in World War II. He served as director of Lincoln Lutheran Homes from 1960 until his retirement in 1982. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Victoria, at 1649 Calvin Circle, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

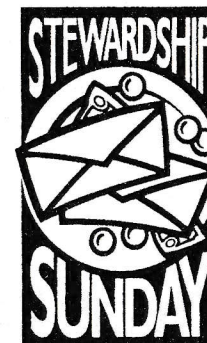
Pledge Campaign Begins November 17

On Sunday, November 17, we will reflect together on Jesus' "Parable of the Talents" as a focus for our financial stewardship pledge season. The process of asking for and receiving your pledge this year will be simpler and more direct. It will be by letter, which will go out the next day on the 18th, giving you the opportunity to quietly make that decision in prayer. We then encourage you to bring that pledge in personally the following Sunday, November 24, to place it in the offering.

We hope for a high level of response even though there will not be a lot of extra frills. We would like to be clear that using a quieter approach this year does not mean we have less need! No, every year, our need is two-fold. First, we all have a commonly shared need to plan and carry out a ministry together. It takes all of us to support

that ministry. It still remains that your generous pledge of financial support to our ministry is vital to Church Council's ability to present you with a 1997 budget for that ministry. We need to have a plan for the year ahead, and your pledge is a big help to those efforts.

Second, as we have emphasized the last several years with Consecration Sunday, each of us as individuals has a need to give. The natural response to God's generous forgiveness and salvation is to give of ourselves. Giving is a sign that God's generous love in Jesus Christ has changed our hearts to share that same kind of generous love with others. It is our prayer, always, that your gifts of support to this ministry are an act of faith. We give thanks for all the ways in which you respond to God's grace in Jesus Christ.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Features Processional Offering of Food

Help fill the shelves of our local food pantry! As part of our Thanksgiving Eve service, there will be a processional offering of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Northside Food Pantry, the pantry to which Emmaus has contributed food and money for several years now, located at Trinity United Methodist Church.

If you prefer to give a monetary contribution to the food pantry, make

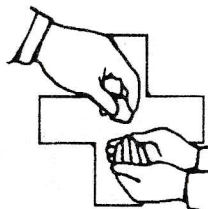
your check payable to Emmaus and indicate "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Emmaus' Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. The service will include celebration of Holy Communion.

After the service, join the fellow members of your Emmaus family for the pie social in Fellowship Hall. Donations at the tables will be used to finance Senior High Youth activities.

Youths to Take First Communion November 3

The 10:30 a.m. worship on November 3 will be a very special day for two of our young people and their families. It also marks the second time at Emmaus that communion will be offered to children younger than the of spring time of their fifth grade year. Preparing



for their first communion and looking forward to participating on November 3 are Mark Naughton and Austin Schultz.

May the Lord richly bless and nurture these young people through the sacrament of Holy Communion for many years to come!

Thank You...

Thank you to Loren and Cindi Larsen for donating a desk and an Apple 2E computer for use in the Children's Library.

Thank you to Cindy Cook and Cindi Larsen, who, with help from Joy Kousek, made the confirmation banners this year.

Thank you to Al and June Beck,



Boots and Lloyd LeRoux, and Marge Zielke, for helping with the Reformation Sunday decorations.

Thank you to Marian Bower for getting us helium for our Reformation Sunday balloons and to Vern

Peterson for transporting the tanks.

Emmaus Staff & Worship Times

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 Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671
 Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents: Grace Falaschi & Pat Liesch
 Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr

CHURCH OFFICE: 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

THANKSGIVING EVE services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 27.

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 December *Visitor* is November 15.

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Word Alive! Offered as Monthly Study

Beginning in November, Pastor Mary will lead a monthly study which will include an introduction to the Bible and the Christian faith. The textbook for Word Alive! is a study manual (cost is \$5.00), which goes beyond the Bible to the history of Christianity, Christian beliefs, other religions, the practice of prayer and Christian living. Discussions will be based on assigned readings and on video



Pastor's Bible Study

presentations.

Each month the study will be offered twice (identical lessons), on the *second Sunday of the month* at 9:15 a.m. and on the *previous Thursday*

at 7:00 p.m. The first sessions will be November 7 at 7:00 p.m. and November 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sunset Room. If you would like to join the study and want to order a book, please call the church office (634-5515).

ADULT FORUM TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER

Adult Forum meets between services in the Sunset Room from 9:20 to 10:10 a.m. Every adult is welcome to attend. The sessions follow the coffee fellowship in the Sunset Room.

- Nov. 3 **Mary Alice Petersen**, parish nurse at Bethania, will speak to us about the Parish Nurse program.
- Nov. 10 **Word Alive! Bible Study**, led by Pastor Mary.
- Nov. 17 **Wheat Ridge Ministries** video and information.
- Nov. 24 **Sister Dawn** from All Saints Hospice, VNA will speak about the Hospice program.

Committee Budgets Due November 11

Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their budgets by November 11. They should submit a bare bones budget and one showing costs of items

that would be possible with a more generous budget. This year's church budget will be based on the financial commitment of our members.

Annual Committee Reports Due Dec. 30

Church committees are asked to turn their annual reports in to the office by Monday, December 30. The full

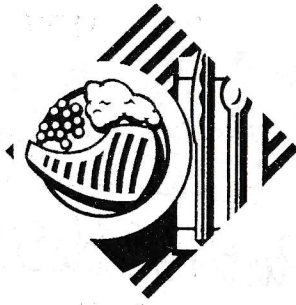
annual report of the congregation is to be available to members of Emmaus by Sunday, January 11.

Four Friendly Feasts Foster Fellowship

Tables of Eight returns with a new name!! Due to the great response and tons of fun that was had this past winter, it is time once again to sign up to participate in "Four Friendly Feasts"!

What is "Four Friendly Feasts"? A once-a-month dinner held on the third Sunday of the month in January, February, March and April in different people's homes (Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16 and April 20).

How does it work? When you sign up, you commit to hosting on one of the four dates. The host provides the main dish and beverages. The guests provide the vegetable, salad/rolls, and dessert. If the right number of people sign up, you will always dine with someone different, and will rotate



bringing one of the courses listed above on the other three dates.

Why sign up? "Four Friendly Feasts" provides the opportunity to get to know other members and friends of Emmaus in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

What if I can't make them all?

You have two options -- to sign up and "time share" with someone else in your situation, or to sign up on the substitute list noting the dates you *are* available.

Who should sign up? Any adults interested in a Friendly Feast -- singles, duets, triplets, any combination may participate.

Where do I sign up? In the narthex!

Rev. Katakshamma Is Consecrated as Bishop

Longtime friend of Emmaus, the Rev. Dr. Katakshamma Raj, was consecrated as the first bishop of the Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church in India on October 27. The service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of S.R.N. Colony in Bhadrachalam was presided over by the Right Reverend John Franklin, Bishop of Arcot Lutheran Church.

Emmaus members have designated special gifts totaling \$240 toward a gift to be sent to Rev. Katakshamma at the beginning of November. Emmaus' ties to Rev. Katakshamma date from the early

1970's; she last visited Emmaus in October, 1995.

Rev. Katakshamma received her doctorate degree in ministry from Luther Northwestern Seminary of St. Paul, Minnesota in 1995. She and her husband, Paul, also a pastor, operate orphanages, an old persons' home and a girls' school in conjunction with their ministry in the Lutheran Church of India.

"To stand on one's legs and prove God's existence is a very different thing from going on one's knees and thanking him." --Søren Kierkegaard

Building & Grounds Report

Don't Overlook the Floor

Have you noticed the floors downstairs lately? They look great, don't they? There are a number of people to thank. Al Svendsen got the project going by replacing a number of the broken tiles for us.

The main part of the project has been the stripping and waxing of the floors done by our custodian, Wes Mohr. When his hours were reduced to 20 per week (from 30) several years ago, it was no longer reasonable to have

stripping and waxing of floors as a regular part of his job description. What we have done this fall, then, is "contracted" with him to work extra hours doing the floors. They look great! Nice job, Wes!

We also need to thank our folks with connections at S.C. Johnson who have donated, or purchased at reduced cost, many of our cleaning supplies: Ron and Pat Jensen, Amy Larsen, and Jim & Nancy Martinsen.

Plans Begin for Kitchen Renovation

In response to gifts and commitments totaling over \$18,000.00, designated specifically for a dishwasher and related kitchen renovation, a committee has been formed to coordinate the preliminary work. Serving on the committee are Pat Jensen, Cheryl Dexter, Nancy Martinsen and Pastor Mary.

The first steps will be to secure bids for the project from at least three contractors. The committee will then make a recommendation at the

December church council meeting.

If funds are sufficient for the project, the goal is to begin the renovation in January of 1997.

The large storage area northwest of the kitchen is the proposed location of the commercial dishwasher. A portion of the west wall in the kitchen would have to be removed to make the project possible. Meanwhile, plans are being made to sort and redistribute or dispose of items in the storage area.

Worship & Music Notes

Christmas Decoration of Church Scheduled Nov. 30

On Saturday, Nov. 30, we will need your help to decorate our church for Christmas. Please put this on your calendar. If you can help, please contact Marsha Connet (633-2047) or the church office



(634-5515).

The new year on the Christian calendar begins on Dec. 1 with the first Sunday of Advent. Historically a time for fasting and repentance, Advent nevertheless has overtones of celebration in expectation of Christmas.

DR. KATAKSHAMMA RAJ, a daughter of the Rev. A.D. Benjamin, who was the first president of the South Andhra Lutheran Church in India, has been working among orphans and the destitute in the South Andhra Lutheran Church. She has been the director of a Girls' School and an Old People's Home for many years.

When her father retired from the ministry, Katakshamma tried to support her parents out of her meager salary. In the early 1970's, when we met her and heard of her need, the Women of Emmaus decided to give her some help. For several years, a quarterly check was sent to Katakshamma of \$60 (\$20/month) to assist in her care for her parents.

Dr. Katakshamma has visited Emmaus several times. She has spoken at our worship services, to the Sunday School, the Senior Citizens, and the women's group. Emmaus is not a stranger to her; she is included weekly in our Prayer Chain opening prayer.

In May, she graduated from Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul with a Doctorate degree in ministry. She is married to Rev. Dr. Paul Raj, who has also spoken at Emmaus. He directs over 20 parishes with several ordained pastors and other specially trained Christian workers.

Dr. Katakshamma is well known in Christian circles around the world and is in the states for a conference on the east coast. She has a lovely musical voice and a loving message from her Savior. It is always a great pleasure to have her visit us. Welcome, Katakshamma!

Sundays Adopted in October

Our thanks to the following, who adopted Sundays in the month of October and November as part of Emmaus' Adopt-a-Sunday debt retirement program:

Isabelle Barry, in memory of her husband, Elmer Barry.

The tenth grade confirmands.

Jeff & Linda Clinton in celebration of Ryan's confirmation.

Lowell and Robert Klees and Wayne & Barbara Thoen in memory of Bernice Klees.

If you would like to adopt a Sunday at some time this year, please fill out the form included in your Sunday bulletin or *Visitor*. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or you can drop it off at or mail it to the church office.

MEMORIALS

Non-dedicated memorials:

\$50 in memory of Wally Sorenson

\$210 in memory of Mary Wisby

Building Fund:

\$15 in memory of Rev. Dr. Carl Becker



Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Sept.: 1994: 196 1995: 207 1996: 184
 Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.: 1994: 219 1995: 226 1996: 219
 Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.: 1994: 204 1995: 192



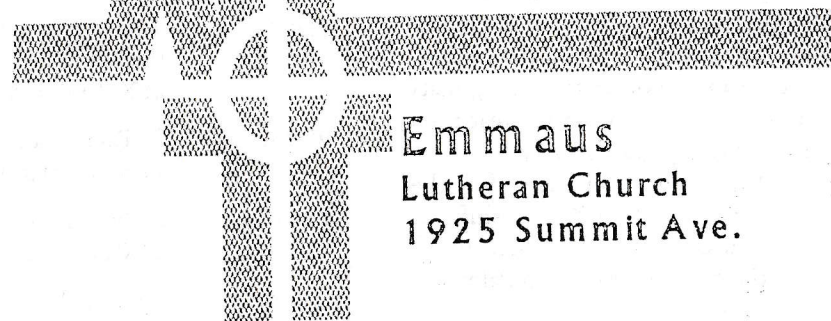
Financial Figures



TITHING
is good stewardship

	Needed to meet budget	Actual
Offerings received in September	\$21,000.65	\$16,931.08
Total received as of Sept. 29, 1996	\$164,055.07	\$148,944.67
Total expenditures as of Sept. 29, 1996		\$150,461.12
September mortgage payments: Principal		\$445.72
Interest		\$1,481.28
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of September 11, 1996		\$218,773.04
September Building Fund offerings		\$1,937.00

ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



Emmaus
Lutheran Church
1925 Summit Ave.

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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
(date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

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More Homeless Find Shelter in REST Program

by Pat Liesch

We are only in our second month of operation for the year, and already the number of REST participants is double what it was at the same time last year. Some of the REST sites have already gone over their limits, and have had to borrow sleeping mats from other sites. We are in great need of several things, particularly:

1. Volunteers, especially for the 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift. If you can help, please sign up in the narthex, or call Jim Palmer at 681-2363.
2. Money, for food, bus tokens, etc. If you can help, please leave your donation in the church office or the offering plate, earmarked for REST. Any gift of your time or money would be greatly appreciated.

REST operates from 7:00 pm to 7:00 a.m. from October 1 to April 30 at

the following churches:

- Sunday: Racine Bible Church
401 Wisconsin Avenue
- Monday: St. Edward's Catholic
1430 Grove Avenue
- Tuesday: Taylor Ave. Church of the Nazarene
2100 Taylor Avenue
- Wednesday: St. Rita's Catholic Ch.
4339 Douglas Avenue
- Thursday: Holy Communion L.C.
2000 Sixth Street
- Friday: Emmaus Lutheran
1925 Summit Avenue
- Saturday: First Evangelical Free
(Nov.) 2401 Ohio Street
(Dec.-Apr.) Mt. Pleasant Lutheran
1700 S. Green Bay Rd.

Transportation is provided to the REST sites from Community Meal Sites or Monument Square at 6:30 p.m. each evening by a Red Cross van.

Report to Food Pantry Churches as of Sept. 30, 1996

by Mary Haas, Pantry Coordinator

Number of people served:	161
Amount of money received:	\$794.57
from Emmaus Luth.	\$25.00
from Trinity UMC	\$443.57
from 2nd Presbyt.	\$326.00
Amount of money spent:	\$508.65
Checkbook	\$834.14
Phone: 639-5149	



"There are two ways of spreading light:
to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

--Edith Wharton

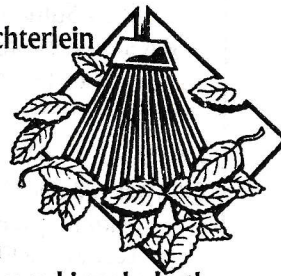
EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Acting Directors: Pastors Mary Janz & Paul Nuechterlein

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

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.








PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 5: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - Barbara Hesse, R.N., from Lincoln Lutheran on "Aging Well"
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- Nov. 12: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - Mary Billerbeck, LifeSpan: Arthritis
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.
- Nov. 19: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
11:00 a.m. - Nancy Smith
12:00 noon - Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games
- Nov. 26: 10:00 a.m. - Coffee & conversation
10:30 a.m. - Pastor Steve Blyth on Missionary work in Papua, New Guinea
11:45 a.m. - Devotions
12:00 noon - Birthday lunch
1:00 p.m. - Games, etc.

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

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| Nov. 2 | Clara Buchman | 1233 Lathrop Ave. | 53405 |
| Nov. 8 | LaVerne Jepsen | 1342 Harrington Drive | 53405 |
| Nov. 15 | Dagny Thomsen | 2424 Thor Avenue | 53405 |
| Nov. 20 | Chris Hansen | 240 88th Ave. Sturtevant | 53177 |
| Nov. 26 | Dorothy Niva | 5305 16th Street #27 | 53406 |
| Nov. 26 | Kay Andreasen | 10441 S. Nicholson, Oak Creek | 53154 |
| Nov. 28 | John Haanstad | 3340 Fourth Avenue | 53402 |

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
NOVEMBER, 1996 Emmaus Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515				WEDNESDAY 5:00-6:15 pm Supper NIGHT 5:30-6:15 pm K - 2nd grade Hands-On Science ACTIVITIES 5:30-6:15 pm Music Time, 3rd grade & up 6:15-7:00 pm 3rd-6th grade Hands-On Science 7:00-8:00 pm Adult Choir Practice			
3 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, 23rd Sun. after Pent. 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Services with Holy Communion. First Communion at 10:30 service 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	4 9:00 am Quilting 11:00 am Staff mtg 6:00 pm WELCA Board 6:30 pm Youth Min. Cmte. 6:30 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Worship & Music	5 Election Day 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Cluster Council at Emmaus	6 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 1:30 pm Mary Circle at B. Johnson's 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES - Brats & hot dogs 6:15 pm 8th-9th Grade confirmation 7:15 pm Executive Committee	7 7:00 pm WORD ALIVE! Bible Study 7:00 pm Stamp Club	8 6:30 pm REST	9 5:00 pm Worship Service 	
10 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Forum: WORD ALIVE! 11:30 am KFC trip to Pettit Ice Center 6:00 pm RCYO at Bethania Lutheran	11 Veterans' Day 9:00 am Quilting 11:00 am Staff mtg 6:30 pm Church Council	12 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm Miriam Circle at Cindi Larsen's	13 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES -- Pizza 6:15 pm 8-9th Gr. Confirmation 6:45 pm Women's Chorus 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee	14	15 6:30 pm REST VISITOR DEADLINE	16 5:00 pm Worship Service w/H.C.	
17 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 am Chicago Folk Service w/Holy Communion; Church Singers at 10:30 service 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	18 11:00 am Staff mtg 6:30 pm REST Board	19 9:30 am Cluster Clergy at Holy Communion L.C. 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	20 5:00 pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES -- Sloppy Joes 6:45 pm Women's Chorus	21	22 6:30 pm REST	23 5:00 pm Worship Service	
24 CHRIST THE KING SUN.; PLEDGE SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship Service; Presentation of Bibles to 1st graders at 10:30 service 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum	25 11:00 am Staff mtg. 3:00 pm WELCA Bible Study	26 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	27 NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 	28 THANKSGIVING; office closed	29 4:30 pm Sukus-Foldey wedding 6:30 pm REST	30 St. Andrew's Day Decoration of Church 5:00 pm Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 	

Youth News

BIC and KFC activities, news, reviews and more!

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KFC Nuggets

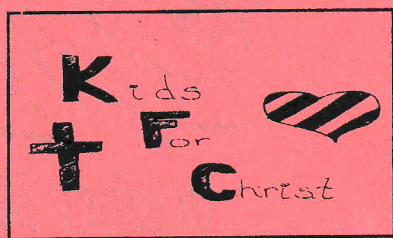
Trip to Pettit Ice Center Planned Nov. 10

A trip to the Pettit Ice Center is being planned for Kids For Christ middle school youth on Sunday,

November 10. The cost is \$4.00 to skate (\$3.00 under 12) and \$2.00 for skate rental, plus money for lunch and snacks.

We will leave directly from church after the 10:30 service, stop along the way for lunch, skate from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and return home around 4:00-4:30 p.m.

We need parents to transport kids from church to the Ice Center and back to their homes. Please call Cindi Larsen (681-0282), Chris Olson (634-2582), or Pat Liesch (835-1363) for details, or to volunteer.



other, but I'm sure they'll keep it friendly.

Ken Larsen plays soccer for RASA. Ken's team is three wins, one loss, one tie. His position is left defense. Ken has been playing soccer for eight years. That's dedication.

Nick and Steve Furuglyas bowl on a league together at Elmwood on Saturday mornings. They have had some challenging weeks but are confident they will see improvement throughout the season.

Tom Pie plays volleyball for Great Lakes Volleyball Club. Tom will be doing a lot of traveling to different states to play other teams.

Jerstad's Girls' Basketball team is tied for first place against Gilmore. Our Jerstad players are Jill Lynch (center), Ellie Reischl (point guard). They have three games left this season. Good luck, girls.

Ken & Nate's Music Reviews

Alternative Rock List

1. The Gufs
2. Dishwalla and Soundgarden
3. Metallica and Silverchair
4. Smashing Pumpkins and Alice in Chains
5. Alanis Morissette
6. Megadeth and Oasis
7. Nirvana
8. Live
9. Violent Femmes
10. Marilyn Manson

News

2-Pac Shakur died, most old groups broke and now are producing a new CD. Pearl is out.

New CD List

1. The Gufs: "The Gufs"
2. Soundgarden: "Down on the Upside"
3. Metallica: "Load," (continued next page)

Sports News

Brad Falaschi's football team will be going to the playoffs. Brad plays for Racine Youth Sport in the Senior League for the Cougars. This was his first year playing. Way to go, Brad, and Good Luck, team. He will play freshman football at Park next year.

Volleyball will be starting the end of October. Ellie Reischl and Amanda Fiegel will play for Jerstad. Josie Hermann and Lynda Ustymowicz will play for Gilmore. They will be competing against each

- Nirvana: "From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah"
4. Alice in Chains: "Unplugged"

5. Silverchair: "Frogstomp"
6. Smashing Pumpkins: "Mellon Collie & the Infinite Sadness"
7. Alanis Morissette: "Jagged Little Pill"

Today's Fashion

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| bell bottoms | CKI jeans |
| cuorduroys | CKI shirts |
| Airwalks | CKI perfume |
| Nikes | shorts |
| Adidas | starters |
| flannels | cuorduroy jackets |
| butterfly clamps | Jnco pants |
| little t's | glitter lipstick |
| overalls | polyester shirts |
| little lunchbox purses | key chains |
| big rings (disco ball rings) | wide-legged pants |
| nail polish (purple,
neon, orange, yellow,
blue, green, etc.) | patches (for backpacks) |
| | Jansport (backpacks) |



October Birthdays

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| Tom Pie | October 6, 1982 |
| Alexander Gueldenzopf | October 3, 1984 |
| Melanie Olson | October 4, 1984 |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Nov. 2 5:00 pm		Nancy Martinsen Anne Felton			
Nov. 3 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig Katie Sanders	Cheryl Dexter Barb Larsen	Team #7 John Cook	Cathy Meyer	Peter & Susan Bayer
Nov. 3 10:30 am	R. Gottfredsen Alyssa Yorgan	Mildred Schroth Ginny Dougall	Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Karen Sedgwick	Al & June Beck
Nov. 10 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Tom Pie		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Ruth Hlavka	Kathy & John Cook
Nov. 10 10:30 am	Amand Lawler Kristen Andersen		Team #4 Ri. Christensen	Myra Nielsen	Bob & Margaret Christensen
Nov. 16 5:00 pm		Marian Andersen Marge Zielke			
Nov. 17 8:00 am	Kristen Clinton Jill Lynch	Sharon Devine Cynthia Cook	Team #3 Harold Miller	Sandy Strini	Vern & Willine Svendsen
Nov. 17 10:30 am	Justin Svoboda Scott Rudey	Evelyn Larsen Marge Jensen	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Ryan Sedgwick	Howard & Marge Jensen
Nov. 24 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Eileen Oson	Betty Barth Arvilla Nemer
Nov. 24 10:30 am	Nate Pearson Matt Leisch		Team #8 W. Meteyard	Nancy Martinsen	Chris & Karen Olson
Nov. 27 7:00 pm	Ken Larsen Kevin Meteyard	Jo Baggesen Pat Jensen	Team #10 R. Christensen		
Nov. 30 5:00 pm		Julie Christensen Pat LeRoux-Sodke			
Dec. 1 8:00 pm	TBA	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #7 John Cook	TBA	Jim & Nancy Martinsen
Dec. 1 10:30 am	TBA	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #2 Lyle Andersen	TBA	Carol Yust Lisa Zuehlke

ALTAR FLOWERS
 Nov. 3: H. Larsen; L. Klees; L. Andersen, C. Dexter
 Nov. 10: Loren & Cindi Larsen
 Nov. 17: Amy Larsen
 Nov. 24: Marsha & Peter Connet

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
 R. & A. Rasmussen
 TBA
 Gregg Albright family
 TBA

CANDLE CARE
 Margaret Christensen
 (Through Oct.)



Poinsettias to decorate Emmaus for Christmas will be ordered this year and are available for purchase by members and friends of Emmaus. These plants will be yours to take, if you choose, after the late evening service December 24.

___ red
 # ___ white
 # ___ pink

Please reserve _____ poinsettia(s) at \$7.00 each, for:

My name: _____

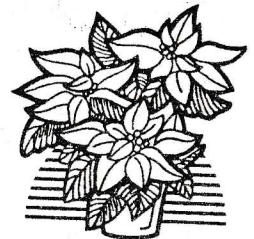
As a MEMORIAL for: _____

and/or to HONOR: _____

Deadline to order and make payment is November 24, 1996. Please place your order in the offering plate or leave it in the church office mailbox. Please make checks payable to Emmaus Lutheran Church and designate that it is for your poinsettia order.

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Horlick Hosts Senior Citizen Day

As part of American Education Week, William Horlick High School will host a Senior Citizen/Grandparents Day on Tuesday, Nov. 19. A presentation will be held in the Joseph Mooney Theatre beginning at

9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00. There will also be performances by the school band, choir, and theatrical groups. Use the west entrance opposite the tennis courts. For more information, contact 635-5700.

Letter

Christmas Gifts to Cross Lutheran Count Double

Dear Friends of Cross Church,

"The rebuilt church drove home to me that you refused to give up." Ernestine Walker, a woman who lives down the block from Cross and who had worshipped with us many times over the years, explained recently what led her to affirm her baptism and officially become a member of the Body of Christ at Cross this summer. "Stepping into that beautiful rebuilt church reminded me of all that you have done for the community over the years. I realized then I needed to be more fully a part of all the good that Cross is doing."

I am writing to all of you who have contributed to the rebuilding of Cross Church to thank you again for helping us witness to the community. Many people have been empowered to take significant steps in their spiritual journey, like Ernestine Walker, because of the powerful witness of the people of God who rebuilt the "walls of Zion."

Now, as we approach Christmas, we are overwhelmed by the grace of God in our lives. The rebuilt church is seldom empty. The after school tutoring program hums with a record number of youth; the Adult Program and food ministries continue to grow

and to benefit from the expanded services of our health care ministry.

But even as we celebrate, we need to keep in mind that the fund raising part of our rise from the ashes is not yet done. We will be negotiating with AAL for a mortgage to cover the remaining rebuilding costs due in December. It looks like that mortgage will be close to \$200,000 -- a heavy responsibility for a congregation the size and income of Cross. But we remain determined not to sacrifice a single aspect of our ministry for the sake of bricks and mortar.

If you are considering a gift to Cross as part of your Christmas giving, now is a time when your contribution can "count double" by reducing the amount we need to borrow. (The smaller the mortgage, the less we pay in interest.) We will be happy to acknowledge any gifts in honor or remembrance of others.

God's people at Cross wish you an empowering Christmas and a bright New Year filled with joyful surprises! Please keep our ministries in your prayers during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

--Joseph W. Ellwanger,
Pastor, Cross Church

Parish Partners

Peer Ministry at UW-Milwaukee

"Four guys! Wow! That's pretty interesting." So goes the typical response when I tell people that I have four male students in our Peer ministry Program this year. One of last year's Peer Ministers (a female remarked about the Corner House, "Oh man, I don't want to see what this place looks like next year." (Kurt, John, Solomon, and Ryan took no offense). So much for gender stereotypes - men are not interested in religion and are definitely sloppier than women.

The truth is that the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Corner House, our Campus Ministry Center are remarkably clean. And men are definitely interested in faith issues: the first two Sunday Dinner and Discussions consisted entirely of men. Last week we finally broke the gender barrier when four women showed up - Hallelujah!

The Peer ministry program at UWM has a 20 year history of ups and downs, conflict and joy, failure and commitment - kind of like the rest of the Church. After all is said and done the Peer Ministry Program has offered first and foremost opportunity. Peer Ministers have the chance to grow, to think, to challenge, and to be challenged, to express care, to serve others.



Recently we have been talking about "What does it mean to 'think like a minister?'" One aspect of this training is to practice hospitality in a very intentional

way which includes inviting other students to be a part of our events, as well as being hospitable on campus where life can get hectic, impersonal, and highly competitive. Peer Ministers are expected to be intentionally caring persons in a huge fast-paced institution. That task is not easy.

With all the intentionality and all the caring and listening required of them, it is good that the Peer Ministers have each other. It is good that they live together in a community that forms a place of companionship and Christian friendship. It is one of our goals that they learn not only how to minister to others, but that they learn interdependence and what Luther called "the mutual consolation of the brethren." In our Mission Statement we aspire to "building a Christian community based upon the light of the Gospel." I invite your prayers for our Peer Ministers: John Stieber, Kurt Craanen, Solomon Mebratu, and Ryan Thomas. Please keep us all in your thoughts as we aspire to be missionaries on campus.

- Rev. Alexander Jacobs

e-line stories from LWR:

Local Language Literacy is a Pillar of Development

In Senegal, West Africa, three out of four people have not been taught to read and write. Many of the non-literate are women. Many of those who are literate know only the colonial language, French. Among local officials, 70% cannot read the laws they are elected to apply.

Yet with the help of Lutheran World Relief, a different picture of Senegal is now emerging. 60,000 adults are taking part in 320 local literacy programs. They are learning to read and write in record time, thanks to a method that begins with stories and dialogue rather than with letters and words.

To instruct teachers and satisfy new readers, an LWR partner agency, Associates in Research & Education for Development (ARED), produces up to 2,000 books each month. In the next five years, ARED expects to print 90,000 books. With each copy reaching between five and ten readers, over a half million people will be served!

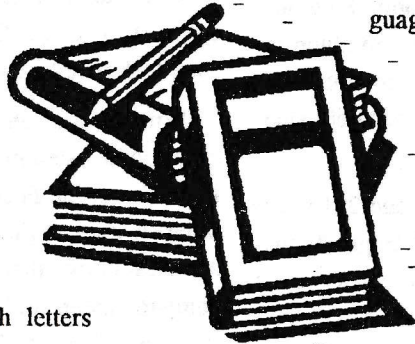
Women comprise many of the new students. As adults, they can choose to be educated, a choice not made for them as children.

When they learn to read, they are able to do things which were difficult to do before -- like vote on issues important to them.

New readers gain access to new information and even to their own world. Novels are the best sellers, but books on law, religion, the environment and literacy are also popular. Why the enthusiasm? The books are in their mother tongues--in

languages like Pulaar and Wolof, languages in which few such books exist. The most famous vernacular author in Senegal works for ARED. He writes in Pulaar, the language of nomadic herders throughout West Africa. His campaigns for literacy, the environment, and for herders' rights have moved the nation. The popularity of his novels gives people even more reason to learn to read in their own language.

Literacy also spurs community development. Becoming literate in one's own language give people a sense of pride in themselves and in their own culture. Given the opportunity to express themselves, LWR and partners are finding that communities begin to revitalize from within.



Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA Prayer Connections for November '96 ELCA SEMINARIES & SEMINARY STUDENTS

- ▶ Pray for Douglas Dowling, Memorial - *Milwaukee Senior at Luther Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for Sharon Georgi, Mt. Pleasant - *Racine Senior at LSTC*
- ▶ Pray for Jill Jackson, St. John's - *West Milwaukee Senior at Wartburg Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for Andre Sjavag, Reformation - *Milwaukee Intern at Immanuel - Milwaukee*
- ▶ Pray for John Berg, Trinity - *West Bend LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Martin Halom, St. Paul - *Racine Student at LSTC*
- ▶ Pray for all internship supervisors throughout the Church who give dedicated and loving guidance to students preparing for ordained ministry.
- ▶ Pray for Kent Hollis, Lord of Life - *Kenosha Trinity Seminary student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Pam Kerschner *Middler student at Luther Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for the many gifted persons in our Synod now preparing to serve as Associates in Ministry.
- ▶ Pray for Tim Larson, Fox Point - *Milwaukee LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Tom Mayer, Grace - *Kenosha Middler student at Wartburg Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for the members of our Synod Candidacy Committee as they shepherd students through the process leading to rostered ministry in our ELCA
- ▶ Pray for Beverly Rautenberg, Mt. Pleasant - *Racine LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Lori Schmidt, Living Hope - *Saukville Middler student at Wartburg Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Scott Harris in his ministry of teaching in our Synod.
- ▶ Pray for Dean Willich, Cross - *Burlington Student at Pacific Seminary*
- ▶ Pray for Jon Paquette, First United - *Sheboygan Wartburg Seminary student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Timothy Heinecke, Good Shepherd - *Waukesha LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for all those preparing to become Diaconal Ministers in the ELCA.

- ▶ Pray for Pat, Kim, Richard and Howard as they guide the work of the Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee comprised of representatives from the Greater Milwaukee, East Central, and Northern Great Lakes Synods.
- ▶ Pray for pastors and laypersons who discern gifts for ministry among members in their congregations and encourage them to pursue vocations in the life of our church.
- ▶ Pray for Claire Warren, Out Savior's - Milwaukee *LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for Amy Kretcarek, Cross of Life - Brookfield *LSTC student serving on internship*
- ▶ Pray for our Bishop Peter as he continues to call us to faithfulness in the ministry we share as the people of God.
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Elias Kitoi Nasari and his family, as he now completes his studies at Wartburg Seminary, and they prepare to return to ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania.

Prayer Petitions for Sundays

November 3:

For the faculties, staffs and students at our eight ELCA seminaries, that the Spirit will enliven and encourage teachers and learners to seek the wisdom of the way, and the truth, and the life of Christ.

November 10:

As we commemorate Martin Luther's birth on this date in 1483, we commit ourselves again to the importance of preaching and pray for an outpouring of the Spirit upon all those preparing for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the seminaries of our Church.

November 17:

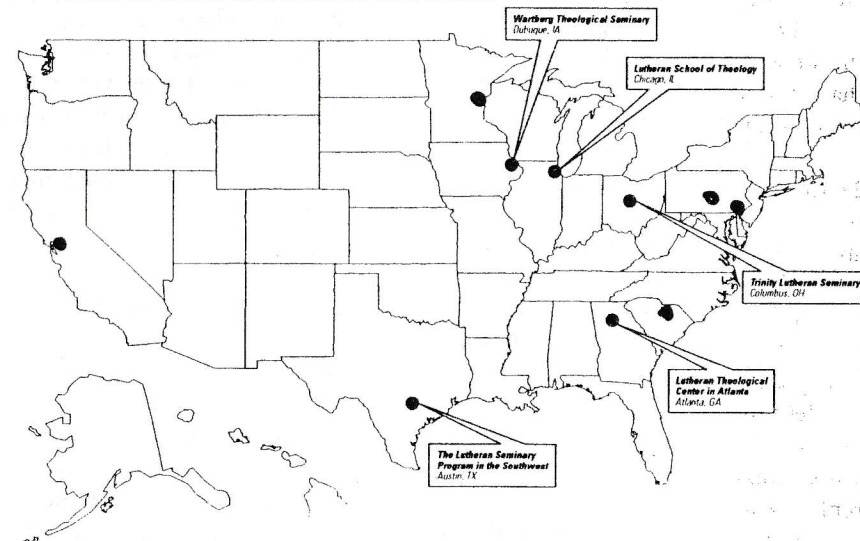
For all who serve in our Church's Division for Ministry, that they will be led by the Spirit as they seek to creatively attend to the need in our Church for qualified and committed leadership, both lay and clergy.

November 24:

In this week of Thanksgiving, we lift our hearts in gratitude to God for calling women and men to serve in the various ministries of our Church, for blessing with wisdom those who give instruction, and for the gracious support generated in our congregations.

We Are Connected – ELCA SEMINARIES & STUDENTS

ELCA THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION NETWORK



Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

For the past 136 years, the predecessor seminaries which now form LSTC have been preparing people for service to God and their neighbor. With its specialized programs of study, international student community, and proximity to the University of Chicago, LSTC's graduates serve in leadership roles across the nation and around the world.

Trinity Lutheran Seminary,

Columbus, Ohio, and its predecessor seminaries have been training persons for ministry since 1830. Trinity has focused programs in church music, parish education, leadership, and mission and evangelism. Known for its active community life that includes faculty, students and family members, Trinity integrates practical aspects of ministry with solid theological education.

Wartburg Theological Seminary

Founded in 1854 in Dubuque, Iowa, is a community of 200 students, 17 full-time and 10 part-time faculty. "Where learning leads to

mission" describes Wartburg's longstanding commitment to the mission of the Gospel and the church. Life together in worship, learning and community are central to Wartburg.

Lutheran Theological Center in Atlanta, an extension education program sponsored in part by Trinity Lutheran Seminary, utilizes the classroom and faculty resources of three nationally prominent seminaries in Atlanta. LTCA provides unique study opportunities in urban issues and diverse cultures, with an emphasis in multicultural studies.

The Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest,

located in Austin, Texas, focuses on the bilingual, multicultural character of the Southwest and offers unique opportunities for evangelism and studies in Spanish culture and language. LSPS is a joint program of Wartburg Theological Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.





God's Coins



Dear Disciples of Emmaus,

There was such a warm response to the stewardship sermon on October 20 that I thought I'd share some of the main points with you again.

The story told to us in Matthew 22:15-22 has a touch of irony. For a story that seems so directly and literally about money, it really is about so much more. The Pharisees send scribes to try to trap Jesus on a subject we still dread to this day: taxes. "Is it lawful for a Jew to pay taxes to Caesar?"

Jesus responds by asking them to get out one of those Roman coins and to see whose image is on it. "Caesar's," they reply. And Jesus' response to them is one of the most well-known sayings from him: "Give unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's."

It is tempting, at the time of the year when we pledge our financial support to church, to make this story all about money. Something like, "Give some of your money to Caesar, yes, but don't forget about God. Give some of your money to God, too."

But I think that Jesus is asking so much more of us! He asks his followers to notice the image on the coin. That word "image" has a much deeper implication. It comes from faith's view of creation. The story in Genesis 1 tells us that we are made in the *image* of God. So Jesus is telling us, in effect, "This coin may bear Caesar's image, but you bear God's image! You are God's coins! Give, therefore, unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." In short, God wants you and me to give our whole self.

Now, we might want to ask: is this

Good News? At financial pledge time, it might seem like good news in this way: "giving means more than just money, so it's OK if I don't give much money but give of my time and talent instead." But I'm not sure that's where the Good News lies. Jesus is asking us to give ourselves! Giving a bit of our time and talent might be no better substitute than giving just a bit of our money, when what is asked for is our whole self. For many people, in fact, giving a few dollars is easier.

So, again, how are these words from Jesus' Good News? Whenever Jesus speaks in terms of giving our whole self (which is almost always), I find it helpful to think of that in terms of: which power do I live my life by?

Here's what I mean. Since that first man and woman in the garden (Gen. 2-3), we have had the choice to live by two different powers, the Creator's power of life, or the creature's power of death. Adam and Eve had it made; they had every opportunity to live under God's power of life. They were made in God's image and so could live a life of imitating God's care for creation. They could cooperate with God in caring for one another and for the earth. And they were perfectly free to do so, with only one rule: don't eat from the tree in the middle of the garden.

But the voice of the creature, that crafty snake, convinced them that that wasn't good enough. Eating of that tree could make them as wise as God, in charge of their own lives! That would really be freedom, right? The man and woman listened to the creature over the Creator, and the rest, as they say, is

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Pastor Paul's Column, Continued:

history. We have all become caught up in imitating each other instead of imitating God, and those endless rivalries literally kill us.

Let me share the same example I did on October 20. Who is it in my life that I imitate? Who are my models? It's most often the case people who are close to us. For me, that means probably my own family. My brother and sister, I think, are important models for me. We were fortunate in our family to go to college and have the opportunity to get on the middle-class professional track.

That game of imitation I get caught up in playing, then, has to do with keeping up with them. I wonder if my house or cars are as nice. I compare what kind of trips we can afford to make, the outings we can go on. I look at what toys or gifts I can make to my kids and wife. I think that with just a bit more money I can be more free in being able to afford all those nice things. But there's just one thing: pastors don't make as much as other professionals. And so resentment can build, increasing stress and eating away at me. And I wonder about the connection of such stress to physical disease. Can such resentment literally kill you or me?

I take some risk in sharing my particular way of getting caught up in the games of comparison and rivalry. The truth is probably that my brother and sister are models for me precisely because they happen to be ahead of me in financial means. If I made more than them, I would probably choose someone just ahead of me as my model: a neighbor, a co-worker, even a celebrity. That's the game we've been playing since the first man and woman: even if the other person is God, we are tempted to think that we can compete rather than

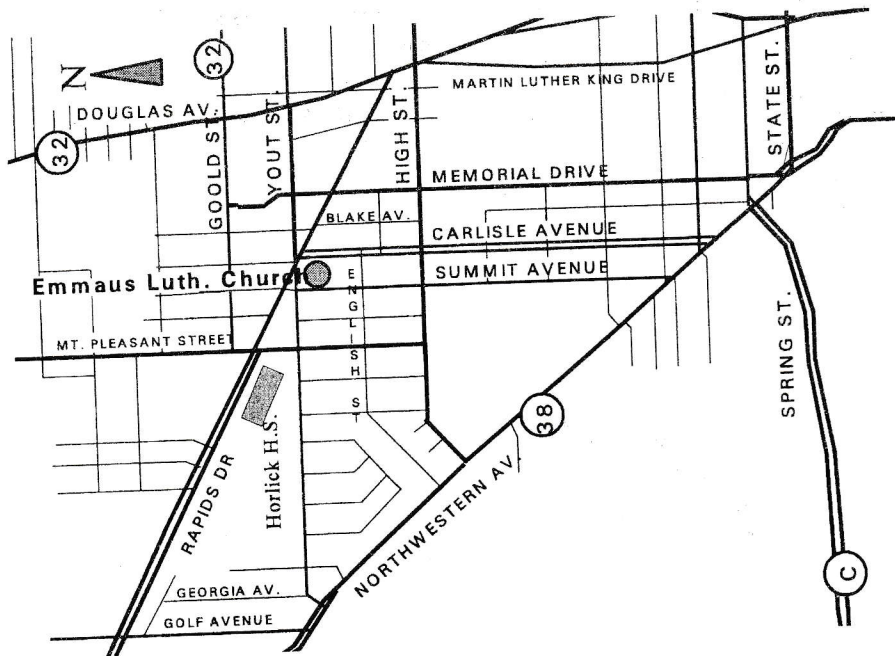
cooperate! We are seduced into thinking that freedom means being in charge of ourselves.

So Jesus came to truly show us another way. Freedom is not being in charge of ourselves. True freedom comes from accepting God's charge for us to share in caring for the Creation. Jesus came to show us a life truly in imitation of God, serving one another and serving the earth. We are made in God's image, not Caesar's; so we should be imitating God, not Caesar. Live by God's power of life and freedom, not the creature's power to rival each other and to kill one another. That is the choice. Give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God what is God's. In short, give your whole life over to God's power of life, or end up serving the powers of death.

So the matter does go much deeper than money. But money is also at the heart of the problem. Jesus had them look at a coin. This is Caesar's game: to get us all caught up in the money game. Have you had similar experiences as mine? Getting caught up in those money games only loads us down with resentment and anger. And so the solution also has money at the heart of it: we need to learn to use our money, along with our time and talents, as a means to care for one another and for the earth.

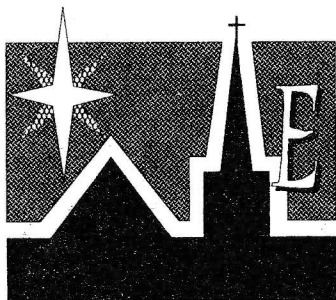
This is no simple task! We can only learn it in imitation of Christ, and by coming together in Christ's name to imitate one another. This is the ministry we share together which can truly make us free! God's peace and blessings to you as we pledge another year of commitment to that ministry.

In the Spirit's love,
Pastor Paul



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EMMAUS VISITOR

December, 1996



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
"A Safe Harbor"

1925 Summit Avenue
☎ (414) 634-5515

Celebrate Christmas Eve at Emmaus

Sunday School Christmas
Program

Sunday, December 22
in the 10:30 a.m. worship
service



Christmas Eve Festival
Service

Tuesday, December 24
at 4:30 p.m.

Featuring music of the Brass Nickel
Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Tuesday, December 24 at 10:30 p.m.

The Adult Choir sings
Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated



PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding: Jane Sukus and David Foldy
November 29, 1996

Jane Sukus, daughter of Jan Sukus, and David Foldy are graduates of Carthage College. Jane is employed in product marketing for a Milwaukee travel company, and Dave works as an accountant in Chicago. They are making their home in Kenosha.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

The dates of Mae Henke's earthly life were given incorrectly in the November *Visitor*. The correct dates should have been May 8, 1922 - May 24, 1996. The *Visitor* regrets the error.

EMMAUS STAFF & WORSHIP TIMES

PASTORS: Paul J. Nuechterlein 1909 Summit Avenue 637-0671
Mary L. Janz 1455 Sun Valley Dr. #104 633-3059
Sunday School Superintendents: Grace Falaschi & Pat Liesch
Church Council President: Cathy Knuteson Adult Choir Director: Marsha Connet
Organist: Joyce Kaiser Secretary: Paul Berge Custodian: Wes Mohr
CHURCH OFFICE: (414) 634-5515

Services are held at Emmaus every Saturday evening at 5:00 and Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30. Sunday School and Adult Forum meet between services at 9:15 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School on Dec. 1 or 29, or January 5. A nursery is available during the 10:30 service.

CHRISTMAS EVE, there will be a festival service at 4:30 p.m. The Candlelight service will be held at 10:30 p.m.

Emmaus office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be closed on Dec. 25 and January 1.

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Wednesday Nights Take Winter Break

Wednesday night activities at Emmaus will be on Winter Break after December 11. Choir rehearsals will meet to rehearse on December 18 and resume again in January, but other Wednesday night activities such as Hands-On Science and Fellowship Dinner will resume in February.

See you then!

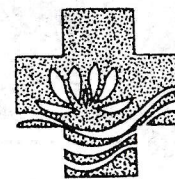
WELCA Bulletins

Women Lead Thankoffering Service Dec. 7-8

by Kathy Cook & Betty Barth

Looking ahead to Saturday and Sunday Thankoffering Services on December 7 and 8...there will be bake sales. Please bring your baked goods for the Dec. 7 service by 4:30 that Saturday. Sunday's bake sales will be before and after the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Christmas cookies will be most welcome.

The theme for this year's Thankoffering services will be "Proclaiming God's Peace." Our guest preacher will be the Reverend Norma



Thankoffering

Carter, pastor of Gospel Assembly Church. A special women's choir will offer music and several other women from the congregation will serve as readers and ushers. Remember to bring your thankofferings on that day.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party and cookie packing will be at 7:00 p.m. December 10. Don't forget to bring at least *two* dozen cookies. Also bring non-perishable items for the Northside Food Pantry. There will be installation of the new officers.

Olga Yevgushchenko will be our guest for the program of piano music. She will also tell us about Christmas in her native Ukraine.

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary News

"We Care" Stickers Raise \$1,300

by Audrey Rasmussen

Thanks to all who ask for "We Care" stickers on their Pick 'n' Save sales receipts and deposit them in the cart located in the narthex this year, the

Lincoln Lutheran Auxiliary has earned in excess of \$1,300.00 through October.

This money provides little "extras" for the residents of Lincoln Lutheran facilities. Thankyou to all who help with this project!

Cluster Epiphany Festival Seeks Musicians

The annual Racine Mission Cluster Epiphany Festival will be Sunday afternoon, January 19 at the Siena Center. Dana Hansen from Our Savior's is organizing an orchestra for the festival and seeks participants able

to read sheet music. Instrumentalists are asked to reach him at 554-9701. Cheryl Neff-Lorenz is coordinating the choirs, to be directed by Andrew Duncan and Greg Berg. Cheryl can be reached at 638-8941.

Register for Early Communion by Dec. 22

Emmaus is offering the opportunity for children who have not yet begun receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion to take their first communion on the first Sunday in February at the 10:30 worship service. Parents wishing to have their children younger than fifth grade take first communion on February 2 need to register your intentions by December 22. This is so that the pastors have time to visit with each family in preparation.



First through fourth graders also will have a class to attend. A letter of explanation will be sent in response to your registration. The pink First Communion forms can be found on the secretary's desk in the church office.

Simply fill one out and return it to the office.

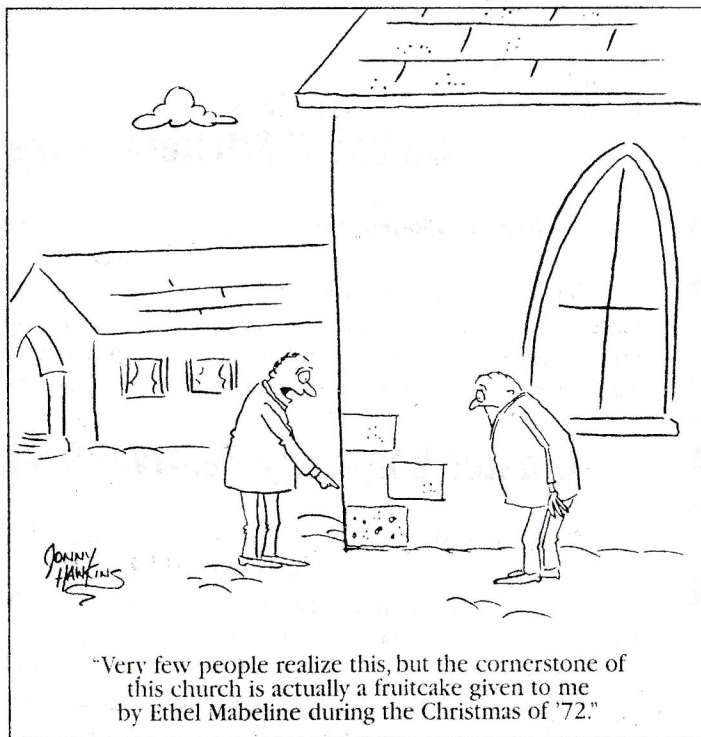
Note: after Feb. 2, the next opportunity for First Communion will be May 4.

Worship Task Force to be Formed

Emmaus extends an open invitation to interested members to be on a newly established Worship Task Force. We will begin around the first of the new year to meet for six months with the mission of evaluating our current worship experience and then making recommendations for changes.

The goal is to make worship a better experience for all of us here at Emmaus, young and old alike. If you would like to be

on this Task Force, please contact one of the pastors or Kathy Christensen.



Sundays Adopted to Relieve Emmaus Debt

Our thanks to the following, for adopting recent Sundays as part of Emmaus' debt retirement program:

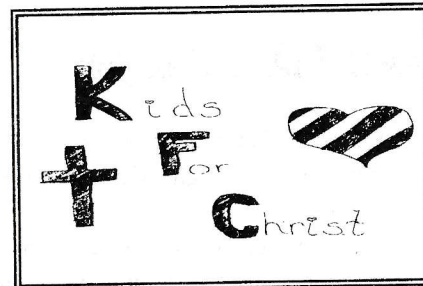
Loren, Cindi, Eric and Ken Larsen;

Audrey & Ralph Rasmussen, celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary;

Doris Jensen, in memory of her mother, Anna Jensen.

KFC Nuggets

Cluster Youth to Clean "Toys for Tots"



On Sunday, December 8, Kids For Christ, the Emmaus middle school youth group, will join others in our cluster group at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1015 Four Mile Road. The group will clean toys given to the "Toys for Tots" program. Service points are available for helping with this activity. There will be pizza afterward. The cost is \$2.00.

Sunday School Notes

Christmas Program Slated for Dec. 22

by Pat Liesch

Our Christmas celebration will be held on Sunday, December 22, at the 10:30 a.m. service. At this time, no outside practices are being planned, other than during the regular Sunday School time. Please join us afterward in

Fellowship Hall for treats.

Sunday School will not be held on Sunday December 29 or Sunday, January 5. Please take this time to worship with your families. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 11.

Happy Holidays and a Blessed Christmas!

Lutheran Brotherhood Matches Funds

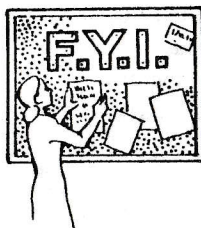
Through our local Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8013, we are encouraged to apply for up to \$450 in matching funds each year. This year, we are applying to match the funds raised by our youth with the Christmas wreath sale (\$408) and the Pentecost



geranium sale \$80), with any matching funds going toward debt reduction. Our thanks to Lutheran Brotherhood for their support.

Building & Grounds Committee Proposes Wish List Items

The Building and Grounds Committee has determined various repairs and improvements to the church building toward which Emmaus members may give "Wish List" offerings. They are: church gutter repair (\$450), storm windows for the Fireside Room (\$280), church roof (\$520) and shin-



gle repair (\$170), repainting the main entrance (\$2,448) and mini-blinds for the Fireside Room (awaiting quote).

If you would like to donate toward one or more of the above projects, please indicate which one on the memo line of your check.

Emmaus CROP Walkers Fight Hunger

CROP Walkers from Emmaus last October raised a total of \$1,444.00 to help fight hunger in Racine and around the world. 25% of monies raised in Racine's CROP Walk will be used to keep local food pantries stocked with perishable items to supplement donations of non-perishable food items.

The other 75% will be distributed to 70 countries through Church World Service.

Thanks to the many Emmaus sponsors and walkers who represented life and health for children and adults around the world!

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Adult Forum meets on Sundays from 9:20 to 10:10 a.m. following coffee fellowship in the Sunset Room on the main floor. All adults are welcome.

- Dec. 1 No Adult Forum.
- Dec. 8 Word Alive! Bible Study led by Pastor Mary
- Dec. 15 Kristin Schultz from St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry will share information on the topic of AIDS. St. Camillus provides spiritual, emotional, and physical care for persons living with HIV.
- Dec. 22 Video: "No Escape from Christmas."
- Dec. 29 No Adult Forum.



ADOPT-A-SUNDAY
to help reduce indebtedness of Emmaus



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

(Suggested minimum \$100; any gift appreciated)

Sunday to adopt: _____
 (date)

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Occasion: _____

Contributor: _____

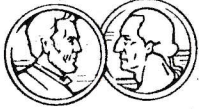
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Emmaus Attendance Statistics

Average Weekly Attendance, Oct.:	1994: 219	1995: 226	1996: 219
Average Weekly Attendance, Nov.:	1994: 204	1995: 192	1996: 197
Average Weekly Attendance, Dec.:	1994: 212	1995: 177	



Financial Statistics

	Needed for budget	Actual
Offerings received in October	\$16,800.52	\$14,933.36
Total received as of Oct. 27, 1996	\$180,855.59	\$163,878.02
October mortgage payments: Principal		\$448.74
Interest		\$1,478.26
Total		\$1,927.00
Principal balance as of November 11, 1996		\$217,878.58
October Building Fund offerings		\$1,109.50

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.

MEMORIALS

Kitchen Fund:	
In memory of Mae Henke	\$1,210.77
From the estate of Mae Henke	\$8,789.23
Non-designated memorials:	
In memory of Inger Knapp	\$1,000.00

EMMAUS SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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

Acting Directors: Pastors Paul & Mary

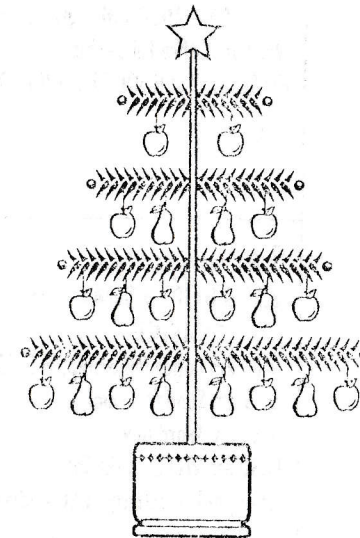
The center opens at 10:00 a.m. with coffee

Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.

The center will be closed any time weather conditions close the public schools

PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER:

Dec. 3:	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	Helen Gill on piano
	11:45 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games
Dec. 10:	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	Al Beck: Christmas
	11:45 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games
Dec. 17:	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	Video: "A Christmas Carol"
	11:55 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	12:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert by Wadewitz Elementary School Choir, Cathy Meyer, director
	1:00 p.m.	Games
Dec. 24	<i>Center closed -- Merry Christmas!</i>	
Dec. 31	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & conversation
	10:30 a.m.	Program to be announced
	11:45 a.m.	Devotions
	12:00 noon	Birthday lunch
	1:00 p.m.	Games

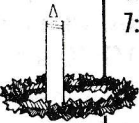
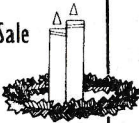

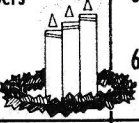





December Birthdays - 70 Years and Over



Dec. 1	Mary Larsen	3900 N. Main St., #224	53402
Dec. 1	Harry Larsen	5315 Norman Street	53406
Dec. 8	Wally Runge	6940 Mariner Dr., #202	53406
Dec. 14	Esther Jensen	3900 N. Main St., #212	53402
Dec. 31	Gilbert Toslek Sr.	2621 Cottonwood Court	53402



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am TRAD. WORSHIP SERVICE with Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT FORUM 	2 11:00 am Staff meeting 6:00 pm WELCA Board 7:00 pm Worship & Music	3 10:15 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:00 pm TOPS 6:30 pm Deacons	4 10:30 am Villa St. Anna worship service 1:30 pm Mary Circle 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle 5:00 pm WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES: Supper: Mostaccioli 6:30 pm Executive Committee 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Committee 6:45 pm Women's Chorus rehearsal	5 7:00 pm WORD ALIVE! Bible Study 7:00 pm Stamp Club Foster Care Christmas gifts due	6 6:30 pm REST	7 WELCA Bake Sale 5:00 pm Worship Service	
8 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am THANKOFFERING SERVICE 9:00 am Coffee fellowship; WELCA Bake Sale 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Word Alive! 11:30 am WELCA Bake Sale 2:30 pm KFC activity at St. Andrew Lutheran 	9 11:00 am Staff meeting	10 10:00 am Senior Center 6:30 pm TOPS 7:00 pm WELCA Christmas meeting & cookie pack	11 5:00 pm WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES Supper: make-your-own subs	12  December: Worship	13 <i>VISITOR</i> Deadline 6:30 pm REST	14 5:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Staff & Council Christmas party	
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am CHICAGO FOLK SERVICE with Holy Communion; new members received 9:15 am Sunday School 9:20 am Adult Forum: HIV and AIDS 	16 11:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Church Council 6:30 pm REST Board	17 9:30 am Cluster Clergy meeting, Atonement 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	18 NO WED. NIGHT ACTIVITIES 7:00 pm Adult Choir practice	19	20 6:30 pm REST	21 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service	
22 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i> 8:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE 9:15 am Sunday School Christmas rehearsal 9:20 am Adult Forum: "No Escape from Xmas" 10:30 am Worship Service, including Children's Sunday School Program 	23 11:00 am Staff meeting	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4:30 pm Festival Service w/Holy Communion 10:30 pm Candle Light Service w/ Holy Communion	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office closed; No Wed. Night Activities	26 <i>St. Stephen</i> 	27 <i>St. John</i> 6:30 pm REST	28 <i>Holy Innocents</i> 5:00 pm Worship Service	
Pastor Mary on vacation December 25-30							
29 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:00 & 10:30 am WORSHIP SERVICE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR ADULT FORUM	30 Committee annual reports due	31 <i>The Name of Jesus</i> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship Center 6:30 pm TOPS	WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE: 5:00-6:15 pm Supper 5:30-6:15 pm K-2nd Grade Hands-On Science 5:30-6:15 pm Music Time - 3rd grade & up 6:15-7:00 pm 3rd-6th Grade Hands-On Science 7:00-8:15 pm Adult Choir practice				December, 1996 Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Church 1925 Summit Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53404 Phone (414) 634-5515 
...Pastor Mary on vacation December 25-30 Pastor Paul on vacation December 30 - January 4							

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	READERS	GREETERS
Nov 30 5:00 pm		Julie Christensen Pat LeRoux-Sodke			
Dec. 1 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders	Helen Mickelson Linda Meteyard	Team #7 John Cook	Audrey Rasmussen	Jim & Nancy Martinsen
Dec. 1 10:30 am	Erin Svoboda Amy Lawler	Jan Bertram Ginny Haugsby	Team #2 Lyle Andersen	Chris Lamberton	Carol Yust Lisa Zuehlke
Dec. 8 8:00 am	Becky Fiebig Josie Hermann		Thanksgiving Sunday 	Mildred Schroth	Julia Durand
Dec. 8 10:30 am	Amanda Lawler Kristen Andersen			Margaret Christensen	Harry & Evelyn Larsen
Dec. 14 5:00 pm		Jan Svendsen Shirley Irvine			
Dec. 15 8:00 am	Brad Falaschi Tom Pie	Bev Hansen Judy Berndt	Team #3 Harold Miller	Bev Hansen	Al & Jan Svendsen
Dec. 15 10:30 am	Jill Lynch Ellie Reischl	Boots LeRoux Marg. Christensen	Team #6 Howard Jensen	Anne Felton	Edith Bohn Lucille Atkinson
Dec. 22 8:00 am	Dave Lasko Chris Nikolai		Team #5 Jim Palmer	Betty Barth	David & Kris Smith
Dec. 22 10:30 am	P.J. Liesch Matt Leisch		Team #8 W. Meteyard	Maury Felton	Jim & Ginny Dougall
Dec. 24 4:30 pm	Justin Svoboda Kevin Meteyard	Evelyn Larsen Pat Jensen	Team #7 John Cook		
Dec. 24 10:30 pm	Ken Larsen Scoot Rudey	Sandy Strini Kim Simonsen	Team #10 B. Christensen		
Dec. 29 8:00 am	Nicole Larsen Katie Sanders		Team #1 Mark Falaschi	Randy Sanders	Bev & Chris Hansen
Dec. 29 10:30 am	Jon Pechman Alex Gueldenzopf		Team #2 Lyle Andersen	David Christensen	Dolly & Don Orth

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 1: Jim Larsen; Amy Larsen
Dec. 8: Martin & Marian Andersen
Dec. 15: Lee & Betty Woodward
Dec. 22: Bob & Margaret Christensen
Dec. 29: Arvilla Nemer

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

TBA
TBA
Vic & Bev Johnson
TBA
Please sign up!

ADVENT CANDLES

8: Eric & Ken Larsen
10:30 Justin & Erin Svoboda
Women's Service
Women's Service
8: A. Nemer, B. Barth
10:30: A. & M. Larsen
8: V. & W. Svendsen
10:30: G. Albright family



Interview

Bishop Rogness Gives Progress Report on Outreach Fund

from From Twelve Twelve

The 1995 Synod Assembly approved the formation of the Outreach Fund, a program to provide financial support to congregational Word and Sacrament ministries among the poor in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. The following is an interview with GMS Bishop Peter Rogness about the progress of the Outreach Fund.

1212: What has the Outreach Steering Committee done?

Rogness: A pilot group of pastors gathered to first develop a statement explaining the need; then, with a small group invitation strategy, acquainted persons thought to have interest in supporting similar causes. The response has been good; individuals have indicated interest and a number of gifts have been received.

1212: How much money has been raised so far?

PR: Over \$240,000! Three fourths of that amount came from the Fox Point/Peace Lutheran partnership venture.

1212: How has the money been allocated?

PR: Recommendations for allocation are made by the Synod's Outreach Strategy Team, based on congregational outreach needs identified by local strategy processes. We provided seed money for the new ministry initiative at Peace Lutheran Church on Milwaukee's north side. Other ministry needs will be funded as

the Fund receives money.

1212: Won't this conflict with congregational giving to the Synod?

PR: Absolutely not. One thing we have made clear from the beginning is that this ministry is *not* an effort to divert members' giving to their congregations, nor is it an attempt to

have this Fund put on congregational budgets. Rather, it's a recognition that most of our members do significant



giving to other charities outside their congregation, and many would be very open to giving directly to support congregational ministry among the poor.

1212: Why have we heard so little about the Outreach Fund until now?

PR: It has been intentional to avoid broad publicity, which would make this one more of the countless appeals for funds that overwhelm us. Rather, it has sought to quietly seek out individuals believed to be inclined to support the church's ministry among the poor. Certainly, the Fund is receptive to anyone interested in support, but the thrust of the approach is person-to-person.



In times of disaster
THE ELCA IS THERE

ELCA RESPONDS TO ZAIREAN/ RWANDAN REFUGEES

DISASTER-GRAM
(November 6, 1996)

1.5 Million Seek Safety.

An estimated 1.5 million Rwandan refugees and Zairean civilians are fleeing from a battle between rebel fighters and the Zairean army. The conflict, related to the Rwandan Hutu-Tutsi conflict, could lead to a regional conflagration which spreads to other countries. **The vulnerable** - the elderly, the infirm, the pregnant women and small children- have not been able to run to the safety of new refugee camps and are congregating here and there. They are caught in zones of armed conflict, possible epidemics and meager food supplies.

The rebel army seems to have gained control of eastern Zaire and have declared a temporary cease-fire so refugees may be helped.

Our Lutheran agencies are engaged with other church agencies in relief efforts coordinated through ACT (Action of Churches Together).

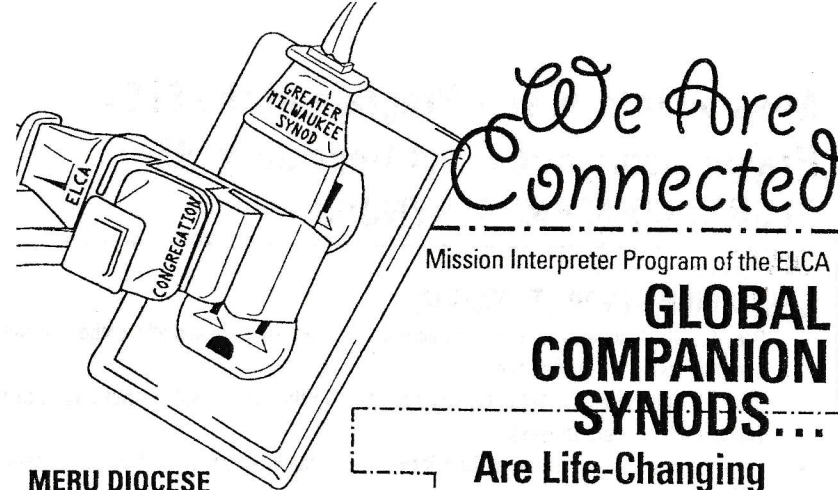
ACT/Lutheran World Federation is pre-positioning food and emergency supplies in Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania. The ELCA has sent **\$100,000** in international disaster response funds for this effort.

Lutheran World Relief is calling for the return of Rwandan refugees to Rwanda while allocating **\$50,000** to prepare emergency supplies and transportation for returnees.

Pray that the refugees will be able to return to their homes in safety.

You may support the good work of these agencies through the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** which funds both LWR and LWF.

Contribute through your congregation, or write your check to the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. (Gifts with a notation "*For Zaire/Rwandan refugees*" will be channeled 100% through the ELCA International Disaster Response.)



MERU DIOCESE

"It's a small world" is a common observation, but sometimes the Spirit of God verifies that truth in exciting ways. In 1970, in northern Tanzania, an American, James Peters, was teaching Elias Kitoi Nasari, a Tanzanian secondary school student. Later, both men became pastors. Today, James Peters is Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Racine, and Elias Nasari is Assistant to the Bishop of the Meru Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. He is completing graduate studies at Wartburg Seminary this month. Two years ago, they met for the first time in over 20 years, here in our synod, as we began our new companion synod relationship with the Meru Diocese. Their friendship symbolizes this marvelous new opportunity for us, through thousands of miles away, to grow in partnership and unity as the body of Christ in realization of Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one." (John 17:21).

There are riches to be mined in such a relationship. For example, even though Tanzania is a very poor country, the faith and joy of the Lutherans there is contagious. As a result, the Meru

We Are
Connected

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

**GLOBAL
COMPANION
SYNODS...**

Are Life-Changing

Diocese is growing by 20-30% annually. Church members give natural witness to their faith in God and assume major leadership in the church. There are twice as many lay evangelists as there are pastors. Surely we can learn something from them about being a dynamic and growing church.

We can also offer much as partners in Christ. Education and medical care are two areas that suffer from the poverty there. These may be areas of ministry where we can be contributing partners. To become better acquainted and to explore potential mutual efforts, Bishop Peter Rogness will lead a small group from our synod to Meru in January. Next year, we will make it possible for Bishop Paulo Akyoo and others to make a return visit here.

As we celebrate this Advent Season with our wreaths, think of our Tanzanian sisters and brothers also celebrating Advent by cutting fresh flowers (don't we wish!) And arranging them in their churches to welcome once again the Lord Jesus. Together we can say "Asante sana" (Swahili for "thank you") to God for joining us in companionship.

Mission Interpreter Program of the ELCA

Prayer Connections for December '96

GLOBAL COMPANION SYNODS

COMPANION SYNOD: TANZANIA

- ▶ Pray for Mr. Amiel Kayaa, General Secretary of Meru Diocese and all members of the companionship committee there.
- ▶ Pray for Rev. Sarikiaeli Nnko, Deputy Assistant to the Bishop and District Pastor of the Central District of the Meru Diocese.
- ▶ Pray for Rev. Malaki Palangyo, District Pastor of the Western District and Secretary of the Youth Department.
- ▶ Pray for the mutually beneficial growth of our synod's companionship with the Meru Diocese and the committee that gives leadership.
- ▶ Pray for Dr. Sudi, Secretary of the Project and Development Department in the Meru Diocese.
- ▶ Pray for Mrs. Ndefisiywa Palangyo, Secretary of the Women's Department of the Meru Diocese.
- ▶ Pray for Mr. Ndekirwa Mungure, Secretary of the Auditing Department of the Meru Diocese.
- ▶ Pray for Rev. Elias Nasari, Assistant to Bishop Akyoo, as he receives an STM Degree today from Wartburg Seminary and for his family as they return to Tanzania.
- ▶ Pray for Rev. Mathias Akyoo, District Pastor of the Southern District of the Meru Diocese.

COMPANION SYNOD: EL SALVADOR

- ▶ We pray for Salvadoran Lutheran Bishop Medardo Gomez, his wife, Pastor Abelina de Gomez, and their children, as they witness to God's love in the many ministries in which they are involved.
- ▶ Lord, pour out your spirit upon Resurrection Lutheran Church, San Salvador, El Salvador, its pastoral staff and its evangelization team as they move into new communities sharing the Good News.
- ▶ O God, we praise you for the witness of Buena Nueva (Good News) Lutheran Church in El Paisnal, El Salvador. Bless its youth program as it seeks to provide alternatives to gang involvement.
- ▶ Spirit of God, we give you thanks for the Bible study and literacy programs conducted by the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod's Pastoral de la Mujer (Women's Pastoral Office) which empower so many women.
- ▶ Everlasting God, fill the ministry of the Department of Human Rights of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod with your wisdom and compassion as it reaches out to train human rights promoters and serve your people with legal problems.
- ▶ We pray for Pastor Alejandro Hernandez and the Lutheran Church of Las Minas, Chaletenango, El Salvador as it ministers to the poorest of the poor in its rural community.
- ▶ Pour out your blessings of Pastor Francisco Carrillo and Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) Lutheran Church in Jayaque, El Salvador and especially on its health care ministry, providing the only ambulance service in its community.
- ▶ Loving God, pour out your love, guidance and protection on Pastor Heidi Michelsen and other

missionaries serving the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod from the U.S., Canada, Germany and Brazil.

- ▶ Lord Jesus, fill the ministry of Cordero de Dios (Lamb of God) Lutheran Church serving marginal communities in Soyapango, with your spirit as it confronts issues of domestic violence and drug use among the community's youth.
- ▶ O God, we pray for wisdom, understanding, guidance and protection for the Lutheran Church of Apopa, El Salvador as it ministers in a crime and gang-ridden community daily facing violence and death.
- ▶ Holy God, we give you thanks for the connections made through the Sister Parish program of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod and congregations in the United States, Germany, Norway and Sweden. Bless and strengthen those important international ties between brothers and sisters in Christ.
- ▶ Bless, O Lord, the teachers and students at Father Rutilio Grande School, striving to create a better future for the community through the education of its youth.
- ▶ Lord, we give you thanks for the blessings you have given to our sister community, Comunidad Rutilio Grande, over the past year. Guide its leaders and its people in 1997.

Prayer Petitions for Sundays

December 1:

We pray today for Bishop Paulo Akyoo and all the faithful people in the Meru Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. May there be joy in their believing, strength in their witnessing and wholeness in their life together.

December 8:

We pray for Dr. Rishiaeli Nanyaro, Secretary of the Medical and Diaconical Services of the Meru Diocese, that these ministries may flourish and provide healing and new life for many in Tanzania.

December 15:

Today we pray for Bishop Peter Rogness and those who accompany him next month to Tanzania. Enable them to share on our behalf a message of hope, genuine friendship and openness to God's guiding spirit.

December 22:

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the faithful witness of the 52 congregations, 36 pastors and 8,000 lay members of the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod proclaiming the message of salvation to the people of El Salvador.

December 29:

We pray for our sister community, Comunidad Rutilio Grande, El Salvador. Guide and protect its people in their difficult struggle to survive in the face of poor economic conditions.

There Are Christmas Activities Galore ...

Experience the beauty and excitement of the Advent and Christmas seasons as the Lutheran A Cappella Choir presents its annual Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9th Street and Highland Avenue in Milwaukee.



Shepherds Presents Christmas Program

Shepherds' Christmas Program will be presented in the Bolthouse Center on the Shepherds' campus at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The residents will perform *Carols with a Story*, a musical play. Refreshments and tours will be available following the program. Please contact Dan Friesner at 878-5620.

Horlick Hosts Craft Fair

William Horlick High School will sponsor a holiday craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 14. The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The school is located at 2119 Rapids Drive. Any interested crafter should contact the school at 635-5700. All proceeds benefit the class of 2000.

Bethania to Hold Danish Christmas Service

Bethania Lutheran Church, 4120 Wright Avenue, will host a Danish

language worship service Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m. Members of Bethania will lead a simple service of Christmas hymns, lessons, and prayers *i dansk*, although the sermon by Rev. Karl Otto will be in English. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be included in the order of worship.

Downtown Parishes Host Walking Tour

The churches of the downtown Cooperative Parish have set Sunday afternoon, Dec. 29, for the 1996 return of the Christmastime Ecumenical Walking Tour of Churches, a community celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Your family is invited to share in the wonder and excitement of this glorious season by touring St. Rose Catholic, Plymouth Congregational, First United Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, and Evangelical United Methodist churches. Discover the beauty and special features of these churches at Christmastime. Participating congregations will provide inspiration through music, drama, and other forms of sharing the joy of the season.

The tour starts at St. Rose, 11th Street and Grand Avenue, at 1:00 p.m. Limited transportation will be available for those not able to walk. The tour will return to St. Rose for a warm-up party with hot coffee, warm spiced cider and refreshments. There is no charge for this event.

Pastor Mary's Column

Holy (and Unholy) Interruptions

It seems that the older I get the more I appreciate routine in my life. In fact, when there isn't a certain amount of it, I feel "out of control" and "in chaos." I get especially cranky when a telemarketer calls and interrupts that routine. No, I don't want to change phone companies! No, I don't want to donate money to another charitable organization! No, I don't need another Visa card.

Interruptions...how do we handle them? Life can be interrupted in so many ways—by news that a loved one is dying, by chronic illness, by a job that prematurely ends, by divorce, by a move, by a new relationship in one's life, by the birth of a child, by the news of an unexpected inheritance. Whatever the interruption, it can often throw us off center, cause us to reflect again on true priorities and force us to make decisions...ready or not!

How can those disruptions and interruptions become opportunities for holy and sacred times? Will we try to handle everything on our own, or will we take the opportunity to invite God and supportive Christian friends into the process? As circumstances change in our lives, that is a time when it may be necessary to do some "re-framing." New adjustments are made. And, it is when those adjustments are made in partnership with God and with our sisters and brothers in Christ—when they are made in community—that new growth and possibilities arise. As we share the interruptions, there is a sense

of God's spirit among us.

What must it have been for Mary when she experienced the biggest interruption of her life? Can you imagine that young teenage girl being interrupted by the angel as she was told that she would bear God's son? That interruption would turn everything upside-down, not only for Mary, but for the entire world!



Pastor's Notes

And what an interruption that news must have been for Joseph! We read in the gospel of Luke that after Mary was interrupted by God's angel Gabriel with the news of the upcoming birth, she quickly

left to spend some time with Elizabeth.

I wonder if nine months later, Mary questioned God's sense of timing. Do you suppose she understood why that census in Bethlehem had to be right at the time she was full term? I wonder if she asked, "Why now, God? Why now when I have to take this 85-mile trip on rough roads riding a donkey?" Those would have been logical questions. In the midst of discomfort and uncertainty, it's sometimes difficult to imagine that there might even be a bigger picture. But, Mary and Joseph weren't alone—God even arranged for a hospitality committee of angels and shepherds and wise men to remind them that this was indeed a time of holy interruption.

Who or what will interrupt us in

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Pastor Mary's Column, continued

the coming weeks? Perhaps it will be memories, maybe it will be illness, or maybe a calendar filled with far too many obligations and expectations. In the midst of all of that, we pray that God move through all of the confusion and chaos, as only God can, and interrupt us yet one more time with the joy and the awe of the Christ child. May our hearts be open to that holy interruption of a God who comes to us in love as a tiny, fragile baby. And may that holy interruption mean that our lives will never be the same again!

In the Christ child's love,

Pastor Mary

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In the December VISITOR:

- ◆ *WELCA Thankoffering Service is December 7-8*
- ◆ *Early Communion Registration Deadline is Dec. 22*
- ◆ *Middle School Youth Hold Activity Dec. 8*
- ◆ *Racine Pastor has Connection to Tanzanian Diocese*

Merry Christmas from the Emmaus Staff!

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